

# *Immerse Yourself*

China | Tibet | Japan | Mongolia | Central Asia | Southeast Asia | India | Nepal

Experiential, cultural & active journeys





# See Asia differently...

For over 23 years Wendy Wu Tours has been blazing trails into Asia, pushing boundaries and opening up unseen regions of this fascinating continent for the thousands of travellers that book with us each year. We passionately believe that Asia is a place of adventure, full of diverse cultures, rich in heritage and grand nature, and all of our enthusiasm and insider knowledge brings this to life.

Tours in our Immerse Yourself range are designed to give you a deeper and more authentic understanding of the region. Visit both iconic and less-visited locations and get

closer to local culture – on foot, by bicycle, over land and water. This is your invitation to see diverse, quirky and beautiful Asia differently with Wendy Wu Tours.



*Wendy Wu*

Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

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# Go on, Immerse Yourself

Truly discovering a destination means much more than just seeing it. It means immersing yourself in the local culture and venturing beyond the tourist trail.

Tours in our Immerse Yourself range are characterised by engaging cultural experiences, active adventures and getting off the beaten track. We aim to include as much variety as possible so that no two days on your holiday will be alike. You'll gain a deep understanding of your destination and experience more, but you'll still see all the major sights.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions and shows, insurance of any kind and customary tipping.

## WHAT MAKES AN IMMERSE YOURSELF TOUR?

### CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

A country is defined by its culture and discovery is by participation. Join a Tai Chi class and meditate on a mountain; try Japanese drumming and stay in a Buddhist Temple; explore Saigon on the back of a Vespa and take part in an alms-giving ceremony. Don't just see it, do it.

### ACTIVE ADVENTURES

By getting on a bike or taking a hike you can see more of the scenery and local life. Trek to Vietnam's hill tribe villages, cycle through the stunning scenery of Yangshuo and hike in the Himalayan foothills. The more physical activities are optional on our flexible tours.

### OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

This can mean venturing to remote destinations such as the Tibetan Plateau and Gobi Desert or visiting the long-necked Paduang tribe in Myanmar. Or it can simply be seeing more common sights from a different viewpoint: trekking on a wild part of the Great Wall, working with a local farmer in Hoi An or cycling around the backstreets of Udaipur.

### MORE FREEDOM

Usually travelling in groups of 18 or less we'll have more flexibility to explore. And with evenings often free, you'll get the chance to discover the local culture and cuisine for yourself. For maximum choice look out for our Flexible tours with time set aside for your own adventures or to join a range of optional activities.

## TOUR GRADING

### ACTIVE



These tours feature physically demanding activities which require a good level of fitness. This could include: embarking on a challenging yet rewarding hike; hopping on a bike and exploring the countryside; visiting remote locations; and spending time in areas of high altitude.

### MODERATE



These journeys, though less physical than our active tours, still feature a lot of time on your feet walking and sightseeing.

They are still packed with unique elements, but will be less active in nature, and will not travel to such remote locations.

### FLEXIBLE



Tours with a flexible grading offer more free time. This may be used for your own exploration or to select from a range of options.

Usually the more physical activities are optional so you can tailor the tour to your own abilities and interests.

### ALTITUDE



In search of authentic experiences and adventure, some of our tours visit regions or sites that are more than 3,000 metres above sea level. These tours will be marked with this symbol.

### TOUR DOSSIERS

It is essential that you read the full details of your chosen tour in the Tour Dossier. The tour dossier will give you detailed tour information including descriptions of activities involved, altitude, travel times and so on – you need to be sure that you are comfortable with all these elements before you decide to book.

If you have an existing medical condition, we recommend checking with your doctor before travelling. Tour dossiers can be found on our website. If you have any questions, please contact our reservations team.



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# Travellers' Tales

## ARE THESE TOURS FOR ME?

Who better to help you decide than your fellow travellers and the Asia experts themselves?



### BEVERLY

"The drumming class in Tokyo was so much fun. Of course, we just learnt the basics but it is so fascinating to be able to have a go at a traditional Japanese art form. By the end of the lesson the whole group were all playing along together, what an achievement!"



### SEAN & SARAH

"Hiking on the Great Wall was a challenge but it is one of the best things we've done! We got to walk along one of the most impressive structures on earth, following it through incredible landscapes and climbing up high passes; it gave a much better insight into the scale of it and we even had some sections to ourselves."

### JOHN & SANDRA

"We enjoy our food, so the street food tour in Hanoi was fantastic for us. We got to taste a few typically Vietnamese snacks, cooked freshly in front of us, both sweet and savoury. This is the kind of stuff you'd not find in even a local restaurant and it was all delicious. We couldn't recommend this more highly!"

### MICHAEL

"The view of Everest from base camp is an image that I will never, ever forget. We were extremely lucky to have the perfect view of the north face of the mountain with blue skies behind it. Even wandering around base camp was a fascinating experience, there is even a post office here, the world's highest, and several people sent postcards home."

Our National Escorts are an essential part of all tours in our Immerse Yourself range. With their local upbringing they are fully aware of the regional customs and the cultural activities in which you will participate. And with many of the tours venturing away from the beaten track, their unrivalled knowledge is invaluable. Even when you have free time your guide will be there to make suggestions and help you on your way.

### SOUTHEAST ASIA

I always enjoy taking my groups to the Farmer and Fisherman experience in Hoi An – it's fantastic to see the guests trying their hand at traditional Vietnamese activities and enjoying them too.

It is the best way to learn about Vietnamese rural life. There are always some very funny photo opportunities, especially when people are trying to paddle our round bamboo basket boats!



Hoang Ngoc Loc

### CHINA

The best thing about being a guide on an Immerse Yourself tour is getting to introduce my groups to the culture of my country. Leading my guests on hikes through the Longji rice terraces to meet the communities of the ethnic villages is a great way to introduce them to China's diversity, whilst Tai Chi in the park of Temple of Heaven is just one of the everyday activities they can try.



Sophie Jin

### INDIA

I really enjoy taking my groups on the jeep safari into the desert, we all have a lot of fun together! We get to escape from the city and spend some time in rural

Rajasthan, which shows a completely different side to India in the most unique surrounding. We also get to spend some time with local people and learn about their way of life and even do a bit of shopping and see all of the handicrafts that the people produce.



Vishal Srinivasan

### JAPAN

I really enjoy teaching people about my culture, and the best thing about Trails of Japan is the amount of cultural activities that are included – it makes my job so much easier. There is traditional drumming, dressing



Takako

up in a kimono, a tea ceremony, kaiseki dinner, sake tasting and a hike around the base of Fujisan, as well as spending the night at an old temple. What better introduction to my beautiful country and its unique culture.



# JAPAN & CHINA

## OUR TOP TEN JAPAN & CHINA ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

### 1 HIKE ON THE GREAT WALL

Take a spectacular hike over a quieter and more rugged section of this iconic edifice as it snakes over forested hills, taking time to absorb the centuries-old history it represents.

### 2 WALK THE LONGJI RICE TERRACES

Resembling a winding, staircase, the rice terraces will take your breath away. A challenging but rewarding hike takes you past minority villages and spectacular views.

### 3 CYCLE OR RAFT IN YANGSHUO

Cycle through the serene sea of pastures and paddy fields, or drift quietly down the Yulong River on a bamboo raft; both watched over by the towering limestone peaks for which the area is so famous.

### 4 DUJIANGYAN PANDA RESERVE

Close to Chengdu and at the foot of Mt Qingcheng, you can visit the charming and beautiful pandas of Dujiangyan. Smaller and less visited than neighbouring reserves, but still easily accessible, Dujiangyan provides a home very similar to the pandas' natural habitat.

### 5 SNOW MONKEYS

The Japanese Macaque are a delight to watch as they bathe in natural hot pools close to the alpine town of Yudanaka, Japan.

### 6 PINGLE ANCIENT TOWN

Visit Pingle Ancient Town, walk through the nearby bamboo forest and cross the spectacular Jinji Rope Bridge.

### 9 CYCLE XIAN'S CITY WALLS

Xian's old city walls are 12 metres high, 15 metres wide and 14 kilometres long and one of the best-preserved in China. Hopping on a bike and pedalling around them is a great way to admire this great fortification and to see Xian from above.

### 7 SHANGHAI MORNINGS

Spend a morning like the native Shanghaiese by taking a walking tour through the city's colourful concessions.

### 8 TIBETAN VILLAGE IN ZHONGDIAN

Pay a visit to a local family in rural Zhongdian, where you will dine with your local hosts and learn about their way of life.

### 10 KOYASAN

Known primarily as the centre of Shingon Buddhism, Koyasan sits in the mountains and is the ideal spot to take a glimpse into Japan's traditional religious life. Stay overnight in a temple lodging and join the monks at dawn prayers.





# TRAILS OF JAPAN

Traditional versus modern, nature versus urban – Japan is a land of contrasts. This exhilarating tour encompasses it all, delving deeper into Japan's rich past, present and future, covering robot restaurants to tranquil temples to potent saké and all that's in between.

JAPAN



14 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$9,680

FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

11 BREAKFASTS, 3 DINNERS

ACTIVE

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Mt Fuji walk

Take a walk to remember, watched over by the perfectly symmetrical cone of Mt Fuji – there has never been a more perfect excuse to pause and catch your breath.



ultramodern Tokyo

Explore the quirks and trends of modern Tokyo, visiting the high-tech districts of Harajuku and Akihabara to visit the Robot Restaurant and a Maid Café.



chanting monks

Spend the night on holy Koyasan and join the resident monks for their morning prayers - this mesmerising series of chants and recitations is a beautiful way to start the day.



### Days 1-2: Fly to Tokyo

Fly overnight to the dazzling metropolis of Tokyo, Japan's capital city, for a three-night stay. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### Day 3: Discover Tokyo

Explore the two sides of Tokyo, the modern and the traditional. The city tour begins at the Tokyo Skytree, the world's tallest broadcasting tower at 634 metres. Close by is Asakusa, at the heart of which is Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and the vibrant Nakamise shopping street. This afternoon stop at the famous Shibuya crossing,

the tranquil Meiji Shrine and the vibrant district of Harajuku. Finally, it's time for a unique Tokyo experience – the Robot Restaurant. Experience what can only be described as a sci-fi cabaret! Dinner is at your own expense. (B)

### Day 4: Japanese drumming

This morning, try your hand at traditional Japanese drumming with a Taiko class. Learn the fundamental techniques of beating the 'wadaiko' with 'bachi'. Next, head to Akihabara, known as Tokyo's electronics district. Wander the neon-bill-boarded streets and visit a Maid Café, one of Tokyo's most popular types of themed establishments. Lunch is at your own expense. In the afternoon, explore Tokyo's past at the Edo Tokyo Museum or Tokyo National Museum. (B)

### Day 5: Mt Fuji

The perfectly symmetrical cone of mighty Mt Fuji is the iconic image of Japan. This morning journey out of Tokyo into some of Japan's picturesque rural landscapes. Pick up a hiking trail and walk through alpine forest, across meadows and around lakes at Fuji's base, pausing to gaze on the peak towering above you. (B,D)

### Day 6: Snow Monkeys

Travel to Matsumoto and explore the Matsumoto Castle. Continue to Nagano stopping in Yudanaka to visit the Japanese Macaques, or Snow

Monkeys, at the Jigokudani Yaen-Koen (Monkey Park). These creatures make use of the area's natural hot springs, bathing and playing in and around the water. (B)

### Day 7: Japanese Alps

Travel to Hotaka and ride up into the Japanese Alps on the Shin-Hotaka Ropeway, reaching an observation platform at 2,156 metres, which gives breathtaking views over the surrounding mountains (weather permitting). Drive to Takayama where you will be staying at an onsen hotel. Here you can relax and bathe in the natural hot spring pools and experience this most traditional pastime. This afternoon you will have time to explore Kamisanomachi Street and sample the street food on offer (at your own expense). (B,D)

### Day 8: Spiritual Kyoto

Take a Limited Express train to Nagoya, where you will change onto a Shinkansen bullet train to Kyoto. This afternoon, start discovering Kyoto's rich heritage with a visit to the enchanting Fushimi Inari-taisha Shrine with its pathway of torii gates before admiring the views over the city from Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Stroll around the old neighbourhoods of Higashiyama and Gion, the geisha district, with a stop at Gion Corner. (B)

### Day 9: Japanese tea ceremony

Take a half-day bicycle tour of Kyoto, starting at Kinkaku-ji, the 'Golden Pavilion', before contemplating Zen at Ryoan-ji, Japan's most famous classical garden. Continue to the

Arashiyama district for some free time to explore the Bamboo Forest. Later in the afternoon, witness the rituals involved in the preparation and pouring of matcha tea in a traditional tea ceremony. (B)

### Day 10: Kyoto culture and Koyasan

Spend the morning discovering the craft of kimono creation at Nishijin Textile Centre, before learning the paper-folding art of origami and the complicated process of dressing in a traditional kimono. This afternoon, travel by road to Koyasan, where you will spend the night in a 13th-century temple in a traditional tatami room. (B,D)

### Day 11: Morning prayers

Rise early to join the monks for their morning service – hearing the recitation and chanting is a magical experience. After breakfast, take a walking tour of Koyasan. Visit Kongobu-ji and Okunoin before travelling to Osaka. (B)

### Day 12: Himeji & sake brewery

Take a day tour to Himeji, visiting the 17th-century Himeji Castle. Continue on to a sake brewery, where you can learn about the brewing process of this potent rice wine and enjoy some tasters. Return to Osaka and experience the vibrant Dotonbori district. (B)

### Days 13-14: Fly Osaka to Australia

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

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
19 Mar - 01 Apr	\$10,380	17 May - 30 May	\$9,680
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,380	10 Sep - 23 Sep	\$9,680
26 Mar - 08 Apr	\$10,380	08 Oct - 21 Oct	\$9,880
29 Mar - 11 Apr	\$10,380	15 Nov - 28 Nov	\$9,880
2019 DATES			
22 Mar - 04 Apr	\$10,890	06 Apr - 19 Apr	\$10,890
28 Mar - 10 Apr	\$10,890	04 May - 17 May	\$10,160

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees

### Price guide

- 14 Days, Twin Share from \$9,680 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single Supplement from \$2,035
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Tokyo to Osaka) 12 days from \$8,550 per person twin share

**Important note:**  
Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as at 12 July 2017 and subject to change. Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan, however if you feel you have received excellent service, please feel free to tip your National Escort at your discretion. Depending on airline schedules, extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers may be required at additional cost.



# CHINA EXPLORER

Pairing China's classic sights with a Yangtze cruise, this itinerary brings you closer to the authentic charms of China. Revel in atmospheric ancient towns and hike along the incredible, undulating Great Wall.



INCLUDES 3 NIGHT  
YANGTZE CRUISE

15

DAYS FROM

PER  
PERSON

\$5,480



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,  
BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



13 BREAKFASTS,  
11 LUNCHES, 9 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB900 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Great Wall Hike

Hike along the back of rugged Jinshanling as the Great Wall drapes lazily over the mountains, stopping to appreciate stunning views and fascinating history.



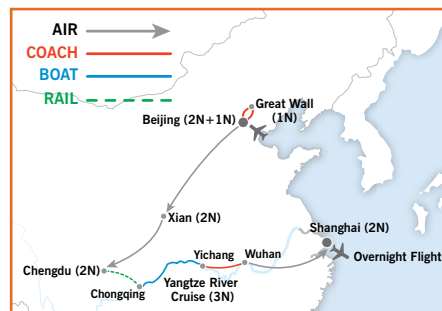
Jinji Rope Bridge

Suspended over a dramatic gorge filled with lush bamboo, the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge offers breathtaking views and an exhilarating experience.



Duijiangyan Pandas

Smaller than Chengdu but benefitting from a leafier, more remote location, Duijiangyan is the perfect place to meet China's cuddliest icon.



### Day 1: Australia to Beijing

Fly to Beijing, China's capital.

### Day 2: Forbidden City & Summer Palace walk

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the idyllic Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Later, stop for a photo opportunity at Olympic Park. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Beijing's hutongs

Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their

day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home before driving to Simatai Great Wall. Sail up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to witness the sunset. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Hike the Great Wall

Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately five hours as the wall improbably courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. Buzzing Sunlitun or lakeside Houhai are a great choice for the evening. (B,L)

### Day 5: Muslim Quarter Walking Tour

Fly to Xian and enjoy a walking tour of the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked

snacks (at your own expense).

Take in an optional fountain and light show (at your own expense) and be dazzled by the city at night. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition. Return to Xian, the ancient former capital is surrounded by an imposing wall, which is used as a city thoroughfare. You'll enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the wall. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 7: Pingle Ancient Town

Fly to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above from Jinji Rope Bridge. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Duijiangyan Panda Base

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into caring for and boosting the

population of this species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most holy Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Ancient Ciqikou

Jump on the bullet train to Chongqing. Continue to the old town of Ciqikou – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Later board your Yangtze cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

### Days 10-11: Yangtze River cruise

During your Yangtze cruise, nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Over the next two days prepare for one breathtaking panorama after another. A voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing extraordinary countryside. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Fly to Shanghai

Visit the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark your cruise, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 13: Shanghai's Shanghai

Wake to the buzz of Shanghai, and take

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a breakfast walking tour between modern skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Gardens, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. Your final farewell will be a cruise down the Huangpu River. (B,L,D)

### Days 14-15: Shanghai to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
09 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,980	03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$5,480
07 May - 21 May	\$5,580	17 Sep - 01 Oct*	\$5,480
21 May - 04 Jun	\$5,580	15 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,980
2019 DATES			
08 Apr - 22 Apr	\$6,380	02 Sep - 16 Sep	\$5,880
06 May - 20 May	\$5,980	16 Sep - 30 Sep	\$5,880
20 May - 03 Jun	\$5,980	07 Oct - 21 Oct*	\$6,380

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$5,480 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single Supplement from \$1,055  
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 14 days from \$4,280 per person twin share

### Important note:

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes, correct as at 12 July 2017 and subject to change. Customary tipping amount of approximately RMB900 (AU\$180) is paid locally in China. Depending on airline schedules, extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers may be required at additional cost. #Departure coincides with Golden Week celebrations and sightseeing may be affected.



# SICHUAN EXPLORER

Sichuan differs markedly from the rest of China, with varying attitudes, cuisine and spectacular landscapes of forest and mountain. Richly endowed with natural and cultural wonders, touring this magnificent province never fails to steal your breath away.

CHINA

## Day 12: Qiang Minority village

The Qiang people are an ethnic minority group in China with a population of about 326,500. Qiang is actually a Chinese word that translates in English as 'shepherds'.

Their customs, architectural style, clothing and religious beliefs are far removed from the western world. You will visit a minority village where you'll be joined by a local elder, who will talk through the history and culture of his people. You'll then visit a local family. Later in the afternoon, drive to Chengdu. (B,L)

## Day 13: Local Chengdu

Spend the day absorbing the culture of People's Park. People watching here is an endless pleasure, from the locals playing mah-jong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. Join them in an exciting square dancing session. Stop at a local teahouse and wander through the historical Wide and Narrow Alleys. In the evening enjoy a delicious Sichuan hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

## Days 14-15: Chengdu to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

15 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$4,380

FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

13 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 11 DINNERS

ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB750 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Dujiangyan Pandas

Smaller than Chengdu but benefitting from a leafier, more remote location, Dujiangyan is the perfect place to meet China's cuddliest icon.



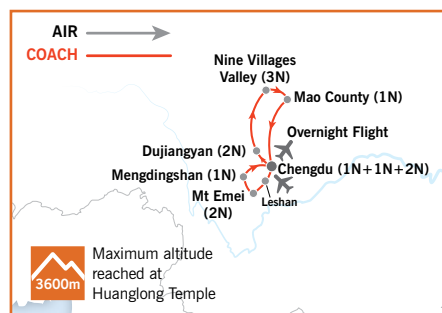
Nine Villages Valley

Clear, cyan pools rest beneath tree-draped hills in China's most spectacular park. Walking through it reveals ever-changing, phenomenal landscapes.



Qiang Ethnic Village

Meet one of the most isolated minorities in the wilds of Sichuan and get a glimpse of a rarely-seen, deeply traditional culture.



## Day 1: Australia to Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, for an overnight stay.

## Day 2: Discover Chengdu

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71-metre Buddha, the world's largest and UNESCO World Heritage-listed, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from the Leshan Buddha Park. A short boat trip will give an even better perspective. Continue to holy Mt Emei. (B,L,D)

## Day 3: Explore Mt Emei

Mt Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion in China with the first temple built here, on its peak, in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. You'll spend the evening at the foot of the mountain. (B,L,D)

## Day 4: Mengdingshan

Travel to Mengdingshan. Explore amongst the vast stretch of tea bushes and take a tour of a plantation, where you'll be shown the whole process of producing tea, from plucking the leaves to brewing the perfect cup. (B,L,D)

## Day 5: Pingle Ancient Town

Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take some time to walk through the maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Later, drive back to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

## Day 6: Dujiangyan Panda Base

Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into

caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, visit the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, an infrastructure constructed in 256BC and still in use today to irrigate 5,300 square kilometres of land. (B,L,D)

## Day 7: Taoist Mt Qingcheng

Mt Qingcheng is the most important Taoist Holy mountain in China, it is also a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded palaces. You'll be welcomed by a Taoist priest at the Old Master Pavilion on the summit of Mt Qingcheng. Take the opportunity to speak to him and learn about his religion. You'll also be shown the art of Chinese painting and handwriting. (B,L,D)

## Day 8: Drive to Nine Villages Valley

Drive through to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park), where you'll spend the next three nights. (B,L,D)

## Day 9: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. Named after the nine typical Tibetan settlements scattered through the valley, the park is a World Biosphere Reserve, full of endemic flora and 140 species of birds. A trip up to the top of the valley to Long Lake,

the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to the Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcase some of the valley's most beautiful sights. (B,L,D)

## Day 10: Shuzheng village

Visit Shuzheng village, the largest settlement in the park. Spend some time with a local Tibetan family who will give you an insight into daily life in Nine Villages Valley. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Reed Lake – an excellent way to really relish the local scenery. You'll pass an old watermill, many prayer wheels and Tibetan prayer flags en route. (B,L,D)

## Day 11: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and, as it is relatively undiscovered, is a pleasure to explore. There is an option to take the cable car up to Huanglong Temple at the head of the valley to admire the excellent panoramic views (at your own expense), before you continue to the delightful Mao County by road. (B,L,D)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
07 May - 21 May	\$4,380	08 Oct - 22 Oct	\$4,780
03 Sep - 17 Sep	\$4,580		
2019 DATES			
06 May - 20 May	\$4,780	07 Oct - 21 Oct*	\$5,180
02 Sep - 16 Sep	\$4,980		

## Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

## Price guide

- 15 Days, Twin Share from \$4,380 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$540
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Chengdu to Chengdu) 14 days from \$3,160 per person twin share

## Important note:

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# A CHINA ADVENTURE

Spend more time hiking on the Great Wall and through the beautiful rice terraces of Longji on this active tour of China. Soak up the simple rural beauty of Yangshuo, the history of Xian, the majesty of Beijing and the fast pace of dazzling Shanghai.

**17** DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$5,980** **14 BREAKFASTS, 14 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS** **ACTIVE**

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB860 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Great Wall Hike



Cycling in Xian

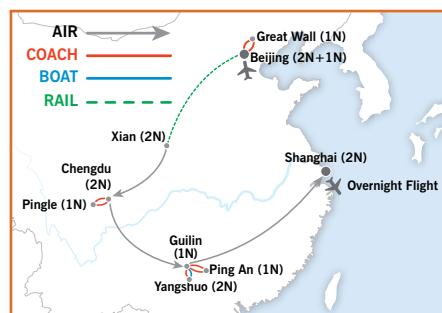


Longji Hike

Unique to this tour, a hike from Gubeikou to Jinshanling allows you maximum time to appreciate China's most famous structure.

The Silk Road City of Xian is surrounded by an imposing battlement wall; cycling on the top provides amazing views of the city from above.

Hike over the curving steps of Longji, stopping to appreciate this beautifully incomprehensible feat of man-made landscaping.



**Day 1: Australia to Beijing**  
Fly to Beijing, China's capital.

**Day 2: Forbidden City & Summer Palace walk**  
Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short walk up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. Stop for a photo at the Olympic Stadium before dinner. (B,L,D)

**Day 3: Beijing's hutongs**  
Arrive early for a visit to the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a

flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Next, you'll visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home before driving to Gubei Watertown at Simatai Great Wall. Sail up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to witness the sunset. (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Hike the Great Wall**  
Take the short transfer to Gubeikou to begin the hike back to Jinshanling. One of the most wild and scenic section-to-section hikes of the Great Wall, your path will traverse ancient and rugged landscapes, only going off-wall briefly to navigate around a Chinese military base. After approximately six hours of hiking, you'll return to Beijing where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 5: Xian by bullet train**  
Enjoy a morning at leisure. Ride the bullet train to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain an insight into the city's fascinating culture and significance as the start of the Silk Road. (B,L)

**Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and cycling on the City Wall**

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on Xian's traditional and delicious dumplings. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: Travel to Pingle**  
Fly to Chengdu and drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 8: Pingle Ancient Town**  
Enjoy a morning at leisure, perhaps taking the time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets. Later, see the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (L,D)

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Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres where you'll gain a real insight into the hard work that goes into caring for and boosting the population of this endangered species. The pandas here are

kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most holy Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: Journey to Ping An**  
Fly to Guilin before transferring to the scenic town of Ping An for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

**Day 11: Rice terraces and ethnic villages hike**  
Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills of Longji. Today's full-day hike from Ping An to Dazhai will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 12: Yangshuo countryside**  
Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Sanjie Liu' (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

## CHINA

**Day 13: Tai Chi session & afternoon at leisure**

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River (at your own expense) – another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

**Day 14: Shanghai**

Drive back to Guilin and spend some time exploring Reed Flute Cave before going from the serene to the supercharged as you fly to Shanghai. This evening cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

**Day 15: Shanghaiese Shanghai**

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund and enjoying a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,L,D)

**Days 16-17: Shanghai to Australia**

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
14 Apr - 30 Apr	\$6,140	15 Sep - 01 Oct*	\$5,980
05 May - 21 May	\$5,980	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$6,140
01 Sep - 17 Sep	\$5,980		
2019 DATES			
13 Apr - 29 Apr	\$6,540	14 Sep - 30 Sep	\$6,380
11 May - 27 May	\$6,380	12 Oct - 28 Oct	\$6,540
31 Aug - 16 Sep	\$6,380		

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,980 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single Supplement from \$875
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 16 days from \$4,700 per person twin share

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# ENCHANTING CHINA

Slow down the pace and thoroughly explore China's great cities, Beijing, Xian and Shanghai, on a relaxed itinerary that introduces you to the very best sights, with the option to do even more. Discover more at your own pace and in your own way.



INCLUDES 3 NIGHT  
YANGTZE CRUISE



## CHINA

### Day 15: Shanghai at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai for independent exploration. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao (at your own expense), one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over imperial China. The town exudes old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight there will be a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,D)

### Days 16-17: Shanghai to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

17 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$5,080



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



15 BREAKFASTS, 8 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS



FLEXIBLE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB870 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal exploration



Yandaixie hutong

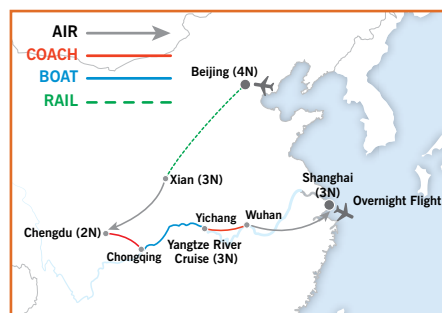


Cycling in Xian

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Beijing, Xian, Shanghai and Chengdu on your own terms, you can.

Get a glimpse of what Beijing was like before gleaming modernisation took over; wander along this atmospheric street and join a local family for lunch.

The Silk Road city of Xian is surrounded by an imposing battlement wall; cycling on the top provides amazing views of the city from above.



### Day 1: Australia to Beijing

Fly to Beijing, China's capital.

### Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening enjoy some free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

### Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall and Wangfujing

This particularly scenic section of the wall is reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing market, or enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner (at your own expense). (B,L)

### Day 4: Summer Palace

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Enjoy a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

### Day 5: Temple of Heaven

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Take the bullet train to Xian. (B,L)

### Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these lifelike soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter

and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. With the evening free, why not enjoy a cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of Xian by night (at your own expense). (B,L)

### Day 7: Xian at leisure

Today is a day at leisure to explore the ancient town of Xian. There is the option to take a gentle cycle ride (at your own expense) that will take you the 14km around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall, past many smiling locals. (B)

### Day 8: Chengdu like a local

Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and most interesting of all, Matchmaker's Corner. (B,L)

### Day 9: Chengdu at leisure

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle (at your own expense). Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets, before seeing the forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

### Day 10: Giant Pandas

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Research Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging,

playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

### Days 11-12: Yangtze cruise

As you cruise downstream the Yangtze nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges. A two-day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Fly to Shanghai

Visit the mammoth Three Gorges Dam and disembark your cruise vessel. Transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

### Day 14: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do - sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the Yu Garden, the Old Town and the Silk Museum. Later take an evening stroll along the Bund and cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

## DEPARTURES

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
07 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,240	15 Sep - 01 Oct*	\$5,080
05 May - 21 May	\$5,240	13 Oct - 29 Oct	\$5,240
08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$5,240		
2019 DATES			
06 Apr - 22 Apr	\$5,640	14 Sep - 30 Sep	\$5,480
04 May - 20 May	\$5,640	12 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,640
07 Sep - 23 Sep	\$5,640		

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

- 17 Days, Twin Share from \$5,080 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details
- Single Supplement from \$1,170 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Beijing to Shanghai) 16 days from \$3,800 per person twin share

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# YUNNAN ADVENTURE

The most wonderfully complex of all China's provinces, Yunnan boasts a rich diversity of people and landscapes. Explore verdant forest and dramatic mountains, archaeological sites and encounter indigenous cultures on this varied adventure.

CHINA

17 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$5,080

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB800 per person (paid locally in China)

FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

14 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS

ACTIVE

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Taoist Meditation

Join a Taoist priest on the misty slopes of sacred Weibaoshan, and learn relaxing meditative techniques in these extraordinary surroundings.



Ethnic Villages

Yunnan is dotted with colourful, long-established ethnic minorities – visit some of the remotest areas for a glimpse of rural Chinese culture.



Yuanyang Hike

Venture over the winding steps of Yuanyang, a curvaceous feat of natural and human engineering sculpted into the hillside.



### Days 1-2: Australia to Kunming

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

### Day 3: Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand treelike in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming where you can sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles, for dinner. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Travel to Dali

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a glimpse of bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

### Day 5: Meditation on a mountain

Journey to Weibaoshan, one of the four sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the forested hillside to see a handful of these intricately decorated temples, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 6: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority people that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon continue to Lijiang and have some free time to explore the Old Quarter, a jumble of cobbled streets, precarious wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges. (B,L)

### Day 7: Meet a Shaman Master

Take a chairlift to one of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain's gorgeous meadows and enjoy amazing vistas of this magnificent mountain massif. Continue to Baisha Naxi Village and meet a Dongba Shaman who will demonstrate how to write ancient Dongba written characters, before you attempt this quirky artform yourself. Sample traditional Naxi cuisine. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Visit the Black Dragon Pool for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Over 3,000 metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. The whole area is spectacular – prepare for breathtaking views. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Rural Shangri-La

Visit Songshanlin Monastery before enjoying an easy 2-3 hour hike to Napa Hai. Here, you'll be surrounded by towering mountains and among lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. From here, visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. Return to Zhongdian. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Explore Shangri-La

Spend the morning wandering through the town, absorbing it's fascinating mix of Tibetan and Han Chinese culture. Also visit Dafo Temple before a free afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 11: Kunming

Fly to Kunming. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

### Day 12: Travel to Jianshui

Travel to Tonghai and visit the unique Xingmeng Mongolian village on the way, where

the residents wear traditional costumes and keep old traditions alive. After a stroll around Tonghai market, continue to the antiquated town of Jianshui for an overnight stay and visit the Confucian temple, one of the largest in China. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Yuanyang market

Visit the Zhang Garden before travelling further south to Yuanyang where you can explore the bustling market, full of fresh produce and locals in traditional, colourful costume. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Yuanyang rice terraces

Created by the Hani people over hundreds of years this wide, watery expanse is a spectacular sight to behold. Described as 'land sculpture' in China, the elements turn the terraces into pools of colour that reflect their mood, whether it's the reds and yellows of sunrise or the whites and greys of a mist settling over the valley. Hike through the terraces visiting Hani ethnic villages such as Qingkou and Bada. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Lendun village market

Travel back to Kunming via Lendun Village Market. (B,L,D)

### Days 16-17: Kunming to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Kunming airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

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07 Apr - 23 Apr	\$5,340	06 Oct - 22 Oct*	\$5,340
05 May - 21 May	\$5,080	27 Oct - 12 Nov	\$5,080
08 Sep - 24 Sep	\$5,080		
2019 DATES			
06 Apr - 22 Apr	\$5,740	12 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,740
04 May - 20 May	\$5,480	26 Oct - 11 Nov	\$5,480
14 Sep - 30 Sep	\$5,480		

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- Single Supplement from \$840 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Kunming to Kunming) 15 days from \$3,840 per person twin share

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# CHINA TRAILBLAZER

Take a journey like no other. This is your chance to see the classical sights, and also explore a different side of this beautiful country – be it from the back of a bicycle; on a hike through serene countryside, or a walk through buzzing city streets.



INCLUDES 4 NIGHT  
YANGTZE CRUISE

21

DAYS FROM

PER  
PERSON

\$6,780



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,  
BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



19 BREAKFASTS,  
18 LUNCHES, 12 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB1130 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Muslim Quarter

Walk through Xian's buzzing and industrious Muslim Quarter, sampling delicious and exciting street food and meeting colourful locals as you go.



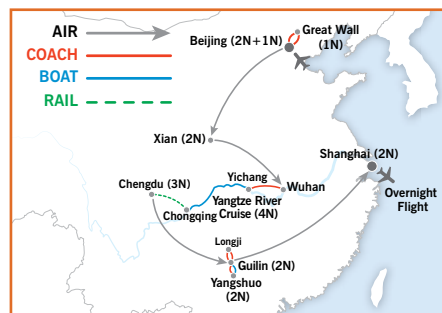
Walking in Yangshuo

Featuring toothlike limestone karsts and sleepy pastoral scenes, a walk through Yangshuo's unique countryside feels otherworldly.



Shanghai Breakfast

Get a feel for life in the big city as you dine on breakfast snacks in local Shanghai markets, shoulder to shoulder with local residents.



### Day 1: Australia to Beijing

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital, for an overnight stay.

### Day 2: Beijing's hutongs

This morning visit Yandaixiejie where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs; these narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing, before the emergence of high-rise buildings and modern commerce. Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they take part in Tai Chi, dancing and card playing in a flurry of sociable activity you would never see in a park at home. Continue to the Summer Palace and explore the magnificent grounds, before taking a short hike up Longevity Hill to enjoy panoramic views. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Forbidden City

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Walking through this ornately designed complex offers an unsurpassed insight into China's colourful past. Drive to Simatai Great Wall where you will sail up to the apex of the Wall by cable car to see the sunset. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Hike the Great Wall

Travel to the Great Wall at Jinshanling, a section that is much less frequented by tourists than other parts. The stark yet magnificent surroundings allow you to put yourself in the shoes of those who walked this incredible edifice hundreds of years ago. Your trek will last approximately four hours as the wall improbably courses through dramatic landscapes and rugged terrain. Later, head back to Beijing, where you'll have free time. (B,L)

### Day 5: Xian

Fly to Xian, the ancient former capital. Explore the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. The evening is at leisure – Defu Lane offers a vibrant atmosphere at night. (B,L)

### Day 6: Terracotta Warriors and cycling on the City Wall

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to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Continue to the ancient city wall for a cycle on the fortifications surrounding the heart of the city. Tonight, dine on Xian's traditional and delicious dumplings. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Travel to Yichang

Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang. Later board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next four nights. (B,L,D)

### Days 8-10: Yangtze cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. A three day voyage along China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Ciqikou Ancient Town

Disembark your cruise vessel and enjoy an early lunch in the charming old town of Ciqikou – there's time to wander the cobbled alleyways and learn about its colourful history. Take a bullet train to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Pingle Ancient Town

Drive to Pingle Ancient Town. Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets

before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Return to Chengdu. (B,L,D)

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Visit one of the world's finest panda conservation centres. The pandas here are kept in conditions very close to their natural habitat. Later, ascend Mt Qingcheng, the most holy Taoist mountain in China, by cable car. It is a truly beautiful spot with numerous peaks covered with lush greenery and secluded temples. Take a stroll among the mystic scenery of Yuecheng Lake. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Sun and Moon Pagodas

Take an early morning flight to Guilin. Enjoy a walk around the picturesque Ronghu Lake and admire the Sun and Moon Pagodas – two towering examples of traditional Chinese-Buddhist architecture. (B,L)

### Day 15: Rice terraces

Wake up to stunning views of the misty, stepped hills

of Longji. Today's full-day hike among the terraces will take you past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the rice terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Whether full of water or bursting with rice plants, a walk in Longji provides an unforgettable experience of rural China. Return to Guilin where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 16: Li River cruise

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with the most dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs on the planet, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. This evening there is an option to be wowed by the light spectacular 'Sanjie Liu' (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Tai Chi session and afternoon at leisure

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is the option of riding a bicycle through the countryside or join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River (at your own expense) – another chance to really soak up the unspoiled surroundings and explore every corner of this exquisite location. (B,L)

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### Day 18: Shanghai

Drive back to Guilin. Go from the serene to the supercharged as you fly to Shanghai. This evening cruise down the Huangpu River being serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

### Day 19: Shanghainese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit the classical Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Museum before taking an evening stroll along the Bund. Enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghainese cuisine. (B,L,D)

### Days 20-21: Shanghai to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
01 Apr - 21 Apr	\$6,940	09 Sep - 29 Sep	\$6,780
15 Apr - 05 May*	\$6,940	23 Sep - 13 Oct*	\$6,780
06 May - 26 May	\$6,780	07 Oct - 27 Oct*	\$6,940
20 May - 09 Jun	\$6,780	14 Oct - 03 Nov	\$6,940

2019 DATES			
31 Mar - 20 Apr	\$7,340	08 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,180
14 Apr - 04 May*	\$7,340	22 Sep - 12 Oct*	\$7,180
05 May - 25 May	\$7,180	06 Oct - 26 Oct*	\$7,340
19 May - 08 Jun	\$7,180	13 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,340

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 4 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

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- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details
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# LAND OF THE DRAGON

Take a relaxed journey through the great sights of China, walking on the Great Wall, admiring the Terracotta Warriors and visiting with the Giant Pandas, while also having plenty of free time and optional excursions to make the holiday your very own.



INCLUDES 3 NIGHT  
YANGTZE CRUISE



## CHINA

China's riverine treasure is a chance to relax and enjoy a slower pace, whilst absorbing one breathtaking panorama after another. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Fly to Shanghai

Visit Three Gorges Dam. Disembark, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L)

### Day 18: Shanghaiese Shanghai

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour between coruscating skyscrapers and traditional streets. Walk through the city's most fascinating districts, marvelling at monuments and rickety buildings before enjoying breakfast as the locals do – sample pancakes, fried bread sticks and tofu. Visit Yu Garden, the old town and the Silk Museum before a cruise down the Huangpu River, as you are serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B)

### Day 19: Shanghai at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in Shanghai. Alternatively, take an optional tour to Zhujiajiao (at your own expense), one of Shanghai's sleepy water towns, built on an old canal system once used to transport goods all over China. The town's narrow alleyways exude old-world charm, whilst the waterways are lined with ancient buildings and crossed by stone bridges. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner of authentic Shanghaiese cuisine. (B,D)

### Days 20-21: Shanghai to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

insight into life here. Later visit the magnificent Moon Hill. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 11: Yangshuo Tai Chi

Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. You may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip along the Yulong River or cycle through the countryside for one last, tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo (at own expense). (B)

### Day 12: Chengdu like a local

Return to Guilin and fly to Chengdu. Walk around People's Park, a hive of activity. See beautiful golden koi, locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi. Visit a tea house and Matchmaker's Corner. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and 'face changing' show (at own expense). (B,L)

### Day 13: Chengdu at leisure

Today is a day at leisure in Chengdu, with the option of visiting the old town of Pingle (at own expense). Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before viewing the bamboo forest from above on the Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. (B)

### Day 14: Giant Pandas

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Research Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Drive to Chongqing and board your Yangtze cruise vessel (B,D).

### Days 15-16: Yangtze cruise

As you cruise downstream the Yangtze nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. A two-day voyage along

cold beer in Defu Lane or take an optional tour of the city by night (at own expense). (B,L)

### Day 7: Xian at leisure

Today is a day at leisure to explore Xian. There is the option to take a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around Xian's beautifully preserved city wall, past many smiling locals (at own expense). (B)

### Day 8: Fly to Guilin

Fly to Guilin. On arrival explore the magnificent formations of the Reed Flute Cave and browse the displays of the South China Pearl Museum. Later, take a late afternoon stroll around the picturesque Ronghu and Shanhu lakes, mingling with the local people as you go, then head to the vibrant Zhengyang Pedestrian Street where you are free to enjoy dinner and drinks. (B)

### Day 9: Guilin at leisure

Today there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji (at own expense). Walk past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape in intricate patterns. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

### Day 10: Li River cruise

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic, sci-fi style limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an

reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Wangfujing market, or enjoy an optional Peking Duck dinner (at own expense). (B,L)

### Day 4: Summer Palace

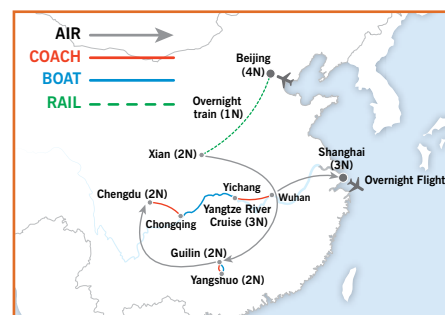
Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Corridor and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Enjoy a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B)

### Day 5: Temple of Heaven

Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of sociable activity. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

### Day 6: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these lifelike soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and maybe sample some of the freshly cooked snacks. With the evening free, why not enjoy a



### Day 1: Australia to Beijing

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital city.

### Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Heading to Beijing's symbolic heart, stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Visit Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer an authentic glimpse of the old Beijing. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening enjoy some free time in the vibrant Houhai district. (B,L)

### Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall and Wangfujing

This particularly scenic section of the wall is

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal exploration



Huanghuacheng



Shanghai breakfast

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Beijing, Xian, Yangshuo and Chengdu on your own terms, you can.

Looming gracefully over the peaceful lakeside, Huanghuacheng is a lesser visited section of the wall where you can feel centuries of history.

Get a feel for life in the big city as you dine on breakfast snacks in local Shanghai markets, shoulder to shoulder with local residents.

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$5,680



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19 BREAKFASTS, 9 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS



FLEXIBLE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB1070 per person (paid locally in China)



# DREAMS OF NATURE

Towering pinnacles swathed in mist, sky-skimming mountains and nature at its most verdant are just some of the wonders included on this scenic tour. Indulge your senses with China's most dramatic natural highlights.



INCLUDES 4 NIGHT  
YANGTZE CRUISE

23

DAYS FROM

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PERSON

\$6,580



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,  
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20 BREAKFASTS,  
17 LUNCHES, 15 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB1120 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Longji Hike

Hike over the curving steps of Longji, stopping to appreciate this beautifully incomprehensible feat of man-made landscaping.



Zhangjiajie

Scale the lofty heights of the 'Avatar Mountains' to view otherworldly, ethereal peaks seemingly floating through the mist.



Huanglong Pools

Walk up to the turquoise pools of Huanglong, and witness crystalline water tumbling over naturally formed calcium walls.



### Days 1-2: Australia to Guilin

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

### Day 3: Yangshuo's landscapes

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Later, take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There's an option to take a short and steep hike to the top of Moon Hill for epic sunset views (at own expense). (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Tai Chi

Start the day with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master

to learn this ancient martial art. This afternoon there is an option to go bamboo rafting on the Yulong River (at your own expense). Drift past verdant riverbanks as you paddle on the glass-like water. This evening you have the option of attending the magical Sanjie Liu night show (at your own expense). (B,L)

### Day 5: Reed Flute Cave

Drive back to Guilin and spend the afternoon exploring the Reed Flute Cave and learning about the South China pearling industry at the Pearl Museum. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Longji rice terraces

Travel to the iconic Longji Rice Terraces and head out for a four hour walk through the traditional rural landscapes. There are several viewpoints boasting picture-postcard views of the extensive rice terraces that cover the hillside in intricate patterns. Drive back to Guilin, with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L)

### Day 7: Travel to Zhangjiajie

Catch the bullet train to Changsha, then enjoy the breathtaking drive to Zhangjiajie. (B,L,D)

### Days 8-9: Zhangjiajie

A scenic area of over 3,000 sandstone pillars, rising from misty folds of tropical forest and cloaked in vibrant green vegetation,

Zhangjiajie's striking beauty is unforgettable. Ravines and gorges, streams and waterfalls and a plethora of endangered plants and animal species complete this idyllic scene. During your time here you will enjoy some beautiful walks to Huanglong Cave and Huangshi Village, as well as a cruise on Lake Baofeng. You'll also see Yuanjiajie Avatar Mountain and Emperor Mountain. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Travel to Yichang

Catch the train to Yichang, where you'll board your Yangtze Cruise vessel. (B,L,D)

### Days 11-13: Yangtze River cruise

A man-made marvel, the Three Gorges Dam showcases this massive feat of engineering. But as we cruise upstream nature takes over, revealing some of the world's most dramatic scenery including the Three Gorges themselves. Take a side trip to the attractive Goddess or Shennong Stream and enjoy shore excursions to the Ghost City of Fengdu or Shibaozhai. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Fly to Jiuzhaigou

Disembark your cruise vessel and fly to Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou). (B,D)

### Day 15: Nine Villages Valley

A national park of ragged peaks, sapphire lakes, abundant forests and rushing waterfalls, the Nine Villages Valley (Jiuzhaigou National Park) is considered one of China's most beautiful areas. A trip to the top of the valley

to Long Lake, the highest, deepest and largest in the area, offers spectacular alpine views whilst a short walk to the Five-Coloured Lake and Nuorilang Falls showcases some of the valley's most pristine sights. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Shuzheng village

Visit Shuzheng village, the largest settlement in the park. Spend some time with a local Tibetan family who will give you an insight into daily life in Nine Villages Valley. A lovely afternoon walk takes you from Rhinoceros Lake, passing Tiger Lake ending at Reed Lake – an excellent way to really relish the local scenery. You'll pass an old watermill and Tibetan prayer flags en route. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Huanglong Pools

Hundreds of vivid pools in striking colours, formed by thousands of years of mineral deposits, tumble gently down through the bright green forests of the Huanglong Valley. The whole area is studded with waterfalls and hot springs and is relatively undiscovered. There is an option to take the chair lift up to Huanglong Temple (at your own expense) at the head of the valley for excellent panoramic views, before you catch a flight to Chengdu. (B,L)

### Day 18: Leshan Giant Buddha

Travel to Leshan to see the Grand Buddha. The 71 metre Buddha, the world's largest and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is carved into a hillside overlooking the confluence of the Dadu and Min Rivers. Completed in the year 803, it is said that the Buddha's presence has calmed the turbulent waters of the river. View the Buddha from above before a short boat trip, which will give you an even better perspective. Continue to Mt Emei. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Explore Mt Emei

Mt Emei is the cradle of the Buddhist religion

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in China with the first temple built here, on its peak, in the 1st century. Pilgrims and tourists mix amongst the lush vegetation and inconspicuous old temples, all admiring the striking and diverse natural beauty of the mountain and its setting. Spend the day soaking up the ambience and exploring. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Pingle Ancient Town

Dating back to the Han Dynasty, Pingle was a stopping point on the Tea Horse Road. Take time to walk through its maze of teahouse-lined streets before seeing the bamboo forest from above on Jinji Suspended Rope Bridge. Drive back to Chengdu. (B,L)

### Day 21: Chengdu Panda Base

Spend the morning visiting with the Giant Pandas of Chengdu Research Base. Here you can observe these gorgeous creatures lounging, playing and chomping through piles of bamboo in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. This afternoon, absorb the culture at People's Park. People watching here is an endless pleasure, from the locals playing mah-jong to the lonely singles looking for love in Matchmaker's Corner. In the evening enjoy a delicious Sichuan hot pot dinner and an optional 'face changing' show (at your own expense). (B,D)

### Days 22-23: Chengdu to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

05 Apr - 27 Apr	\$6,580	06 Sep - 28 Sep	\$6,880
03 May - 25 May*	\$6,880	11 Oct - 02 Nov	\$6,880

### 2019 DATES

04 Apr - 26 Apr	\$6,980	05 Sep - 27 Sep	\$7,280
02 May - 24 May*	\$7,280	10 Oct - 01 Nov	\$7,280

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- 4 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

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- Single Supplement from \$1,170 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Guilin to Chengdu) 21 days from \$5,540 per person twin share

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# TIBETAN WONDERS

Journey through the diverse landscapes of Yunnan Province up to 'the roof of the world' where you will experience the many wonders of Tibet. Admire ancient monasteries and Himalayan vistas before taking in the ultimate view of Everest.



EPIC JOURNEY

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

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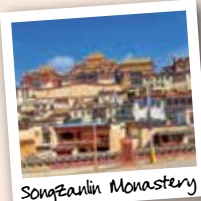
21 BREAKFASTS, 18 LUNCHES, 13 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB1040 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Songzanlin Monastery

At the foot of Foping Mountain, Songzanlin glints in the sun light. Discover an atmospheric warren of ancient castles, prayer wheels and pilgrims.



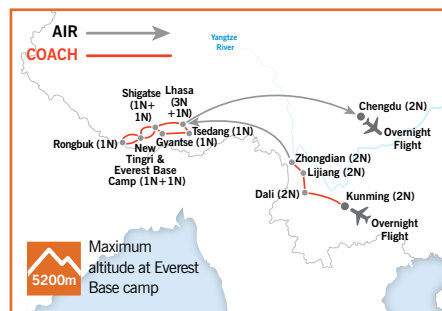
Spiritual Lhasa

Pace quietly through the Jokhang or around the Barkhor Circuit; and you will begin to absorb the deep spirituality that runs through the veins of this inspiring city.



Everest Base Camp

Hike to the legendary Base Camp used by Everest hikers and sherpas, and take in a truly once-in-a-lifetime, epic view.



### Days 1-2: Fly to Kunming

Fly overnight to the relaxed city of Kunming, 'the city of Eternal Spring'.

### Day 3: Stone Forest

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. This afternoon view Dianchi Lake from the Western Hills. Returning to Kunming, tuck into the local delicacy Across the Bridge noodles for dinner. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Travel to Dali

Drive to Dali, a charming town that offers a glimpse of bygone China. Wander the Ancient Quarter and see the magnificent Three Pagodas. (B,L)

### Day 5: Mountain meditation

Mt Weibao is one of the Taoist religion's most sacred mountains, and has twenty temples dotted on its forested slopes. Take a scenic walk and discover a handful of these temples, stopping at Qingxia temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest who will introduce you to Taoist meditation techniques. This afternoon visit a tie-dyeing workshop. (B,L)

### Day 6: Shaxi Ancient Town

Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority peoples who reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. Continue to Lijiang. (B,L)

### Day 7: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain & Dongba Shaman

The magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain soars to 5,500m. Taking a chairlift, explore one of the high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Admire the fascinating Ming Dynasty frescoes at Baisha and see the intricate creations of the embroidery school. Next, meet a genuine Shaman who will teach you to write the forgotten language of Dongba Pictograms. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Tiger Leaping Gorge

Visit Black Dragon Pool for magnificent views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Over 3,000

metres deep, Tiger Leaping Gorge, with its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Continue on to the Tibetan monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. Visit Dafo Temple and take some free time to explore the old town. (B,L)

### Day 9: Rural Shangri-La

Visit Songshanlin Monastery before enjoying an easy 2-3 hour hike to Napahai Grasslands, surrounded by towering mountains and among lush grasslands brimming with flora and fauna. Visit a rural Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life, make butter tea and taste home-cooked dishes. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Fly to Lhasa

Fly to Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. The afternoon is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude. (B,D)

### Day 11: Jokhang Temple and Spiritual Barkhor

Lhasa is a quickly growing modern city but among the narrow, old streets you'll feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor to see traditionally dressed locals, stalls of religious trinkets and prostrating pilgrims. Inside the Jokhang Temple, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, to witness the debating monks. (B,L)

### Day 12: Potala Palace

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, before visiting a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop. Enjoy a traditional Tibetan dinner in the evening. (B,L,D)

### Days 13-14: Shigatse

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort, Shigatse is Tibet's second largest city and the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. The rest of the day is spent exploring. (B,L,D) The next day continue by road to New Tingri admiring the awe-inspiring views of the mighty Himalayas as we go. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Everest Base Camp

Traverse some of the world's most incredible scenery as we make our way to base camp (weather permitting). Here, situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed. Visit Rongbuk Monastery, draped in colourful prayer flags, and stay overnight in the township. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Everest sunrise

Rise early to see the sunrise over Everest (weather permitting). Return to New Tingri. (B,L,D)

### Days 17-18: Shigatse & Gyantse

Return to Shigatse via Tso la Pass. (B,L,D) The next day visit Tashilhunpo Monastery and join the pilgrims on their 'kora' (circumnavigation) of the monastery. Continue to the Gyantse Kumbum. Visit a traditional folk house for some home brewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

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### Day 19: Tsedang

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang, called the 'cradle of Tibetan civilisation'. Visit Gangpo Ri. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Yumbulhakang Palace

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, the Yumbulhakang Palace was the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue on to the Chang Chun Monastery and the King's Tombs en route to Lhasa. (B,L)

### Day 21: Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

### Day 22: Pandas

Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding where you can get up close to China's celebrated icons. Visit People's Park, Matchmaker's Corner, a tea house and the fascinating Shu Brocade Museum. Tonight, sample delicious Sichuan cuisine for dinner. (B,L,D)

### Days 23-24: Chengdu to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**NOTE: The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.**

## DEPARTURES ▶ AIRFARES INCLUDED ▶

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### 2018 DATES

05 May - 28 May	\$7,480	15 Sep - 08 Oct*	\$7,480
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### 2019 DATES

04 May - 27 May	\$7,880	14 Sep - 07 Oct*	\$7,880
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- Most meals as listed
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- Tibet permit

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# EPIC DREAMS

In 2003, Wendy Wu Tours was proud to have escorted the first group in the world to venture into these most remote regions. Embark on a journey along the highest vehicular road in the world through parts of China and Tibet, rarely visited by tourists.



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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

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



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## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



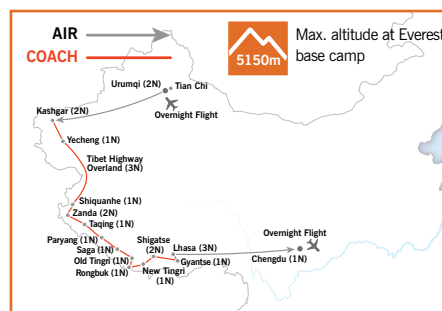
Adventure from Kashgar to Lhasa along the remote Xinjiang-Tibet Highway, the highest road in the world.



On your journey you will pass scattered prayer flags and heavenly landscapes. Gaze upon Mt Kailash, the holiest mountain in Tibet to several religions.



Views don't come much more epic than this - Mt Everest from Rongbuk Monastery, one of the highest monasteries in the world.



**NOTE: Epic Dreams travels to extremely remote parts of China and Tibet and there are several days of long overland travel at high altitude.**

### Days 1-2: Australia to Urumqi

Fly overnight with China Southern Airlines to Urumqi. Depending on the time of your arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### Day 3: Tian Chi (Heavenly Lake)

Escape to the tranquillity of Tian Chi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Return to Urumqi and explore the collections at the Xinjiang Museum. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Urumqi to Kashgar

Fly to Kashgar, an ancient market town and once the heart of the Silk Road trading route. Its skyline, punctured by minarets, feels like a million miles from anywhere. Sightseeing this afternoon includes visits to the Abakh Hoja Tomb and the Id Kah Mosque. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Kashgar

Discover the world's largest Sunday Bazaar where people, donkey carts and horse carriages gather. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Kashgar to Yecheng

Commence your overland journey across the Tibetan Plateau. Pass through Yensigar where traditional Uyghur daggers are made, and Yarkand, a city that still resonates with Silk Road romance. Upon arrival in Yecheng, explore the markets around Jama Mosque, which date back to the 15th century. (B,L,D)

### Days 7 - 9: Yecheng to Ali County - Tibet Highway

Spend the next three days travelling to Ali County. Begin the ascent of the Xinjiang-Tibet Highway, the highest road in the world. Approximately 270km from Yecheng, K2 the world's second highest mountain, is visible across the Pakistan border. Accommodation for the next 11 nights (until New Tingri) is

basic. Overnights are in a range of basic accommodations from truck stop lodgings to simple hostels with shared bathrooms and limited shower facilities. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Shiquanhe

The town of Shiquanhe in Ali County will emerge from the landscape like a bizarre mirage as you return to civilisation. (B,L,D)

### Days 11- 12: Ali County to Zanda

Leave Ali County for Zanda and explore Tholing and Tsaparang, the ruined former capitals of the 900AD Guge Kingdom. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Zanda to Taqing

Travel along a broad river valley. After driving over a gentle rise, scattered with prayer flags left by pilgrims, you will get to view Mt Kailash, the holiest mountain in Tibet. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Taqing - Lake Manasarovar to Paryang

Journey to Lake Manasarovar, the world's highest freshwater lake. The stunning landscapes are breathtaking and this is a sacred place for Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims. Arrive in Paryang, known to be the world's highest town. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Paryang to Saga

Drive to Saga where panoramic views of distant mountains and yak herders' camps abound. Pass through the old village of Zhongba en route. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Saga to Old Tingri

Rise early this morning and continue your overland journey to Old Tingri, a picturesque little town in the midst of wide sweeping plains. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Everest Base Camp

Take the drive of a lifetime along the winding mountain road to Everest Base Camp (weather permitting). Gaze at the world's tallest peak at 8,848m. There will be plenty of opportunities for photographs. (B,L,D)

### Day 18: Rongbuk to New Tingri

Visit Rongbuk Monastery, built in 1899. Its proximity to Mt Everest makes it one of the highest monasteries in the world. Mysterious in appearance with colourful prayer flags and white stupas, the monastery is an ideal location to appreciate Everest. Continue to New Tingri. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: New Tingri to Shigatse

Travel to Shigatse, the second largest city in Tibet and explore the cobblestone lanes. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Tashilhunpo Monastery

Explore Tashilhunpo Monastery, the former residence of the Panchen Lama. The monastery, founded in 1477 by the first Dalai Lama, consists of grand buildings with golden roofs and white walls. (B,L,D)

### Day 21: Shigatse to Gyantse

Travel to Gyantse and visit the unique Pelkor Chode Monastery and the largest shrine in Tibet, the Gyantse Kumbum. You will also view the magnificent ruins of the Old Fort. (B,L,D)

### Days 22 - 24: Lhasa

Continue your journey to Lhasa. Over the next three days, you will visit the 'Crown Jewel of Tibet', the Potala Palace, which towers over

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Lhasa and consists of hundreds of rooms filled with intricate shrines and frescoes. Stroll around Barkhor Square observing the many pilgrims. Visit the 7th century Jokhang Temple, the Drepung and Sera monasteries and Norbulingka, the former summer palace of the Dalai Lama. (B,L,D)

### Day 25: Fly to Chengdu

Farewell Tibet and fly to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see and learn about China's celebrated icons up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. This evening, feast on traditional Sichuan cuisine. (B,L,D)

### Days 26-27: Chengdu to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Chengdu airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**NOTE: The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.**

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATE

29 Aug - 24 Sep

\$9,780

### 2019 DATE

08 May - 03 Jun

\$10,180

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tibet permit

### Price guide

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- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$1,690 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Note: Days 7-17 accommodation is in shared dormitory lodgings and sole use rooms are not available.**
- Land Only (Urumqi to Chengdu) 25 days from \$8,640 per person twin share

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# SILK ROAD EXPLORER

Follow in the footsteps of adventurers by journeying along one of the world's most famous trading routes, the Silk Road. Beginning in ancient Xian, venture across this vast land to reach the fascinating outpost of Kashgar and its famous Sunday market.



EPIC JOURNEY

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25 BREAKFASTS, 24 LUNCHES, 25 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB1130 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Jiayuguan Great Wall

Clinging to the stark, lunar landscape of Gansu, Jiayuguan Pass marks the western terminus of the Great Wall and is defended by a Ming-era fortress.



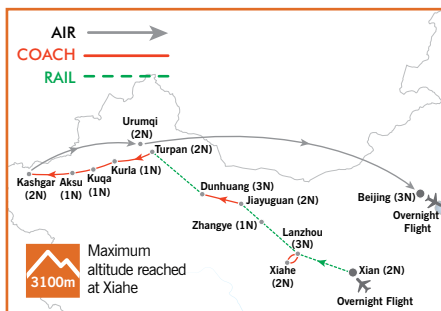
Danxia National Park

Find yourself on another planet as you wander through the colour-swirled Rainbow Mountains, a unique and remarkable landscape in Danxia National Park.



Overland to Kashgar

Drive between Turpan and Kashgar, following the ancient Silk Road; stopping at the desert townships of Kurla, Kuqa and Aksu.



### Days 1-2: Australia to Xian

Fly overnight with China Southern Airlines to Xian. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### Day 3: Terracotta Warriors

Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis, constructed to protect China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Gaze over the warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle around the ancient city wall and take a walking tour of the narrow and twisting streets of the Muslim Quarter. Sample the delicious, freshly cooked snacks and gain

an insight into the city's fascinating culture. Tonight, dine on Xian's traditional and delicious dumplings. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Train to Lanzhou

Start the morning with an optional visit to the local park to see Xian's residents taking part in Tai Chi and dancing. Visit the Xian Museum and the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Later board the train to Lanzhou. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Explore Lanzhou

Enjoy a moment of tranquility at the hilltop Baita Temple and tuck into some noodles made with handstretched dough. Visit the Yellow River night markets. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Bingling Temple

Head to Liujiaxia Lake to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Journey to Xiahe

Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe. Take some time to acclimatise to the higher altitude. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Labrang Monastery

Labrang Monastery is a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including

momo dumplings. There will also be time to wander through Xiahe township. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Zhangye

Return to Lanzhou by road and take the bullet train to Zhangye, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Danxia Sunrise

Rise early to witness sunrise over the kaleidoscopic mountains in Danxia National Park. Return to Zhangye and explore the Giant Buddha Temple. Later, travel by bullet train to Jiayuguan, an ideal location to expand your knowledge of Silk Road history. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Great Wall at Jiayuguan

Visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the Great Wall for panoramic views over the beautiful landscape of the Gobi Desert. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: City of Sands

Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit a silk carpet museum and the Shazhou Night Market. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Mogao Grottoes

A system of temples and sanctuaries, the Mogao Grottoes exhibit Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Singing Sand Dunes

Visit Crescent Moon Spring, nestled amongst the

famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomena produced by the wind blowing through the grains. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Turpan

Catch the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town, famed for its grapes, the pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Explore Turpan

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and the striking red sandstone Flaming Mountains. View the elegant

Emin Minaret before visiting a typical family home in Grape Valley. Also learn about the fascinating Karez irrigation canals. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Journey to Kurla

Travel to Kurla and visit the ruins of the Iron Fortress. (B,L,D)

### Day 18: Subashi Ruins

Continue along the Silk Road to the ruins of Subashi, before arriving in Kuqa for an overnight stay. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Thousand Buddha Caves

Discover the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves before travelling to Aksu in the early evening. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Kashgar

Continue the journey by road to Kashgar, a fabled Silk Road city, its skyline punctured by many towering minarets. (B,L,D)

### Day 21: Explore Kashgar

Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia, as it continues to be an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Explore Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

### Day 22: Sunday Bazaar

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within a riot of textures and vivid colours, browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Fly to Urumqi. (B,L,D)

### Days 23-24: Discover Urumqi

Escape to the tranquillity of Tian Chi (Heavenly Lake) formed in a crater. Pay a visit to a Kazak minority family in their yurt and spend some time with them. Tonight enjoy local Uyghur lamb skewers for dinner. The following day, pay a short visit to Xinjiang Museum before farewelling western China to fly back to Beijing. (B,L,D)

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### Day 25: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate its sheer magnificence. Jade has been long cherished by the Chinese – at a jade factory you can understand and appreciate the delicate process of carving the stone and buy a piece if you wish. In the afternoon savour the idyllic landscaped beauty of the Summer Palace. (B,L,D)

### Day 26: Imperial Beijing

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you'll find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you'll have some free time to wander the hutongs. Sit down for lunch with one of the families who call the hutongs home. This evening dine on Peking Duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show. (B,L,D)

### Days 27-28: Beijing to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Beijing airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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15 Apr - 12 May*	\$7,680	02 Sep - 29 Sep	\$7,480
06 May - 02 Jun	\$7,680	16 Sep - 13 Oct*	\$7,480
20 May - 16 Jun	\$7,680	07 Oct - 03 Nov*	\$7,680
2019 DATES			
14 Apr - 11 May*	\$8,080	01 Sep - 28 Sep	\$7,880
05 May - 01 Jun	\$8,080	15 Sep - 12 Oct*	\$7,880
19 May - 15 Jun	\$8,080	06 Oct - 02 Nov*	\$8,080

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# CHINA: THE BIG ONE

The complete China adventure – this itinerary takes more time to explore the highlights of this eclectic country, from busy cities to rural utopias and quirky ancient towns where you are free to absorb the relaxed atmosphere.



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FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,  
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26 BREAKFASTS,  
17 LUNCHES, 5 DINNERS



FLEXIBLE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB1250 per person (paid locally in China)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal exploration



Huanghuacheng



Dali's Ancient Town

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Beijing, Xian, Shanghai and Chengdu on your own terms, you can.

Looming over the peaceful lakeside, Huanghuacheng is a lesser visited section of the Wall. Feel centuries of history as the wall drapes lazily over the surrounding hillside.

The cobbled, winding streets of Dali's Old Quarter are a delight to relax in and wander through – spend an evening here people watching.



**Day 1: Australia to Beijing**  
Fly to Beijing, China's capital.

**Day 2: Forbidden City & hutongs**  
Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next visit Yandaixiejie where there's time to wander the Hutongs. Later, there's free time to explore. (B,L)

**Day 3: Huanghuacheng Great Wall**  
This scenic section of the wall is reached by boat, and boasts spectacular views. Visit a jade factory. Spend the evening at leisure exploring Wangfujing night market, or take an optional Peking Duck dinner (at your own expense). (B,L)

**Day 4: Imperial Summer Palace**  
Take a relaxed day exploring the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace including the Long Walk and the Marble Boat. Spend time strolling around Kunming Lake and walk up Longevity Hill. (B,L)

**Day 5: Overnight train to Xian**  
Visit the Temple of Heaven and mingle with the locals as they start their day with Tai Chi, dancing and cards in a flurry of activity. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

**Day 6: Terracotta Warriors**  
Housed in three immense hangars, the ranks of the Terracotta Army stand sentinel in their subterranean necropolis. Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to their fascinating story. Visit the Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition, then take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and sample freshly cooked snacks. The evening is at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 7: Cycling in Xian**  
Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14km around the wall. This afternoon visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. (B,L)

**Day 8: Beautiful Guilin**  
Fly to Guilin. This afternoon is at leisure – you may wish to stroll around Zhengyang Street. (B)

**Day 9: Guilin at leisure**  
Take an optional four hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji (at your own expense). Walk past small hamlets and picture-postcard views of the terraces which cover the landscape. Otherwise, spend more time discovering Guilin. (B)

**Day 10: Yangshuo**  
Cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here. There's an option to hike to the top of Moon Hill for views of the countryside (at your own expense). (B,L)

**Day 11: Yangshuo Tai Chi**  
Start the day with a relaxing yet invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking time with a master to learn this ancient martial art. You may wish to join an optional bamboo rafting trip (at your own expense) along the Yu Long River for one last, tranquil jaunt in Yangshuo. (B)

**Day 12: Kunming at leisure**  
Transfer to Guilin and visit the Reed Flute Cave and a Pearl Museum. Fly to Kunming. (B)

**Day 17: Jade Dragon Snow Mountain**  
Jade Dragon incorporates several peaks, the tallest of which soars to 5,500m. Take a cable car to one of the gorgeous meadows and enjoy amazing vistas. Visit the minority Baisha Naxi Village and admire the Baisha Frescoes. (B,L)

**Day 18: Lijiang at leisure**  
Today's optional mini-trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge takes you through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself (at your own expense). If you don't join the trek, the day is at leisure in Lijiang. (B)

**Day 19: Chengdu like a local**  
Fly to Chengdu and walk around People's Park. See the locals dancing and practicing Tai Chi, visit a local teahouse and Matchmaker's Corner. Visit Wide and Narrow Alleys. (B,L)

**Day 20: Giant Pandas**  
Visit Chengdu's renowned panda base and see these adorably charming creatures up close. The rest of the day is at leisure where you can enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and face changing show (at your own expense). (B,L)

**Day 21: Ancient Ciqikou**  
Board your train to Chongqing. Enjoy free time in the old town of Ciqikou then board your Yangtze Cruise vessel, home for the next three nights. (B,D)

**Day 13: Stone Forest**  
Meander through the UNESCO listed Stone Forest. Back in Kunming stroll through Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure. (B,L)

**Day 14: Dali's Ancient Town**  
Drive to Dali and spend the rest of the day admiring the Three Pagodas and being immersed in the atmosphere of the fascinating old quarter and lively market. Stroll along Foreigners' Street and explore the many dining options here. (B,L)

**Day 15: Dali at leisure**  
Take an optional visit to Weibaoshan. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the forested hillside, stopping at Qinxia Temple where you will be met by a Taoist priest for a relaxing meditation session (at your own expense). Otherwise spend the day relaxing in Dali. (B)

**Day 16: Shaxi Ancient Town**  
Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills. Learn about the fascinating minority peoples that reside in the area and enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon, continue to Lijiang. (B,L)

## CHINA

**Days 22-23: Yangtze cruise**  
A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. (B,L,D)

**Day 24: Three Gorges Dam**  
Visit Three Gorges Dam. Disembark, transfer to Wuhan and fly to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

**Day 25: Shanghaiese Shanghai**  
Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai, and take a breakfast walking tour. Visit the Yu Gardens, the Old Town and the Silk Museum. Cruise down the Huangpu River, serenaded by the neon lights of Pudong. (B,L)

**Day 26: Shanghai at leisure**  
Join the optional day tour to Zhujiajiao (at your own expense), or spend more time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner. (B,D)

**Days 27-28: Shanghai to Australia**  
This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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07 May - 03 Jun	\$7,280	08 Oct - 04 Nov	\$7,080
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- Accommodation
- 3 night Yangtze River cruise
- Most meals as listed
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# MONGOLIA



## OUR TOP THREE MONGOLIA ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

### 1 NAADAM FESTIVAL

The Naadam is the biggest celebration of the Mongolian calendar. You'll experience the proud nomadic culture and witness the three 'manly games'.



### 2 GER CAMPS

Be at one with the Mongolian nomadic lifestyle by staying in Ger camps - the only way to truly experience this pristine wilderness.



### 3 GOBI DESERT

Travel through the Gobi Desert to see Mongolia's renowned landscapes, including Eagle Valley and the sand dunes at Khongoryn Els.



# CENTRAL ASIA



## EXPERIENCE THE FIVE 'STANS'

### 1 UZBEKISTAN

Uzbekistan has a rugged and rocky landscape with deserts, mountains and valleys interspersed with pockets of fertile, green land. Bukhara is the holiest city in this region. Samarkand is one of Central Asia's oldest settlements. Tashkent is the capital of Uzbekistan.

### 2 KAZAKHSTAN

Kazakhstan is the world's ninth biggest country and most developed of the 'Stans'. The country's capital, Astana, is modern, with futuristic architecture wherever you look. Set against the vivid backdrop of the Tian Shan range, Almaty is heavily influenced by its connections with Russia.

### 3 KYRGYZSTAN

Tucked in the heart of Central Asia is Kyrgyzstan. Pass by traditional yurt homes, spectacular glaciers and the snow-capped Tian Shan appears around every corner. Issyk Kul is a pristine lake. In the south, follow the trails of the ancient civilisations along the Silk Road.



### 4 TURKMENISTAN

Spirituality, tradition and natural beauty are the notable features of this little-known country. Turkmenistan has beautiful mosques and the beauty of the Karakum Desert and other phenomena such as Darvaza Crater are fascinating.

### 5 TAJIKISTAN

Tajikistan is a photogenic country and the people are hugely hospitable. Dushanbe is the capital, and a short distance away is the ancient fortress in Hissar. Culturally charming and naturally striking, Tajikistan emanates simplicity and remoteness.



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# TRANS-MONGOLIAN JOURNEY

Delve into the rich culture and spectacular landscapes of Mongolia. Ride the Trans-Mongolian Railway from Beijing to Ulaanbaatar, experience nomadic hospitality, cross endless steppes and stay in Ger camps in the Gobi.



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16 BREAKFASTS, 14 LUNCHES, 15 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB140 and US\$80 per person (paid locally in China and Mongolia)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Journey by rail

Journey from Beijing, China by overnight train to the wide-open plains of Mongolia. Pass nomadic communities and the vast Mongolian steppes.



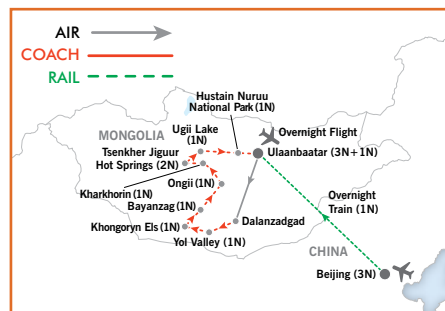
Singing Sand Dunes

Climb to the top of Mongolia's largest sand dunes, Khongoryn Els. Hear for yourself why they are known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'.



Ger camps

Be at one with the Mongolian nomadic lifestyle by staying in Ger camps - the only way to truly experience this pristine wilderness.



### Day 1: Australia to Beijing

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways to Beijing, China's capital for a three-night stay. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

### Day 2: Imperial Beijing

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Enjoy a rickshaw ride through the warren-like hutongs, and visit a local family to gain an insight into Chinese culture and local customs. This evening, enjoy a traditional dinner of Peking Duck. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: The Great Wall

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk

on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that it crosses. Visit a jade factory and savour an afternoon in the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Trans-Mongolian Railway

Board the Trans-Mongolian Express for a journey of 28 hours across a dramatically changing landscape from Beijing to Ulaanbaatar. (B)

### Day 5: Arrive Ulaanbaatar

Your train arrives into Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, this afternoon. The remainder of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### Days 6-7: Explore Ulaanbaatar

Over the next two days, explore Ulaanbaatar. Visit Gandan Monastery, the largest and most important monastery in Mongolia. There are around 150 monks in residence. Continue on to Ulaanbaatar's central square, Sukhbaatar, which covers the spot where Mongolia's independence was declared in 1921. Next, stroll through the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art to discover Mongolia's history and culture. Discover Bogd King Palace Museum one of the first museums in Mongolia, built in 1924 and was formally the winter residence of the last Bogd Khaan of Mongolia. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Gobi Desert

Fly to Dalanzadgad on the edge of the legendary Gobi Desert. Transfer to your Ger camp near Gurvansaikhan National Park for an overnight stay. This afternoon explore the Yol Valley, hiking and soaking up the spectacular views. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Khongoryn Els sand dunes

Explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, Khongoryn Els, which are also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these stark landscapes and, for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. Stay overnight in a Ger camp. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Bayanzag

Continue to Bayanzag, made up of peaks and canyons in striking red and orange sandstone. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. Visit a nomadic family who breed camels and experience the local hospitality; you can also take a short camel ride. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Ongii

Visit the ruins of the once great monastery of Ongii and see the restored temple nearby during a walking tour. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Kharkhorin

Drive to Kharkhorin, the capital of the 13th

century Mongol Empire. Explore Erdene-Zuu Monastery built on its foundation. (B,L,D)

### Days 13-14: Tsenkher Jiguur Hot Springs

Arrive at Tsenkher Jiguur and relax in the natural hot springs. Take light hikes through the surrounding forest. The next day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Lake Ugi

Head to Lake Ugi, where you will spend the night on the shores of the lake. Step out of your Ger for stunning vistas and bird spotting. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Hustain Nuruu National Park

Travel deep into the Hustain Nuruu National Park to search for Przewalski horses (takhi), an endangered species of wild horse that call Mongolia's steppes home. Spend the night in a nearby Ger camp. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Return to Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar. This afternoon is free for you to relax or do some last minute shopping for souvenirs. This evening enjoy a colourful Mongolian folklore concert and sit down to a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### Days 18-19: Ulaanbaatar to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Ulaanbaatar airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATE

18 Aug - 05 Sep \$8,780

### 2019 DATE

25 May - 12 Jun \$9,080

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

- 19 Days, Twin Share from \$8,780 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth with Cathay Pacific Airways and Mongolian Airlines
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$1,270 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Single cabins are not available on overnight Trans-Mongolia rail sector
- Land Only (Beijing to Ulaanbaatar) 18 days from \$7,170 per person twin share

### Important note:

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# MONGOLIA & THE NAADAM FESTIVAL

This tour is a journey of discovery through the land of Genghis Khan, traversing the endless plains to explore sites of immeasurable beauty. Meet the lovely people and get involved in local festivities.



EPIC JOURNEY

23

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$10,580



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



21 BREAKFASTS, 20 LUNCHES, 21 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$120 per person (paid locally in Mongolia)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



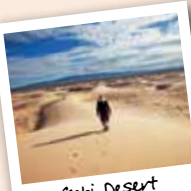
Naadam Festival

The defining festival of a country, the 'Three Manly Games' attract villagers and nomads from across Mongolia. Witness a cultural spectacular.



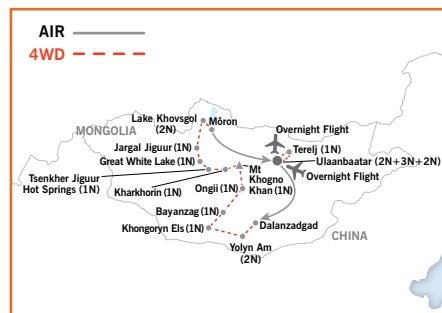
Nomadic Ger Camps

When travelling through the wilderness, nights spent in a cosy Ger Camp will give you a taste of a truly nomadic Mongolian way of life.



Gobi Desert

Travel through the Gobi Desert to see many of Mongolia's renowned landscapes, including Eagle Valley and the sand dunes at Khongoryn Els.



### Days 1-2: Australia to Ulaanbaatar

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific Airways and Mongolian Airlines to Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### Day 3: Explore Ulaanbaatar

Ulaanbaatar is, perhaps surprisingly, a lively and bustling modern city. Explore Sukhbaatar Square, the Museum of Mongolian History and the Museum of Fine Art. Also visit Gandan Monastery the largest and most important in Mongolia. (B,L,D)

### Days 4-5: Gobi Desert

Fly to Dalanzadgad which sits on the edge of the legendary and inhospitable Gobi Desert.

Transfer to the ger camp near Gurvansaikhon National Park for two nights. You'll spend two days immersed in natural beauty amongst jagged mountains and undulating sand dunes. Visit a local family to learn about their life in the desert. We also hike through the magnificent Yolym Am Gorge. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Khongoryn Els dunes

Embark on a 4WD adventure to Khongoryn Els and explore Mongolia's largest sand dunes, also known as the 'Singing Sand Dunes'. Enjoy the beauty of these landscapes and, for those who are feeling adventurous, climb to the top for fantastic views. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Flaming Cliffs

Continue exploring the magnificent landscapes of the Gobi Desert before travelling to Bayanzag. Made up of peaks and canyons in a striking fiery red and orange sandstone, the Flaming Cliffs are a spectacular sight. The area is especially important thanks to the vast number of dinosaur fossils that have been found – even the amateur eye can spot them as you wander through the canyon. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Ongiin Khiid Monastery

Journey to the banks of the Ongii River and view the atmospheric ruins of two monasteries – Barlim Khiid and Khutagt Khiid, comprising

Ongiin Khiid, formerly one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Mt Khogno Khan

Spend the day exploring around the foot of the imposing Mt Khogno Khan. Set in the beautiful surroundings of a Natural Reserve, discover the remains of 17th-century Uvgun Khiid Monastery whilst enjoying the resplendent nature and mountain vistas. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Kharkhorin City

Mongolia's former capital Kharkhorin is located in a spot picked by Genghis Khan in 1220. However, the city remained Mongolia's political, cultural and economic hub for only 40 years before power was transferred to Khanbaliq – now modern day Beijing. After the collapse of the Mongolian Empire, the city was abandoned to the elements and destroyed by roving soldiers until its remains were used to build Erdene Zuu Khiid, Mongolia's first Buddhist monastery – which we will visit today. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Tsenkher Jiguur Hot Springs

Drive to Tsenkher Jiguur and lounge in the volcanic hot springs, surrounded by alpine scenery. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Great White Lake

Enjoy the scenery of Great White Lake set amongst the extinct volcanoes of the Khangai

mountain range. The extinct Khorgo Volcano sits watching over the lake – hike up to the crater for wonderful views, or walk along the lake shore. Later visit Zagaiin Monastery in the picturesque Tsetseling Town. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Jargal Jiguur

Spend a little more time lingering in the spectacular Great White Lake before driving to Jargal Jiguur ger camp. (B,L,D)

### Days 14-15: Lake Khovsgol

The extraordinary Lake Khovsgol is known as the Blue Pearl of Mongolia, a vast body of water enveloped in dense pine forests and backed by soaring mountains. Spend two days surrounded by nature in this national park, enjoying the incredible scenery. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Lake Khovsgol to Ulaanbaatar

Travel through more delightful scenery to the city of Mörön and fly to Ulaanbaatar. View the Mongol costumes on display in Central Square. (B,L,D)

### Days 17-18: Naadam Festival

Spend two days enjoying the revelry of the traditional Naadam Festival. Dating from the times of Genghis Khan the 'three manly games' have locals taking part in Mongolian wrestling, horse racing and archery. There's also a wealth of pageantry and ceremony in a festival of

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raucous fun that you'll see nowhere else in the world. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Terelj National Park

Soak up the beautiful alpine scenery of the Terelj National Park. Visit Turtle Rock and take an easy hike up to the Aryabal Monastery, perched on the mountainside. Visit a local family to get a glimpse of their nomadic lifestyle. Spend the night in a ger camp. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Ulaanbaatar

Drive back to Ulaanbaatar, visiting the Genghis Khan statue complex en route. (B,L,D)

### Day 21: Folklore performance

Take in the views from Zaisan Memorial Hill, wander Buddha Park and visit a cashmere factory. Discover Bogd King Palace Museum. This evening sit down to a folklore performance. (B,L,D)

### Days 22-23: Ulaanbaatar to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Ulaanbaatar airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

25 Jun - 17 Jul \$10,580 08 Jul - 30 Jul \$10,580

### 2019 DATES

24 Jun - 16 Jul \$10,880 07 Jul - 29 Jul \$10,880

### Price includes:

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals as listed
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### Price guide

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- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$1,180 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Ulaanbaatar to Ulaanbaatar) 21 days from \$8,500 per person twin share

### Important note:

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# ROAD TO SAMARKAND

Journey through the heart of Central Asia crossing beautiful deserts and mountain landscapes. Discover ancient cities full of intricate Islamic architecture, thriving bazaars and a mystical old-world atmosphere, all linked with the legends of the Silk Road.



EPIC JOURNEY

26

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$9,780



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23 BREAKFASTS, 23 LUNCHES, 23 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$156 per person (paid locally in Central Asia)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Torugart Pass

Journey over the Tian Shan Heavenly Mountains to Kyrgyzstan, through the stunningly remote, wind-whipped Torugart Pass.



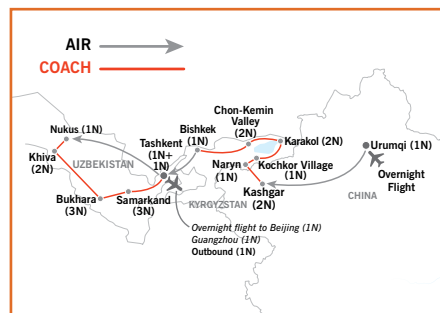
Eagle Hunting

On the banks of Lake Issyk-Kul, a skilled Eagle Hunter will demonstrate the complex working relationship between man and beast.



Samarkand

Birthplace of Tamerlane, Samarkand is an enigmatic Silk Road city, sparking the imagination of travellers for centuries.



### Days 1-2: Australia to Urumqi

Fly overnight with China Southern Airlines to Urumqi. Depending on the time of your arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

### Day 3: Tian Chi Heavenly Lake

Escape to the tranquillity of Tian Chi Heavenly Lake. In the evening fly to the remote city of Kashgar, the heart of the Silk Road. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Explore Kashgar

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from anywhere. Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's streets have remained unchanged for millennia, as it remains as much of an integral trading post as in its Silk Road heyday. Today's

visits include Akbah Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and the atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Tian Shan Mountains

Cross the border into Kyrgyzstan through the magnificent Tian Shan Heavenly Mountains. Making our way over the Torugart Pass to Naryn, stop en route at the 15th-century caravanserai at Tash Rabat. (B,L,D)

### Days 6-7: Eagle hunting and Karakol

Drive to Kochkor Village and enjoy a traditional lunch at a ger camp. Watch a 'shyrdak' demonstration (making of Kyrgyz wool carpets). The next day continue to Karakol via Bokonbayevo village on the shores of Issyk Kul, where the locals will demonstrate their skill at hunting with eagles. (B,L,D)

### Days 8-9: Explore Karakol

Spend the morning soaking up the atmosphere of the bustling animal market before examining the region's diverse religious influences with visits to the Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral and the Chinese mosque. Take an afternoon stroll in Jety-Oguz and through the beautiful Valley of Flowers. The next day visit the Przhvalsky Museum and Semenov Gorge before driving to Cholpon-Ata. Explore animal petroglyphs etched into glacial stone before continuing to Ashu in the Chon-Kemin Valley. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Ethnic Ashu Village

Walk in the foothills of the mountains and take in the local way of life in Ashu Village. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Bishkek folk performance

Drive to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital, a city of wide, leafy boulevards which contrast with the Soviet-era architecture. En route visit the 11th-century Burana Tower, an intricate minaret out in the countryside. This afternoon visit Ala Too Square and Oak Park. This evening enjoy a traditional folk performance. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Fly to Tashkent

This morning take a leisurely hike in Ala Archa National Park. This evening fly to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Journey to Nukus

Fly to Nukus. Visit Savitsky and explore the Mizdahkan, an Islamic complex in Hojeli Village. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Desert fortresses

Explore the desert fortresses of Chalkpik Kala (Tower of Silence), Kizil Kala Fortress, Toprak Kala Fortress, Ayaz Kala and Kyrk-Kyz Kala. Arrive Khiva. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Kuhna Ark Fortress

The ancient city of Khiva has a long and turbulent history as part of the Silk Road and a slave trading post. This fascinating destination

is lovely to explore – wander around the many medressahs, mosques and minarets within the ancient city walls, as well as the magnificent 17th-century Kuhna Ark Fortress. (B,L,D)

### Days 16-18: Sacred Bukhara

After a day's drive across the Kyzyl Kum desert arrive at the holiest city in Central Asia, Bukhara. Bukhara has been built up over thousands of years, with an atmospheric old centre and some pre-Soviet era architecture. Spend two days seeing the sights, with visits to the Ark Fortress, Bolo Hauz Mosque, Chor Minor, Kalon Minaret, Labi-Hauz Plaza and the summer residence of the last Bukharan Emirs. (B,L,D)

### Days 19-21: Samarkand

Perhaps the most notable name in Silk Road history Samarkand is a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets and a mystical presence. Drive to the city via Shakhrisabz, the birthplace of the great historical leader, Tamerlane. Spend two days exploring some of the many historical sites of Samarkand including the Registan, Sher Dor Medressa, the Bibi-Khanym Mosque, Shah-I-Zinda, Timur's Guri Amir Mausoleum and the Ulugh Beg Observatory. (B,L,D)

### Day 22: Samarkand to colourful Tashkent

Begin the return journey to Tashkent, passing

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through the impressive Gates of Tamerlane. This afternoon will be spent exploring this eccentric city, visiting the 16th-century Kukeldash Medressa, Kaffal Shashi Mausoleum, Khan Medressa and Khast Imom Complex. Also see the Chorsu Bazaar, a traditional market under a beautiful blue dome, the Crying Mother Monument. (B,L,D)

### Day 23: Tashkent to Beijing

Explore Tashkent, including the Museum of Applied Arts, Independence Square, 1966 earthquake memorial, Amir Timur Maydoni, the Russian-style Alisher Navoi Theatre and Broadway Street. This evening fly overnight to Beijing. (B,L,D)

### Day 24: Beijing to Guangzhou

Arrive early into Beijing and fly to Guangzhou, with the rest of the day at leisure. (B,L,D)

### Days 25-26: Guangzhou to Australia

Explore the Chen Family Temple, Six Banyan Tree Temple and neighbouring Shamian Island. Later transfer to Guangzhou airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B,L)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

06 May - 31 May \$9,780 02 Sep - 27 Sep \$9,780

### 2019 DATES

12 May - 06 Jun \$10,080 01 Sep - 26 Sep \$10,080

### Price includes:

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- All meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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### Price guide

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- Single Supplement from \$1,740 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Urumqi to Guangzhou) 24 days from \$9,000 per person twin share

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NEW

# ANCIENT LANDS OF CENTRAL ASIA

Take a journey along 2,000-plus-years of Central Asian Silk Road history. Discover Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan, through stunning scenery in the footsteps of great explorers and conquerors.



EPIC JOURNEY

28

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$12,690



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26 BREAKFASTS, 25 LUNCHES, 25 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$220 per person (paid locally in Central Asia)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



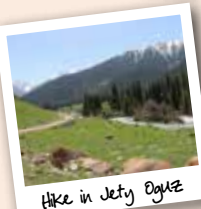
Darvaza Crater

Camp in the Karakum Desert of central Turkmenistan beside the Darvaza Crater, a huge natural gas crater known locally as the 'Gates of Hell'.



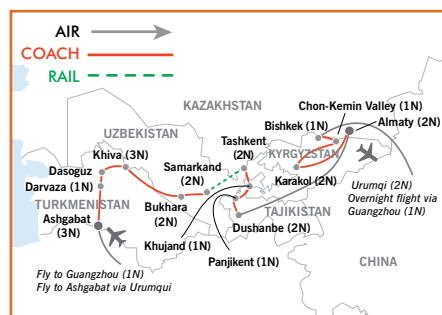
Hissar Fortress

Wander the ruins of Hissar Fortress, a short drive from Dushanbe. The fortress and surrounding structures dates back to the 16th and 18th centuries and were occupied until 1924.



Hike in Jety Oguz

Hike through the pristine alpine wilderness outside Karakol at the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Oguz.



### Day 1: Australia to Guangzhou

Fly to Guangzhou with China Southern Airlines for an overnight stay.

### Day 2: Guangzhou to Ashgabat (via Urumqi)

Fly to Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan. Ashgabat translates to 'city of love' in Arabic. (B,L,D)

### Days 3-4: Explore Ashgabat

Over the next two days, explore ancient Ashgabat. Visit the ruins of the Fortress of Nisa, stroll through the Park of Independence before visiting the impressive Ertugrul Gazi mosque. Admire the National Museum of History and Ethnography, and National Carpet Museum. Wander the colourful Russian bazaar and visit a stud farm to meet the 'winged' Akhal-Tekes horses. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Darvaza Flaming Crater

Embark on an exciting desert drive to Darvaza Crater. The crater is an 80m natural gas crater that has been alight for over 40 years and named by locals as the 'Gates of Hell' for its continuous orange flames. Camp beside the flickering crater this evening. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Darvaza to Khiva via Dasoguz

Rise early and travel to Kunya-Urgench, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This was once the capital of the medieval Khorezmshah Empire. Explore the 14th century mausoleum of Turabek Khanum, the minaret of Kutlug Timur, the mausoleum of Sultan Tekesh, the fabled al-Mamun's Academy of Sciences, and mausoleum of Il-Arslan. Cross the border to Khiva, Uzbekistan. (B,L,D)

### Days 7-8: Explore Khiva

The ancient city of Khiva has a long and turbulent history as part of the Silk Road and a slave trading post. This fascinating destination is lovely to explore – wander around the many madrassahs, mosques and minarets within the ancient city walls. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Khiva to Bukhara

Travel to Bukhara across the famous Kyzyl Kum Desert. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Bukhara

Bukhara is the holiest city in Central Asia. Explore the historic sites including Labi-Hauz Plaza, madrassahs, mosques and minarets. Stop by the 17th century Kuhna Ark Fortress and Bolo Hauz Mosque. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Samarkand

Journey to Samarkand, a UNESCO World Heritage city with an evocative skyline of domes and minarets. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Samarkand

Wander through Registan Square. See some beautiful madrassahs – the Tillya-Kori and the Sher Dor. Visit Gur Amir Mausoleum, Bibi-Khanym Mosque, the Silk Road bazaar and Shah-I-Zinda necropolis. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Tashkent

Explore Ulugh Beg Observatory and pay a visit to the ancient settlement of Afrosiab. Head to Konigil village to visit a mulberry papermaking workshop. Return to Samarkand and board your train to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Tashkent

This morning, visit Tashkent's old town sites including, Barak Khana Seminary, Tila Shaikh mosque, Chorsu Bazaar and Kukeldash Madrassah. In the afternoon, visit the Museum of Applied Arts, Independence Square and Amir Temur Square. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Tashkent to Khujand

Set out overland to Tajikistan. Cross the border

### Day 16: Khujand to Panjikent

Drive to Panjikent via Istaravshan town. Located in the northern foothills of the Turkistan mountain range, Istaravshan is one of the oldest cities in Tajikistan, having existed for more than 2,500 years. Sightseeing will include Mugtepa Fortress, Kok Gumbaz 15th Timurid Mosque, Sar-i-Mazor complex. Visit a local bazaar to see local metalworkers and woodworkers. Later, continue to Panjikent in the Zerafshan Valley. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Panjikent to Dushanbe

Explore Rudaki Historic-Ethnographic Museum and an ancient Panjikent settlement. Enjoy lunch in a traditional Chaikhana, where you can taste the local delicacy, plov. Continue to Dushanbe and take in the beautiful Iskanderkul lake en route. (B,L,D)

### Day 18: Dushanbe & Hissar

Visit the monument of Ismoil Somoni and Rudaki Park. Continue to Hissar to see the ancient fortress. Explore Madrassah Kuhna, the Museum of Tajik Way of Life. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Fly to Almaty

Visit the famous Museum of National Antiquities. Later, fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Almaty

A busy day of sightseeing awaits! Learn about the history of Kazakhstan at the Central State Museum. Stroll through Republic Square and visit the Abai Opera and Ballet Theatre, Central mosque, the Green market and the President's residence. You will also visit Zenkov Cathedral and the Museum of National Musical

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Instruments. In the afternoon, drive to Medeo to see the famous skating rink set in a stunning valley location. (B,L,D)

### Day 21: Karakol & Charyn

Travel to Karakol via Charyn. Visit the magnificent Charyn Canyon. Descend into the canyon, to the Valley of Castles for a light hike. Continue to Karakol. (B,L,D)

### Day 22: Karakol

Visit a Chinese mosque and the striking Holy Trinity Orthodox Cathedral. In the afternoon, travel to the Valley of the Flowers and Jety-Oguz for a light hike through the magnificent canyon. Watch an eagle hunting show. (B,L,D)

### Day 23: Karakol to Ashu village

Travel to Chon Kemin valley. En route explore the unique Museum of Nikolai Przhevalskii. Visit the Semenov Gorge and drive along the shore of Issyk Kul. In Cholpon-ata, explore the petroglyphs that date back to the 8th century. Chon-Kemin is a unique, pristine nature reserve. (B,L,D)

### Day 24: Ashu Village to Bishkek

Take a peaceful walk through the foothills and village. After lunch, continue to Bishkek. En route, stop by the Burana Tower. In Bishkek, tour the Manas Monument and Ala Too Square. (B,L,D)

### Day 25: Bishkek to Urumqi

Fly to Urumqi. This afternoon is at leisure. (B,L,D)

### Day 26: Tian Chi Lake

Enjoy the tranquillity of Tian Chi (Heavenly Lake). (B,L,D)

### Days 27-28: Urumqi to Australia

This morning is at your leisure before you are transferred to Urumqi airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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2018 DATE	
07 Sep - 04 Oct*	\$12,690
2019 DATE	
10 May - 06 Jun	\$12,990

### Price includes:

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- Land Only (Ashgabat to Urumqi) 26 days from \$10,700 per person twin share

### Important note:

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# SOUTHEAST ASIA



## OUR TOP TEN SOUTHEAST ASIA ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

### 1 TREKKING IN SAPA

Hike the rice fields around Sapa, passing through villages and stopping to take in spectacular views on a less-traversed route through this breathtaking part of Vietnam. Meet hill tribe people as you take a class in Batik painting in one of the villages.



### 2 FARMER AND FISHERMAN EXPERIENCE

Jump on your bicycle and take a beautiful route through Hoi An's charming rural scenery to share the work of a local farmer and attempt to paddle the unique bamboo basket boats of the local fishermen.



### 3 MINES ADVISORY GROUP, LAOS

Visit the Mines Advisory Group (MAG) and speak to its head about the vital work it does clearing the unexploded ordnance dropped on Laos during the Vietnam War and educating the local people.



### 4 HANOI STREET EATS

Embark on a culinary adventure through the street food of Hanoi, a city that has food stalls on every corner. Taste local delicacies, cooked fresh just for you.



### 5 ANGKOR WAT BY TUK TUK

See the famous Angkor Wat from the seat of a rickshaw. Pass by lotus-like towers, dense jungle and visiting monks.



### 6 MEKONG DELTA BY BICYCLE

Wheel quietly through the verdant Delta on a bicycle rickshaw, passing peaceful villages to get an insight into local life in the 'Rice Basket of Vietnam'.



### 9 MEET MYANMAR'S PADAUNG PEOPLE

The women of the Padaung tribe, with their necks elongated by heavy bronze rings, are one of the enduring images of Myanmar. Visit a Padaung community and meet these women to spend some time getting to know their way of life, their stories and their culture.



### 7 HIKE REMOTE HOANG SU PHI

Walk through rural Hoang Su Phi mountainous area, stopping in a Red Dao village to learn more about their daily lives.



### 8 VESPA THROUGH SAIGON

Ride pillion on a vintage Vespa in classic Saigon style on a night time food adventure. Enjoy a cocktail before venturing to a favourite local eating spot, finishing in a lively bar.



### 10 FLOATING VILLAGES, SIEM REAP

The floating villages of Tonle Sap Lake provide an insight into a totally different way of life. Wave at the friendly locals as you float along the village 'streets' and watch them going about their daily business on and above the water.





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Explore the best bits of Vietnam - Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hue, Hoi An and Saigon, on a flexible itinerary that gives you the choice to discover each destination independently or choose between a series of cultural experiences. This tour is Vietnam, your way.



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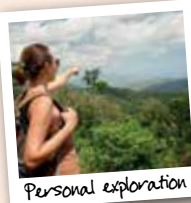
11 BREAKFASTS, 6 LUNCHES, 4 DINNERS



FLEXIBLE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$84 per person (paid locally in Vietnam)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal exploration

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Hanoi, Hue, Hoi An and Saigon on your own terms, you can.



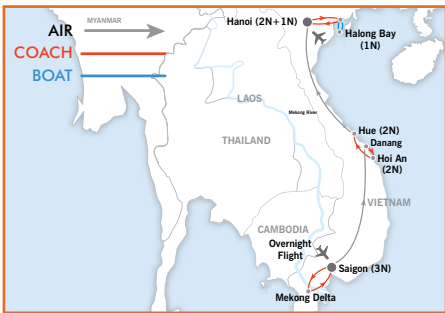
Hanoi Coffee Break

Take a break from exploring to sip on a 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) with the locals in one of Hanoi Old Quarter's many coffee shops.



Mekong Delta

Wind through sleepy backwaters and luscious plantations in a traditional boat, and discover a more relaxed pace of life in the Delta.



### 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 yours to start soaking up the local culture. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening. (D)

### Day 2: Discover Hanoi

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

### Day 3: Cruise Halong Bay

Travel to Halong Bay. Board your vessel for a

serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. You'll pass by quaint fishing towns, taste freshly caught seafood and admire the ever-changing vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard - take a swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, and even squid fishing (in season). (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Tai Chi

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

1) A mini backstage tour at the Hanoi Opera House of the cultural show 'Lang Toi', followed by dinner and the evening performance of the show itself. Or 2) discover the varied and delicious flavours of Vietnamese street food on a tour of Hanoi's very best street eats. (B)

### Day 5: Imperial Hue

Fly to Hue, Vietnam's old imperial capital and a city considered the country's hub of culture. This afternoon, visit the imperial Tomb of Minh Mang, set on peaceful spot outside the city, before exploring the decaying grandeur of Hue's imperial citadel. Admire the

Thien Mu Pagoda before boarding a boat to cruise along the picturesque Perfume River. Later, choose between a free evening for your own explorations, or a unique royal dining experience, where you will dine on authentic food and be entertained, all in the imperial style (at your own expense). (B,L)

### Day 6: Hue experiences

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

### Day 7: Travel to Hoi An

Journey by road to the charming town of Hoi An, crossing over the scenic Hai Van Pass. This afternoon, wander the old cobbled streets and soak up the delights of Hoi An, with visits to a pagoda, an old Chinese meeting house and the Reaching Out arts and crafts workshop. (B,L)

### Day 8: Hoi An Experiences

Today is a day at leisure for your own explorations, or you can choose between the following experiences (at your own expense): 1) A cooking class, with a visit to the produce market to select fresh, local ingredients, where you'll learn the tricks and techniques of Vietnamese cuisine or 2) A full day farmer and fisherman experience, where you can try your hand at traditional farming techniques in the rural village of Tra Que, before learning to

paddle round bamboo boats and cast fishing nets. (B)

### Day 9: Fly to Saigon

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

### Day 10: Cu Chi Tunnels

This morning, discover the Cu Chi Tunnels, an amazing underground network used by the Viet Cong during the war. Return to Saigon and tour the city, visiting the grand Central Post Office as well as delving into Vietnam's recent history at the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. This evening is free for your own explorations, or you can opt for dinner and a performance of the AO Show, a music, dance and acrobatic spectacular at the Saigon Opera House (at your own expense). (B,L)

### Day 11: Mekong Delta

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

### Days 12-13: Saigon to Australia

This morning is at leisure for your own explorations, or you can take an optional cyclo tour around Saigon's Chinatown (at your own expense). Transfer to the airport and board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
14 Apr - 26 Apr	\$3,680	13 Oct - 25 Oct	\$3,680
15 Sep - 27 Sep	\$3,280	10 Nov - 22 Nov	\$3,680
2019 DATES			
26 Jan - 07 Feb	\$3,980	14 Sep - 26 Sep	\$3,880
23 Feb - 07 Mar	\$3,580	12 Oct - 24 Oct	\$3,980
16 Mar - 28 Mar	\$3,980	09 Nov - 21 Nov	\$3,980
13 Apr - 25 Apr	\$3,980		

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- Single Supplement from \$510
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- Land Only (Hanoi to Saigon) 12 days from \$2,180 per person twin share

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# HIGHLIGHTS OF LAOS

Laos has remained the most pristine and culturally-intact country in Southeast Asia. Experience the old-fashioned charm of its cities, explore untouched landscapes, and meet the incredibly warm people who will bring a smile to your face with each interaction.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

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DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$4,680



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



12 BREAKFASTS, 11 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS



ACTIVE

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## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Takbat Ceremony

In Luang Prabang, take part in a solemn alms-giving ceremony; placing rice in bowls held by passing monks, deep in meditation.



Plain of Jars

Laos' mysterious stone jars have baffled archaeologists for years – wander through them and come up with your own theory!



Kuang Si Waterfalls

With water cascading over layers of turquoise pools, you'll think you're walking through an aquatic fairland at the Kuang Si falls.



### Day 1: Fly to Bangkok

Fly to Bangkok where you will spend the night. (D)

### Day 2: Fly to Luang Prabang

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

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 delightful 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: Mekong River cruise

Explore Wat Xieng Thong, considered Luang Prabang's most beautiful temple. Board a boat to cruise the mighty Mekong up to the sacred caves of Pak Ou, known for the hundreds of miniature Buddha sculptures that reside within. Visit the local villages of Thin Hong and Ban Xang Khong to witness the daily life of the local people and their cottage industries. This evening enjoy a traditional music and dance performance. (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. Browse the wares at the lively hill tribe market before a free afternoon. (B,L)

### Day 6: Journey to Phonsavan

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

### Day 7: Plain of Jars

One of the most important prehistoric sites in Indochina, these mysterious clusters of giant jars are thought to be about 2,000 years old. You 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 that are a remnant of American raids during the Vietnam War. There is also an opportunity to speak with the head of the organisation. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Tham Chang Cave

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 Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa, and the Patuxai Victory Monument. (B,L)

### Day 10: Si Phan Don

Rise early for a morning flight to Pakse. 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. The rest of the day is free. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Islands and waterfalls

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, Indochina's largest, and pop over to Khong Island by speedboat to discover its charming colonial buildings and see Liphi Waterfall, nicknamed the Devil's Corridor. Depending on the season, you may see traditional fishing techniques in action. The rest of the day is free. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Bolaven Plateau

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

### Days 13-14: Fly to Australia

Transfer to Pakse airport for your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

21 Mar - 03 Apr \$4,680 17 Oct - 30 Oct \$4,680

### 2019 DATES

20 Mar - 02 Apr \$4,980 16 Oct - 29 Oct \$4,980

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
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### Price guide

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- Single Supplement from \$630
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- Land Only (Bangkok to Bangkok) 13 days from \$3,450 per person twin share

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# THAILAND & LAOS ADVENTURE

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

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

Sao market, 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 Buddha Park. Later, enjoy dinner and a traditional Laos music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

### Days 14-15: Vientiane to Australia

Enjoy a free morning in Vientiane, making the most of the leisurely pace of life before your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**15** DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$4,480**



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



**13 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 13 DINNERS**



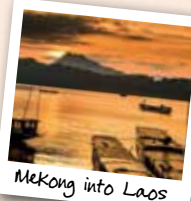
**MODERATE**

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$70 per person (paid locally in Thailand)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Spend the night in the H'mong Hill Tribe Lodge amongst spectacular scenery and share traditions with the local H'mong tribe members.



Drift gentle down the Mekong in Laos in a local wooden boat, observing life on the riverbanks and stopping to visit rural communities en route.



Witness the dawn ceremony of Takbat, a Buddhist tradition in which all of the monks from the local monasteries receive alms from the local people.



### Day 1: Fly to Bangkok

Fly to the vibrant and bustling city of Bangkok. (D)

### Day 2: Discover Bangkok

Bangkok is an exotic assault on the senses, a whirlwind of chaos, refinement and rewarding sights. A city of many faces, go from tranquil golden temples to forests of gleaming skyscrapers before experiencing authentic Asia on bustling streets. Today's sightseeing includes Wat Pho and the dazzling Grand Palace. Take to the Chao Phraya River on a longboat getting an alternative view of the city as you cruise to the Pak Klong Talaat Flower Market, then stroll through Chinatown. Enjoy dinner whilst watching a traditional music and dance show. (B,L,D)

### 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, in Thailand's north. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Explore Chiang Mai

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 Kantoke dinner and a performance of the ancient songs and dances of northern Thailand. Wander through the night bazaar in search of bargains. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: H'mong Hill tribe 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 Hill tribe Lodge amidst the striking natural beauty of the region. This evening enjoy a barbecue dinner and a cultural show. (BLD)

### Day 6: Thai Elephant Care Centre

Depart the Hill tribe Lodge for the Thai

Elephant Care Centre to spend some time meeting and feeding the beautiful pachyderms. Later, board a long tail boat on Mae Kok River to Baan Pha Tai, where you'll continue by road to Chiang Rai. Explore the colourful night market. (B,L,D)

### 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. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Cruise the Mekong

Transfer to the Thai-Laos border and climb aboard a boat to cruise along the Mekong taking in the scenery as you go. Stop at Pakbeng to visit the village of Ban Houei Lumphane before settling in for the night. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Cruise to Luang Prabang

Back on the river, continue your leisurely cruise 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. (B,L,D)

### 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. Take a city tour, seeing sights including Wat Visoun and Wat Xieng Thong. After lunch, visit Ban Xang Khong craft village and spend some time at a local wat, chatting with the friendly monks who love to practice their English. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Kuang Si Waterfalls

Rise early to witness the Buddhist ceremony of Takbat, when the monks of Luang Prabang's monastic communities collect alms. These lines of silent saffron robe-clad monks will be an enduring image of your trip. After breakfast, ascend Phousi Hill for 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. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Fly to Vientiane

Catch a flight to Laos' capital city, Vientiane. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Discover Vientiane

Nestled in a sleepy bend of the Mekong, Vientiane is a delightfully quaint city, more a friendly backwater than a chaotic capital. Spend the day exploring with a visit to Talaat

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14 Mar - 28 Mar	\$4,480	17 Oct - 31 Oct	\$4,480
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13 Mar - 27 Mar	\$4,780	16 Oct - 31 Oct	\$4,780

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- Accommodation
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- Visa fees for Australian passport holders (visa is required for Laos only)

### Price guide

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- Single Supplement from \$740
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- Land Only (Bangkok to Vientiane) 14 days from \$3,450 per person twin share

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NEW

# MYANMAR DISCOVERY

A land of dazzling pagodas, crumbling temples and age-old customs, this Immerse Yourself Tour delves deep into the magic and mystery of Myanmar. You'll explore cultural treasures, try your hand at traditional crafts and meet some of the country's diverse local people.

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

elongating their necks by wearing bronze rings – they are one of Myanmar's most iconic images. Back in Loikaw, visit the Kayah State Cultural Museum and a colonial house from 1912, used by the Shan royal family, and Taung Kwe pagoda. (B,L)

### Day 13: Yangon Explorations

Transfer to the airport and fly back to Yangon. There will be time to visit Bogyoke market to pick up a few more souvenirs and, time permitting, Botataung pagoda and Nanthida jetty. A farewell meal this evening will be at The House of Memories. In the building where General Aung San once had his office, the restaurant is filled with fascinating old mementoes. (B,L,D)

### Days 14-15: Yangon to Australia

Enjoy the morning at your leisure before you are transferred to Yangon airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**15** DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$5,580**



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



13 BREAKFASTS, 12 LUNCHES, 5 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$86 per person (paid locally in Myanmar)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Bagan by bike

Cycle amongst Bagan's incredible temples – gliding along, you'll get the perfect view of the multitude of structures, and better soak up the atmosphere.



Shan highlands

Explore the beauty of the Shan highlands on foot, passing through villages where you'll get a warm welcome from the local communities.



Intha cooking class

Inle Lake is home to the Intha people, and whilst here you will visit a traditional Intha house and take part in a cooking class.



### Day 1: Fly to Yangon

Fly to the vibrant city of Yangon for a two-night stay.

### Day 2: Discover Yangon

Start the day exploring the atmospheric Shwedagon Pagoda. Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist site, it is said to have four relics of Buddha enshrined within. Continue to browse the exhibits of the National Museum before taking a ride on the Yangon Circle Train, the authentic, local way to see the city. Learn about national hero General Aung San at a museum housed in his former home before heading into downtown Yangon to stroll through the street markets and colonial architecture. End the day with a cocktail at the Strand Hotel – built in 1901 it is still one of the city's grandest hotels. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Temples of Bagan

Fly to Bagan. Your first experience of the glorious temples will be Ananda. Built in 1091, this temple has been in constant use ever since and exudes a wonderful atmosphere. Take to the waters of the Irrawaddy and cruise to Kyun Thiri village, where you'll visit the monastery for tea and snacks. Returning to Bagan, visit a lacquerware shop before taking a horse and cart ride among the temples. Dinner includes a cultural show. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Mt Popa

Travel to Mt Popa, an extinct volcano rising out of the Myingyan Plain, where you'll ascend a volcanic plug to visit the temple on its summit. The views from the top are incredible! Returning to Bagan, stop at a toddy palm plantation to learn about this family enterprise. Later, cycle to the 11th century Shwezigon Pagoda and on to the secluded Kauk Gyu cave temple to examine the exquisite stone carvings. (B,L)

### Day 5: Mahamuni Buddha

Fly to Mandalay. Learn about the traditional industry of goldbeating and learn how to hammer gold yourself, before visiting the Mahamuni Buddha, one of the most revered Buddha images in the country. It's also the perfect place to see where what happens to all that hammered gold!

Continue to magnificent teakwood Shwenandaw monastery and Kuthodaw pagoda, home to the world's largest book. Take a relaxed cruise down the Irrawaddy to the monumental Mingun Pagoda, which dominates the river bank. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Sagaing and Inwa

Today begins at a nunnery nestled in the Sagaing Hills, before a short boat trip over to Inwa, the ancient imperial capital set on an island. A horse and cart will take you around the sights. Next, walk with the locals over U Bein Bridge, the world's longest teak bridge – the setting is beautiful. Finally, sit back and enjoy a sunset cruise on Lake Tautaman, with cocktails on hand. (B,L)

### Day 7: Pindaya Caves

Fly to Heho, in the Shan highlands, and transfer to Pindaya to discover the Shwe U Min limestone caves, a famous Buddhist pilgrimage site. Later, visit the skilled artisans who make Myanmar's iconic paper umbrellas in their workshop. The umbrellas are still made solely by hand in many beautiful shades. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Trekking in Pindaya

Set out on foot to explore the landscapes of the Shan highlands. Wander through a tea plantation and pass through villages where you'll be able to see local communities going about their daily lives. This afternoon, transfer to Inle Lake. The lake is best known for the extraordinary Intha people, who live on and around the water, and are renowned for their unique leg rowing technique. (B,L)

### Day 9: Explore Inle Lake

Discover the overgrown forest of stupas and pagodas at Indein, before taking to the waters of Inle Lake to explore. You'll float through stilt villages, stopping at the workshops of local industry – silk weaving, silver smithing and cheroot making. Stop to look at the resourceful floating gardens and keep an eye out for fishermen going about their business in Inle's unique style. (B,L)

### Day 10: Visit an Intha House

Enjoy a morning walk through a local market before visiting an Intha house for a cooking class with a local chef. You'll get to enjoy the dishes you create for lunch. This afternoon see Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, the temple at the heart of the lake community, then head onto dry land to take a tuk tuk to the Red Mountain winery. Here, you'll have a tour of this wine making facility including a tasting. (B,L)

### Day 11: Loikaw

Take a boat to Loikaw, a place that offers a glimpse of wonderfully authentic Myanmar. Make stops en route at local villages to see pottery makers and rice wine producers as well as the picturesque partially submerged pagodas at Sagar. Disembark at Pe Khone, an area where Shan, Pa O and Intha ethnic groups make their homes, and travel to Loikaw. (B,L)

### Day 12: Explore Loikaw

Visit more of Myanmar's ethnic minority groups in Pan Pat village, home to the Kayah Padaung people. The women of this group are famous for

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27 Jan - 10 Feb	\$5,980	13 Oct - 27 Oct	\$6,080
24 Feb - 10 Mar	\$6,080	10 Nov - 24 Nov	\$6,080

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NEW

# VIETNAM ADVENTURE

Journey from Sapa in Vietnam's northern reaches, where you'll hike amongst rice terraces and meet ethnic minority people, through the heritage-rich cities of Hanoi, Hoi An and Saigon, to the very south, where you'll explore the canals of the lush Mekong Delta.

SOUTHEAST ASIA



## Day 11: DMZ

Take a full-day tour to the DMZ, the buffer that existed between North Vietnam and South Vietnam during the War. You'll visit the Vinh Moc tunnels and battleground of Khe Sanh before driving on to Hue, Vietnam's last imperial capital. (B,L,D)

## Day 12: Hue's Imperial City

Embark on a cyclo tour of the city, heading to the Imperial Citadel and Purple Forbidden City – built in 1362 it was home to Vietnam's Nguyen dynasty from 1802 to 1945. The banks of the Perfume River outside the city are dotted with UNESCO-listed Imperial tombs – visit Minh Mang's before cruising on the river itself. (B,L)

## Day 13: Hoi An Walking Tour

Journey to Hoi An, stopping en route to visit the Lady Buddha, a 67-metre high Bodhisattva of Mercy, on the picturesque Son Tra peninsula. Arrive in Hoi An and head out onto the town's charming streets on a walking tour that will take you past old Chinese trader's houses to the elaborate Japanese Bridge. (B,L,D)

## Day 14: Farmer and Fisherman Experience

Hop on your bike today and pedal 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 relaxed boat ride to a peaceful fishing village, where you can try making a fishing net and go paddling in unique bamboo basket boats. (B,L)

## Day 15: Explore Saigon

Transfer to Danang and fly to the vibrant city of Saigon. On arrival, explore Saigon's Central Post Office, before strolling the grand Rue Catinat to the Hotel Continental. Later, ascend to the rooftop bar of the Hotel Caravelle for city views (drinks at your own expense), before an exhilarating ride through Saigon's streets, riding pillion on the back of a vintage Vespa. Continue to a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night with drinks and live music (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

Thao and Giang Ta Chai villages – at Giang Ta Chai, there is an attractive waterfall. All aboard the overnight train to Hanoi. (B,L,D)

## Days 7-8: Cruise Halong Bay

Arrive into Hanoi and 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 vistas of the bay. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard - swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, and even squid fishing (in season). (B,L,D) On day 8, rise early to catch the sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and take the overnight train to Dong Hoi. (B,D)

## Day 9: Phong Nha Cave

Arrive in Dong Hoi this morning. Dong Hai is a coastal city that is the gateway to Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park. The park is home to more karst landscapes within which have formed some of the world's most spectacular caves. You will explore Phong Nha, only accessible by river. Once inside the cave, your boatman will row you 1.5km into the 45km-long cave. Marvel at the incredible caverns filled with stalactites. You will also explore one cave on foot. (B,L,D)

## Day 10: Paradise Cave

Spend the morning discovering the wonders of the cathedral-esque Paradise Cave. (B,L)

## Day 3: Temple of Literature and Lao Cai

Rise early today and visit the fabulous flower market in Quang Ba, and see Tai Chi at Hoan Kiem Lake – an oasis of peace and daily life in the centre of Hanoi. Visit the Temple of Literature and the Old Quarter, with a stop for local delicacy 'ca phe trung' (egg coffee) en route. Board the overnight train to Lao Cai. (B,L,D)

## Day 4: Minority Villages

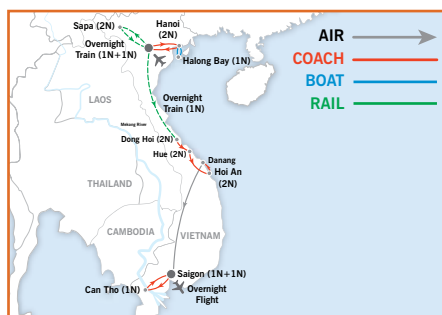
After an early morning arrival and breakfast, transfer to beautiful Sapa. Later you will trek through luscious, stepped rice paddies and hills visiting small villages to rest and meet the communities who call them home, ending your walk at Ham Rong Mountain. (B,L)

## Day 5: Sapa Trekking

Your Sapa adventure continues with approximately seven hours of trekking through the rice terraces, visiting the H'Mong villages of Y Linh Ho and Cat Cat. Continue to Ta Van and try your hand at batik painting, in a class lead by a Black H'mong woman. Sit down for a chat with an ethnic minority family in Lao Chai village. (B,L)

## Day 6: Train to Hanoi

Take a free morning to soak up views around Sapa before an afternoon trek between Hau



## Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced atmospheric capital. (D)

## Day 2: Discover Local Hanoi

Begin with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Complex and the Ethnology Museum to learn about the country's ethnic groups. Enjoy lunch at Koto restaurant before visiting a water puppet artist for a chance to participate in the creation of the puppets and to enjoy a private performance. Tonight, discover Hanoi's street-side night life and taste the varied flavours of Vietnamese street food such as Pho Cuon and Banh Xeo – a truly local way of eating dinner! (B,L,D)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Sapa Hike

Covered in curvaceous, verdant rice terraces, Sapa is a gem to explore. Stop at ethnic villages to learn more about life in the area.



Hoi An by Bicycle

Crumbling, flower-covered houses give way to green fields and seaside as you cycle through the charming streets of Hoi An.



Mekong Delta

Wind over sleepy backwaters and through luscious jungle on the back of a rickshaw, and discover a more relaxed pace of life in the Delta.

19 DAYS FROM PER PERSON \$4,840



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



17 BREAKFASTS, 16 LUNCHES, 12 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$108 per person (paid locally in Vietnam)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
03 Feb - 21 Feb	\$4,840	21 Aug - 08 Sep	\$5,340
19 May - 06 Jun	\$5,140		
2019 DATES			
09 Feb - 27 Feb	\$5,240	20 Aug - 07 Sep	\$5,740
18 May - 05 Jun	\$5,540		

## Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

## Price guide

- 19 Days, Twin Share from \$4,840 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$780
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Hanoi to Saigon) 18 days from \$3,740 per person twin share

## Important note:

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# VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

Discover two countries shaped by a fascinating past. Hike the rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi, sample street food in Hanoi. End by exploring the Angkor Wat complex by tuk tuk.

**20** DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$4,980**

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$90 per person (paid locally in Vietnam)

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

**18 BREAKFASTS, 15 LUNCHES, 12 DINNERS**

**ACTIVE**

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Hoang Su Phi

Sapa's premier trekking destination, Hoang Su Phi's Rice Terraces change year round – from glassy pools of water to cascading layers of green.



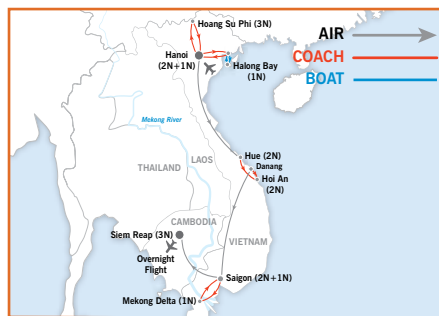
Saigon by Vespa

In true Vietnamese style, ride pillion through the streets of Saigon on a night time adventure, stopping for cocktails and local food.



Angkor by Tuk Tuk

Unleash your inner Indiana Jones on a tuk tuk adventure through the mysterious, forest-consumed temples of Angkor.



### Day 1: Fly to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's colonially influenced capital. (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, before visiting Ngoc Son temple, perched on an island in Hoan Kiem Lake. 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 have a good time. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Hoang Su Phi

After breakfast 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: Hike through the Rice Terraces

Take an unforgettable journey on foot through the epic rice terraces of Hoang Su Phi. As you turn every corner, a new view of this outstanding landscape of lush, mist-wreathed terraces will unfold in front of you, providing a plethora of unreal photo opportunities. You'll make stops at a Red Dao village to learn about local life, 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. There are many activities to take part in while you're onboard – swim in the cool waters of the bay, explore stalagmite and stalactite-filled caves, and even squid fishing (in season). (B,L,D) On day 8, rise early to catch the

sunrise over the karst peaks of the bay and practice Tai Chi on deck. Return to Hanoi and fly to Hue. (B,D)

### Day 9: 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. Take a cyclo tour on the banks of the Perfume River. (B,L)

### Day 10: Charming Hoi An

Drive to Hoi An, stopping en route at the Museum of Cham Sculpture. Spend the afternoon 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. Arguably Vietnam's friendliest town, Hoi An is always a favourite for relaxed exploration. (B,L)

### Day 11: Farmer and Fisherman Experience

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

### Day 12: Hoi An at Leisure

Enjoy some free time in this beautiful town before flying to Saigon in the late afternoon. (B,D)

### Day 13: Saigon Old and New

Discover the amazing network of the Cu Chi Tunnels. 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 and the War Remnants Museum. This evening take an exhilarating ride on the back of a vintage Vespa, classic Saigon pillion style. Continue to a favourite local eating spot. Wind up your night with drinks, accompanied by a live band (at your own expense). (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. After lunch, cycle through rice fields and coconut groves and visit the Cao Dai Temple, local markets and a bonsai village. Spend the night in a riverside resort. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Cycle along the Mekong

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

### Day 16: Cambodian Circus

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. There is a special treat that awaits in the form of a performance from the PHARE Cambodian Circus, an NGO that teaches street children to become internationally renowned circus 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

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

Thom and the Bayon Temple, a 12th-century masterpiece. Lastly, buried deep in the jungle, you will find Ta Prohm; a photogenic and atmospheric smorgasbord of trees twisting through temple ruins. (B,L)

### Day 18: Kompong Kleang Floating Village

High water season (Aug-Feb)  
Visit Kompong Kleang, a settlement of over 20,000 people housed in wooden structures on stilts, suspended up to ten metres above the water. Greeted by waves of friendly locals, here you can glimpse Cambodia's countryside culture and easy going family lifestyle. After lunch, head out into the dense forest and find the hidden temple of Beng Mealea, whose wonders lay undiscovered for centuries. (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 where you can participate in fishing or farming; learning more about the way of life here. Return to Siem Reap, visiting the hidden temple of Beng Mealea on the way. (B,L,D)

### Days 19-20: Siem Reap to Australia

Transfer to Siem Reap airport and board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES **AIRFARES INCLUDED**

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
17 Feb - 08 Mar	\$5,280	20 Oct - 08 Nov	\$4,980
03 Mar - 22 Mar	\$5,080	24 Nov - 13 Dec	\$5,080
17 Mar - 05 Apr	\$5,080		
2019 DATES			
16 Feb - 07 Mar	\$5,780	19 Oct - 07 Nov	\$5,480
02 Mar - 21 Mar	\$5,580	09 Nov - 28 Nov	\$5,580
16 Mar - 04 Apr	\$5,580		

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- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
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- Single Supplement from \$675
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NEW

# INDOCHINA: THE BIG ONE

This complete Indochina adventure, covering Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, shows you the highlights of the region whilst giving you plenty of time for independent exploration and a choice of experiences to help you delve deeper into the local culture and heritage.

27

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$6,380



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE &amp; PERTH



25 BREAKFASTS, 14 LUNCHES, 8 DINNERS



FLEXIBLE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$156 per person (paid locally in Vietnam)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Personal exploration

Choose between optional excursions and free time, so if you want to delve deeper into Hanoi, Hue, Hanoi and Saigon on your own terms, you can.



Mai Chau on foot

Hike through the beautiful rurality of Mai Chau and meet some of the many ethnic minority communities that call the area home.



Angkor by tuk tuk

Unleash your inner explorer on a tuk tuk adventure through the mysterious, jungle-consumed temples of Angkor.



### Day 1: Fly to Saigon

Fly to Saigon for a two-night stay. (D)

### Day 2: Explore Saigon

Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels. Return to Saigon and tour the Central Post Office as well as the Reunification Palace and War Remnants Museum. (B,L)

### Day 3: The Mekong Delta

Transfer to Ben Tre in the heart of the Mekong Delta. Cycle through lush scenery to a local house for lunch and stay overnight in Ben Tre. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Cho Lach

Visit Vinh Bac bonsai and flower village. Return to Saigon. This evening is free, or

there are three optional excursions available (at your own expense): 1) dinner and an AO Show performance at the Saigon Opera House, 2) a tour of Saigon at night on a Vespa, or 3) discover street food on a tour of Saigon's best street eats. (B,L)

### Day 5: Discover Hoi An

Fly to charming Hoi An. This afternoon, wander the old cobbled streets and soak up the town's delights. (B,L)

### Day 6: Hoi An Experiences

Today is at leisure for your own explorations, or choose between the following experiences (at your own expense): 1) A cooking class, with a visit to the produce market, or 2) a full day farmer and fisherman experience, learning traditional techniques of both. (B)

### Day 7: Travel to Hue

Journey by road to Hue via the Hai Van Pass and stop en route at the Son Tra Peninsula. (B,L)

### Day 8: Explore Hue

Take a cyclo ride up to Hue's Imperial Citadel. Visit the imperial tomb of Minh Mang, before admiring Thien Mu Pagoda and a cruise on the Perfume River. (B,L)

### Day 9: Fly to Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's atmospheric capital. This evening is free, with the option of taking a mini backstage tour of the Hanoi Opera House, followed by dinner and a performance of 'Lang Toi' (at your own expense). (B)

### Day 10: Discover Hanoi

Explore the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, visiting the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Stilt House and the Temple of Literature. Next, take a thrilling cyclo ride through the bustling streets of the Old Quarter. This evening, enjoy a traditional water puppets show. (B,L)

### Day 11: Mai Chau

Journey west to Mai Chau, where a patchwork of rice fields and tiny stilt house villages are set against a backdrop of rolling hills. Walk to the ethnic minority villages of Pom Coong and Lac and explore magnificent Mo Luong cave. This evening, enjoy dinner with a traditional dance performance in Lac village. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Mai Chau experiences

Today is at leisure, or choose between the following experiences (at your own expense): 1) Spend the day walking amongst the incredible limestone landscapes of Pu Luong Nature Reserve, or 2) a cycling adventure through Mai Chau, an alternative way to see this beautiful, untouched area. (B)

### Day 13: Return to Hanoi

Spend the morning at leisure before returning to Hanoi. (B)

### Day 14: Cruise Halong Bay

Travel to Halong Bay. Board your junk boat for a serene and unforgettable cruise on the glassy, limestone-studded waters. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Tai Chi

Rise early to catch the sunrise and practice Tai Chi on deck. After brunch on board, return to Hanoi. (B)

### Day 16: Fly to Laos

This morning is at leisure, with two optional activities available (at your own expense): 1) a Vietnamese cooking class, or 2) a tour of the Hanoi's hidden gems. Later, fly to Luang Prabang, Asia's most atmospheric city. (B)

### Day 17: See Luang Prabang

Rise early to witness the daily dawn ceremony of Takbat, before heading to the beautiful Kuang Si Waterfalls and the Sun Bear Conservation Centre. Later, see Wat Xieng Thong and take in the sunset views from Mount Phousi. This evening is free, with the option of taking part in a traditional Baci ceremony (at your own expense). (B,L)

### Day 18: Fly to Vientiane

This morning is at leisure with two optional experiences available (at your own expense): 1) learn about the traditional uses of bamboo, from products to food with a bamboo experience, or 2) travel up the Mekong by boat to visit the Pak Ou Caves. This afternoon, fly to Vientiane. (B)

### Day 19: Explore Vientiane

Visit the city's most important sights - Wat Si Saket, Wat Phra Keo, That Luang Stupa and Patuxai Victory Monument before spending time at Buddha Park. This evening, enjoy a music and dance performance. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Fly to Phnom Penh

Fly to Phnom Penh. (B,D)

### Day 21: Explore Phnom Penh

Take a cyclo through the city to Wat Phnom before heading to the glittering Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, and the National Museum. This afternoon is free, with two optional extra experiences (at your own expense): 1) a visit to Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killing Fields, or 2) a boat trip up the Mekong to Silk Island to visit a silk weaving village. (B,L)

### Day 22: Fly to Siem Reap

Fly to Siem Reap, the gateway to the Temples of Angkor! (B,D)

### Day 23: Temples of Angkor

See the world-famous Angkor temples from the back of a traditional tuk tuk - ride to Angkor Thom and the Bayon, before jungle-enveloped Ta Prohm. You'll then explore magnificent Angkor Wat, before sunset at Pre Rup. This evening is free, with an option to attend the Phare Cambodian Circus (at your own expense). (B,L)

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

### Day 24: Siem Reap

Enjoy a free day or take part in one of the following optional tours. Choose between (at your own expense): 1) a full day amongst rural Cambodian communities, learning about their daily life, or 2) explore the hidden temple of Beng Mealea. (B)

### Day 25: Tonle Sap

#### High water season (Aug-Feb)

Cruise on the waters of Tonle Sap to visit the village of Kompong Kleang. A fully-fledged village of both floating and stilted houses, here you'll get a glimpse of real Cambodian village.

#### Low water season (Mar-Jul)

The village of Chong Khneas is a floating village right on the edge of the Tonle Sap where you can see locals going about their day to day lives on and by the water.

Both seasons include dinner with a traditional Apsara dance show this evening. (B,L,D)

### Days 26-27: Siem Reap to Australia

Transfer to Siem Reap airport and board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

15 Apr - 11 May	\$6,680	14 Oct - 09 Nov	\$6,880
16 Sep - 12 Oct	\$6,380	11 Nov - 07 Dec	\$6,880

### 2019 DATES

10 Feb - 08 Mar	\$7,080	08 Sep - 04 Oct	\$7,280
10 Mar - 05 Apr	\$6,780	13 Oct - 08 Nov	\$7,280
07 Apr - 03 May	\$7,280	03 Nov - 29 Nov	\$7,280

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# INDIAN SUBCONTINENT



## OUR TOP TEN INDIAN SUBCONTINENT ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

### 1 CHITWAN NATIONAL PARK SAFARI

Jump into a jeep to discover a jungle of towering trees and twisting vines, of pre-historic rhinos and magnificent elephants, brilliantly coloured birds and if you are very lucky - the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger.



### 2 HIKE TO TIGER'S NEST

Perched precariously above Bhutan's Paro Valley, the Tiger's Nest Monastery can only be reached on foot. Walk with pilgrims through tranquil woodland and spinning prayer wheels whilst admiring the views as you go.



### 3 LAMA BLESSING

Boudhanath stands tall above Kathmandu's skyline - it is Nepal's most sacred stupa. Admire it, and the views from it, and explore its monastery where you will be honoured with a blessing by one of the resident Lamas.



### 4 RICKSHAW TOUR OF AGRA

Ride a rickshaw through the streets of Agra passing by old bazaars, traditional eating joints and places of worship. You'll get a real feel for this melting pot of a city, with its multi-cultural influences.



### 5 RAJASTHAN BY BULLOCK CART

Explore pastoral landscapes around Bijaynagar in true rural style - by bullock cart! Pass through villages where you can meet the locals.



### 6 CYCLE UDAIPUR

Hop on a bike and cycle amongst the intricate palaces, temples and back streets of this atmospheric city. Finish by the water and take a spectacular sunset cruise.



### 9 KHECHEOPALRI LAKE

Sacred to people of both the Buddhist and Hindu faiths, Khecheopalri Lake is believed to fulfill wishes. Set amongst beautiful scenery, the area is also known for its biodiversity - walk with the pilgrims on their kora.



### 7 HIKING IN POKHARA

Follow trails through rural villages and coffee plantations to a vantage point for breathtaking views over shimmering Phewa Lake and the surrounding valleys.



### 8 YAK BURGERS, LHASA

Sit down to a meal of delicious yak burgers (they taste like beef ones) and celebrate this incredible, shaggy beast.



### 10 NEPALI COOKING CLASS

Take a cooking class to learn the traditional techniques and flavors of Nepalese cuisine before sitting down to enjoy what you have prepared.





NEW

## NEPAL UNCOVERED

Set in one of the world's most magnificent locations, Nepal is a land of richness and diversity. Explore under the gaze of Himalayan peaks, discovering the heritage of the Kathmandu Valley, the wildlife of Chitwan and hiking amongst the beauty of Pokhara.

INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

12

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$4,680



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE &amp; PERTH



10 BREAKFASTS, 7 LUNCHES, 9 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$80 per person (paid locally in Nepal)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Lama Blessing

Visit Kathmandu's most sacred stupa, where you'll explore the monastery and be honoured with a blessing from one on the resident lamas.



Chitwan Safari

Relive scenes from the Jungle Book as you meet the elephants and the myriad of other wildlife from Nepal's beautiful Terai region.



Pokhara

Hike to an ethnic minority village set high above Lake Phewa to meet the locals residents and even see inside a traditional house.



## Day 1: Fly to Kathmandu

Fly to Kathmandu, Nepal. Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. (D)

## Day 2: Explore Kathmandu

Discover the ancient, hilltop Swayambhunath Temple, the medieval architecture of Durbar Square, before a rickshaw ride through the chaotic streets Indra Chowk and Ason Tole to the tourist district of Thamel. Head to Boudhanath Stupa for a very special Lama blessing before finishing the day at the Hindu temple of Pashupatinath. (B,L,D)

## Day 3: Nepali cooking class

Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom. Take a walking tour through the heritage architecture of its Durbar Square and admire the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Royal Palace. Enjoy a cooking class, to learn to prepare several Nepali dishes and dine on what you've created for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L)

## Day 4: Manakamana Temple

Leave Kathmandu for Chitwan, stopping en route at the temple of Manakamana. Soar up the steep hillside in a cable car to reach this tiered pagoda, and enjoy the breathtaking Himalayan views. Continue on to Chitwan National Park, one of Asia's richest and most spectacular national parks. On arrival, check into your jungle lodge and spend the rest of the day enjoying activities such as jungle walks, village walks, jeep safaris and canoe rides. (B,L,D)

## Day 5: Chitwan National Park

Continue your explorations of Chitwan National Park through activities such as jeep safaris, canoe rides, village walks and jungle walks. (B,L,D)

## Day 6: Travel to Bandipur

Drive from Chitwan to Bandipur, a hill station and ancient trading post. It is a prime example of a Newari mountain town – untouched by modernisation, it is full of old houses and temples from the medieval era, as well as being in a region rich with cultural diversity. The afternoon is at leisure to begin exploring. (B,D)

## Day 7: Thani Mai hike

Rise early to transfer to Thani Mai (Old Fort), which sits on top of Gurungche Hill and hike up the hill for glorious views of the surrounding landscapes, with the Himalayas on the horizon at sunrise. Return to the hotel for breakfast before departing for Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Lake Phewa with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. On arrival, the rest of the day will be at leisure. (B,L,D)

## Day 8: Hiking in Pokhara

Drive out to Khade Khola from where you'll head out on foot into the beautiful landscapes that surround Pokhara. The area is occupied by ethnic minority groups such as Gurungs, Brahmins and Dalits and you'll hike to a local village set high up the valley with magnificent views of the mountains, Lake Phewa and the valley as a whole. Here you will get to meet the friendly villagers and see inside a house – a glimpse at life of rural Nepal. Return to Pokhara. (B,L,D)

## Day 9: Fly to Kathmandu

Spend the morning at leisure in Pokhara before transferring to the airport to fly back to Kathmandu. On arrival, the rest of the day is free to spend as you wish. (B,L,D)

## Day 10: Explore Bhaktapur

The third and final of the Kathmandu Valley's medieval city states (along with Kathmandu and Patan), Bhaktapur is considered the best preserved and most atmospheric. On arrival, visit the home of a Newari family – enjoy a traditional welcome, learn about the Newari's way of life, their culture and traditions, and tour the house. Wander Bhaktapur's cobbled streets to the magnificent Durbar Square and admire the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows. Finally, head into the heart of Bhaktapur's ceramics industry, to Potters' Square to visit a pottery work. Learn traditional pottery skills from a master potter and take home your creation. This evening, enjoy a Nepali farewell dinner and cultural show. (B,D)

## Days 11-12: Kathmandu to Australia

The morning is at leisure before boarding your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

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## 2018 DATES

25 Sep - 06 Oct \$4,680 09 Oct - 20 Oct \$4,680

## 2019 DATES

24 Sep - 05 Oct \$5,080 08 Oct - 19 Oct \$5,080

## Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

## Price guide

- 12 Days, Twin Share from \$4,680 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$940
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Kathmandu to Kathmandu) 11 days from \$3,160 per person twin share

## Important note:

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes, correct as at 12 July 2017 and subject to change. Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$80 (AU\$108) is paid locally in Nepal. Depending on airline schedules, extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers may be required at additional cost.



# NEW DISCOVER KERALA

Kerala's tropical landscapes range from golden beaches and mellow backwaters to jungle-clad hills and lush paddies. A long history of trade has made it culturally rich and diverse, full of colourful ritual and exuberant arts – all of which you'll explore.



culture and religion – this is reflected in the sights you will visit today – a Jain temple, the Shiva and Snake temple, Kalpathy Brahmin village and Hyder Ali's Fort. (B,L,D)

**Day 10: Traditional fortune telling**  
Start the day with a yoga class, a walk through the rice paddies and a tumbler of tea with local villagers. Climb aboard a bullock-drawn cart to travel through winding lanes to visit some of the area's cottage industries. Meet the artisans, including a potter and basket weaver and see the technique of toddy tapping. This afternoon, prepare for something mystical! Learn about fortune telling and have your own fortune read. (B,L,D)

**Day 11: Kodungalloor**  
Travel from Palakkad back to Kochi, stopping en route at the old port town of Kodungalloor. The town is considered the cradle of several world religions in India – Christians, Jews, Muslim and Hindus all settled here centuries ago, creating the perfect microcosm of Kerala's, and India's, diversity. Visits include the 52 AD Kottakavu Church, Cheraman Masjid, India's first mosque and Chenamangalam synagogue. Arrive in Kochi where there is an option to take a sunset cruise along the beautiful Malabar Coast (at your own expense). (B,L,D)

**Days 12-13: Kochi to Australia**  
Enjoy a free morning to spend at your leisure. You will be transferred to Kochi airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

may spot some wildlife, such as elephant, gaur and sambar on the bank of the lake. The afternoon is at leisure. (B,L,D)

**Day 7: Tea and spices**  
Journey into the Western Ghats to the hill station of Munnar, stopping en route at spice plantations and organic spice gardens to see what they grow, how it's grown and how it is used in day to day life. Later, visit a tea plantation and museum where you can get involved in the processes of running the plantation, such as plucking and planting, and learn about the history of tea in the area. (B,L,D)

**Day 8: Munnar hiking**  
Travel just out of town to the Letchmi hills, where your hike will begin. Strike out into tea plantations, climbing a hill to follow a beautiful ridge through grassland, passing more plantations and forest and absorbing spectacular views as you go. After a picnic lunch, wander through a Nature Zone, spotting exotic plants and birds that are endemic to the region. Return to Munnar where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B,L,D)

**Day 9: Explore Palakkad**  
Journey to the city of Palakkad. Visit Kandath Tharavad, a 200-year-old Keralan architectural gem built from mud and teak, before exploring the city itself. Kerala as a whole has long been a crossroads of trade and therefore, diverse

**Day 3: Cooking class & home stay**  
Travel to Muhamma, a town nestled amongst lush paddy fields in the 'rice bowl' of Kerala. Enjoy a cooking demonstration where you'll see local Keralan cuisine being prepared. Tonight, you will be staying in a homestay with a Keralan family – you'll get the chance to witness the local cooking culture first-hand, and be part of family life. (B,L,D)

**Day 4: Kerala's backwaters**  
Transfer to the jetty at Alleppey and board your kettuvallam, the local name for the houseboats. Sit back and relax as your boat cruises the beautiful jade water, meandering through canals, rivers and lakes, passing tiny villages, swaying palms, lush paddy fields and people going about their lives on the riverbanks. Dine on food cooked fresh onboard before retiring to your cabin for a night on the water. (B,L,D)

**Day 5: Kathakali**  
Disembark and proceed to Thekkady, one of Kerala's most nature-rich areas. This evening, enjoy a colourful Kathakali dance performance, one of the old art-forms of Kerala. (B,L,D)

**Day 6: Bamboo rafting**  
Ride a bamboo raft on a lake at the heart of Periyar National Park. From the water, you'll get beautiful views of the forested hills and



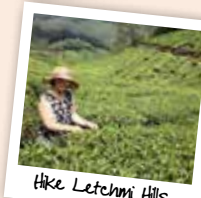
**Day 1: Fly to Kochi**  
Fly to Kochi. Depending on your time of arrival the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

**Day 2: Explore Kochi**  
Take a full-day tour of Kochi. Start at the Dutch Palace, once home to the rajas of Kochi, and the synagogue at the heart of the Jewish Quarter, St Francis Church, and Santa Cruz Basilica. Drive along the coast to the mouth of the harbour to view the Chinese fishing nets, brought here by Chinese traders in the 14th century. Finish the day at Fort Kochi where you can stroll amongst historical Dutch and Portuguese buildings. This evening find relaxation with an Ayurvedic massage at your hotel. (B,L,D)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Stay overnight in the 'rice bowl' of Kerala with a family in Muhamma, a lush rice paddy township. Learn the art of Keralan cuisine and be part of family life.



Hike through tea plantations, along ridges and through grasslands. Soak up the spectacular views and keep your eyes peeled for exotic plants and birds.



Greet the day with a yoga class, stroll through rice paddies to meet local artisans, and learn the traditional arts of toddy-tapping and fortune-telling.

## INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

**SRI LANKA EXTENSION**  
FROM \$2,580pp twin share  
FROM \$3,750pp sole traveller

**Day 12: Fly to Colombo**  
Fly from Kochi to Colombo. On arrival, transfer to the beachside town of Negombo.

**Day 13: Travel to Sigiriya**  
Transfer to the heart of Sri Lanka's 'Cultural Triangle', Sigiriya.

**Day 14: Explore Sigiriya**  
Discover the UNESCO-listed Rock Fortress, also known as 'Lion Rock'. Continue to Polonnaruwa, a ruined city full of magnificent stupas, frescoes and statues.

**Days 15-16: Minneriya - Kandy**  
Look for elephants on safari through Minneriya National Park. Transfer to Kandy. The following day visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

**Days 17-18: Nuwara Eliya**  
Board the train to Nuwara Eliya. The next day visit St Clair's Falls and enjoy High Tea.

**Day 19: Discover Colombo**  
Drive to Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city and have the afternoon at leisure.

**Days 20-21: Colombo to Australia**  
Enjoy a morning city tour of Colombo. Later, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
28 Mar - 09 Apr	\$4,680	14 Nov - 26 Nov	\$4,880
17 Oct - 29 Oct	\$4,880		
2019 DATES			
27 Mar - 08 Apr	\$5,080	13 Nov - 25 Nov	\$5,280
16 Oct - 28 Oct	\$5,280		

- Price includes:**
- International flights and current taxes
  - Domestic transportation
  - Accommodation
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  - Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Price guide**
- 13 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$4,680 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
  - Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
  - Single Supplement from \$1,270  
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
  - Land Only (Kochi to Kochi) 12 days from \$3,460 per person twin share

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# VIBRANT INDIA

Explore the colourful and lively Rajasthan state; from the big cities to the small, remote villages. Your imagination will be captured with the sights and sounds as you engage with the people that make this such a magical region of India.



## INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

done on the interiors. Visit Agra Fort then return to Delhi in the afternoon. (B,L)

### Day 14: Delhi city tour

Discover Old and New Delhi on a full-day city tour. This city bursting with energy and colour will enliven your senses as you take a rickshaw ride through narrow lanes, visit the largest mosque in India, Jama Masjid, plus the Jain Temple before savouring lunch at Chor Bazaar. Continue your tour with a visit to the Qutab Minar Complex, Parliament House, India Gate, and Humayun's Tomb. (B,L,D)

### Days 15-16: Delhi to Australia

Visit the Delhi Haat and enjoy some free time to shop for last minute souvenirs before you are transferred to Delhi airport for your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**16** DAYS FROM **PER PERSON \$5,580**



FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH



14 BREAKFASTS, 13 LUNCHES, 10 DINNERS



MODERATE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$85 per person (paid locally in India)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Cycle in Udaipur

Cycle through the back streets of the Old City, passing by temples and bazaars, then finish at iconic Lake Pichola for a sunset cruise.



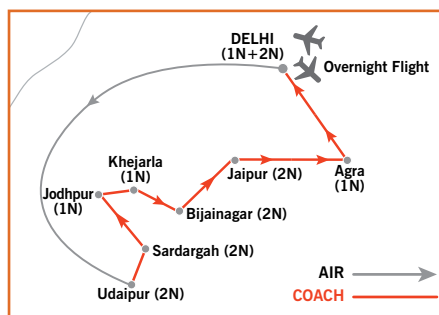
Rajasthan by Jeep

Take a jeep safari through the village and desert landscapes of Rajasthan, stopping en route at colourful local villages.



Rickshaw Ride

Take a rickshaw through colourful Delhi, finishing with lunch at the exciting Chor Bazaar; a menagerie of busy trading.



### Day 1: Australia to Delhi

Fly to Delhi for an overnight stay. The city is split into two areas; Old Delhi and New Delhi. In Old Delhi you will find the old city wall and a maze of small alleyways lined with legendary bazaars, where the goods spill out onto the pavement. New Delhi is characterised by the grandeur of 19th century buildings and wide, tree-lined boulevards.

### Day 2: Cycling in Udaipur

Fly to Udaipur, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon enjoy a gentle cycling tour through the back streets of the old city. Ride through Jagdish Chowk, visit Jagdish Temple and head toward the Clock Tower, riding through Bada Bazaar. Cycle on the banks of Lake Pichola through the narrow

streets of the old city and finally end the tour at the Tripolia Gate of the City Palace. Board your boat for a sunset cruise on Lake Pichola, including a visit to the 17th-century built Jagmandir Island, also known as the Lake Garden Palace. (B,D)

### Day 3: Udaipur

See the sights of Udaipur on a tour including the City Palace, which houses the Dilkush Mahal, Sheesh Mahal, Moti Mahal and the Palace of Lord Krishna, all of which are ornately decorated. This afternoon, drive around the Fateh Sagar Lake. Later, journey to Shilpgram, a small rural art and crafts village set amid picturesque natural surroundings. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Ranakpur Temples

Drive to Sardargarh, visiting the Jain temples of Ranakpur en route. These temples form one of the major pilgrimages for followers of the Jain religion. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Explore Sardargarh

Take a tour of the historical fort before climbing aboard a heritage train to ride through Aravali mountains. This afternoon take a jeep to travel out to the remote villages around Sardargarh. Meet with the local villagers, see life in a rural Rajasthan village and visit a local marble cutter. Enjoy the sunset by the lake. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Travel to Jodhpur

Travel by road to Jodhpur. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore or relax. (B,L)

### Day 7: Mehrangarh Fort

After breakfast visit the formidable Mehrangarh Fort, situated high on a hill overlooking the 'blue city', and home to some magnificent palaces. Explore Jaswant Thada – a cluster of royal cenotaphs in white marble built in 1899. In the afternoon drive to Khejarla Fort, a stunning 400-year-old red sandstone monument in a rural setting. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Jeep safari

Discover vibrant and colourful Rajasthan on a jeep safari. This area, famous for its exotic desert and village landscapes, is also known for the warmth and hospitality of the Marwari people. Continue your drive this afternoon to Bijainagar, for a two-night stay near a historic palace. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: Bijainagar

After breakfast climb aboard a bullock cart for a leisurely guided tour of the rural villages around Bijainagar. Take the opportunity to interact with the friendly villagers and catch them going about their daily lives, as well as seeing their homes, a school and a temple. Return to Bijainagar for a cooking class, learning about local cuisine and enjoying a delicious lunch. Later witness the sunset over the lake as you take High Tea on the shore. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Drive to Jaipur

Travel to Jaipur by road then enjoy a free afternoon. (B,L)

### Day 11: Jaipur city tour

Enjoy an early morning yoga session before taking a jeep to impressive Amer Fort, pausing en route for a photo stop at Hawa Mahal (the Palace of Winds). Discover the fort during a walking tour. In the afternoon visit Maharaja's City Palace, still used in part today by Jaipur's royal family. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Explore Agra

After breakfast drive to Agra, stopping on the way at Fatehpur Sikri. Take an auto-rickshaw tour of the city, including ancient bazaars, Jama Masjid and the spice and Ayurveda market. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Taj Mahal

Gaze in wonder at the monument to love, the Taj Mahal. No other symbol epitomises India quite like the Taj Mahal. It is a love poem in marble, by the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan for his beloved queen Mumtaz Mahal. It is made from white marble, and its walls are decorated with exquisite stone inlay work. It is said that different types of precious and semi-precious stones were used in the intricate inlay work

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

17 Mar - 01 Apr \$5,580 13 Oct - 28 Oct \$5,580

### 2019 DATES

16 Mar - 31 Mar\* \$5,880 12 Oct - 27 Oct \$5,880

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

- 16 Days, Twin Share from \$5,580 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$1,120
- Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Delhi to Delhi) 15 days from \$4,300 per person twin share

### Important note:

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# HIMALAYAN ADVENTURE

Embark on a journey of extremes; striking across the starkly beautiful landscapes of Tibet, on the roof of the world. Discover the verdant and chaotic valleys of Nepal under the ever watchful gaze of the mighty Himalaya.



EPIC JOURNEY

21

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$8,080



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



19 BREAKFASTS, 18 LUNCHES, 19 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately RMB540 and US\$70 per person (paid locally in China and Nepal)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Everest Base Camp

Hike to the legendary Base Camp used by Everest hikers and sherpas, and take in a truly once-in-a-lifetime, epic view.



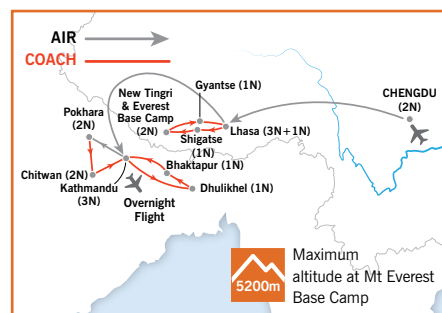
Chitwan Safari

Relive scenes from the Jungle Book as you meet the elephants and the myriad of other wildlife from Nepal's beautiful plains region.



Kathmandu

A wander through intoxicating Kathmandu reveals a heady mix of medieval temples, atmospheric alleyways and markets selling wares from all over Nepal.



### Day 1: Fly to Chengdu

Fly to Chengdu, China. (D)

### Day 2: Giant Pandas

A visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding allows you to see China's celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Stroll through People's Park, see Matchmaker's Corner, and visit a traditional tea house. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Lhasa

Fly to Lhasa and have some time at leisure to acclimatise to Tibet's high altitude. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Debating Monks

Lhasa is a modern city but among the old streets, at its core, you'll feel a million miles

from the modern world. Venture inside Jokhang Temple where queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Wander around the Barkhor with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery to witness the debating monks. This evening, try yak burgers for dinner. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Potala Palace

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city. The winter palace of the Dalai Lama, it houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures. This evening enjoy a Tibetan dance performance during dinner. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Shigatse

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse, Tibet's second city and the traditional home of the Panchen Lama. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Tashilhunpo Monastery

Visit Tashilhunpo Monastery, the hilltop complex that is the monastic seat of the Panchen Lama. From here drive to New Tingri, admiring awe-inspiring Himalayan views. (B,L,D)

### Day 8: Everest Base Camp

Rise early to make the journey across the Gue La Pass and Rongbuk, a monastic village festooned in colourful prayer flags. Visit the world's highest post office, then continue

to Everest Base Camp (weather permitting), situated under the gaze of Everest's north face, from where the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed. (B,L,D)

### Day 9: New Tingri to Gyantse

Drive to the pleasant town of Gyantse and visit the famous Kumbum Monastery. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Gyantse to Lhasa

Return to Lhasa, stopping en route at Karuola Glacier and Yamdrok Lake. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Into Nepal

Fly to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Meet your Nepalese guide and transfer to Dhulikhel to see the traditional Newari houses and browse the local market. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Bhaktapur

Take a visit to Changu Narayan Temple before hiking to Telkot through the forest landscapes, admiring the stunning Himalaya scenery. Drive to Bhaktapur and visit the Old Houses before enjoying a traditional Nepalese lunch. This afternoon wander Bhaktapur's cobblestone streets where you'll stumble across many old courtyards, temples and artisans busy at their craft. Visit the Golden Gate and the Palace of 55 Windows on Durbar Square. (B,L,D)

### Days 13-14: Pokhara

Fly to Pokhara. The town sits on the verdant banks of Phewa Lake with virtually uninterrupted views of the majestic Annapurna and Manaslu ranges. Take an easy walking tour, admiring the views. (B,L,D) The next

day, explore Pokhara's traditional bazaar, Bindyabasini Temple, Gupteshwor Cave and Devi's Fall. Spend the afternoon wandering the Mountain Museum. (B,L,D)

### Day 15-16: Chitwan National Park

Admire the sunrise and enjoy the serenity of a Hindu temple before departing for Chitwan National Park. A jungle safari delivers you to the Terai. (B,L,D) Tomorrow, take an early morning nature walk, and visit the elephants. Later, enjoy a serene trip down the Rapti River to view the animals on the river banks. Observe an elephant bath and this evening take in the fun of a traditional Tharu Stick dance performed by local farmers. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Daman

Drive to Daman which has one of the most spectacular outlooks over the Himalayan range of anywhere in Nepal. Continue to Kathmandu. (B,L,D)

### Day 18: Lama Blessing

Essentially a suburb of Kathmandu, Patan was once the capital of an independent kingdom, something that is noticeable in its distinctiveness. See the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Palace and the sights of Patan's Durbar Square. Returning to Kathmandu, visit the Boudhanath Stupa and Monastery

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for a very special Lama blessing. Continue to Pashupatinath Temple. (B,L,D)

### Day 19: Kathmandu

Kathmandu is a city of many layers – a modern day assault on the senses, a hub of cultural and artistic heritage and a monument to the medieval era. Explore Swayambhunath Temple, Durbar Square, the Kumari Temple and Thamel Market. (B,L,D)

### Days 20-21: Kathmandu to Australia

The morning is at leisure before boarding your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

**NOTE: The Tibet Autonomous Region may be closed by the Chinese authorities at any given time without notice. Such closures may impact the ability to travel in or to Tibet.**

**NOTE: The land border crossing from Tibet to Nepal is currently closed, resulting in passengers flying from Lhasa to Kathmandu. An alternative road option is scheduled to open in the near future and once operational, the itinerary may resume the overland route.**

## DEPARTURES AIRFARES INCLUDED

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

2018 DATES			
09 May - 29 May	\$8,080	03 Oct - 23 Oct*	\$8,080
2019 DATES			
08 May - 28 May	\$8,480	02 Oct - 22 Oct*	\$8,480

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Most meals as listed
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Tibet permit

### Price guide

- 21 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$8,080 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$1,300 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Chengdu to Kathmandu) 20 days from \$6,580 per person twin share

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# HIMALAYAN KINGDOMS

Take an incredible journey through Sikkim and Bhutan. Sikkim sits in the shadow of the world's highest mountains. Bhutan's rich Buddhist culture permeates every-day life.



EPIC JOURNEY

24

DAYS FROM

PER PERSON

\$9,280



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



22 BREAKFASTS, 22 LUNCHES, 22 DINNERS



ACTIVE

Customary Tipping: Approximately US\$155 per person (paid locally in India)

## ORIGINAL EXPERIENCES



Tiger's Nest



Toy Train

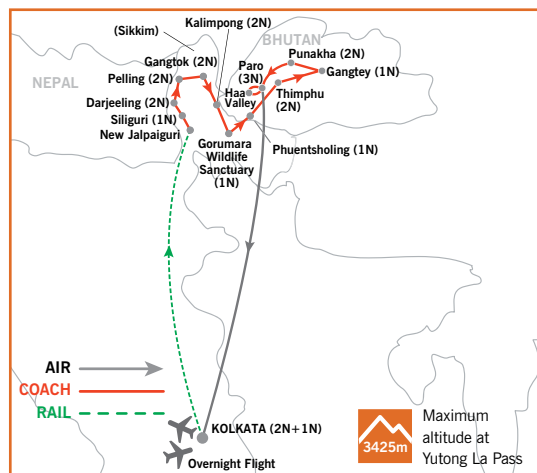


Khecheopalri Lake

Bhutan's most breathtaking monastery, hike through picturesque landscapes to reach the famous Tiger's Nest, 900 metres above the Paro Valley.

Winding its way through the tea plantations between Ghoom and Darjeeling, the Himalayan Railway, or 'Toy Train' is a wonderful experience.

Admire the fantastic scenery around the holy Khecheopalri Lake as you join Hindu and Buddhist pilgrims as they make their way around the sacred kora.



### Day 1: Australia to Kolkata

Fly to Kolkata for a two-night stay.

### Day 2: Discover Kolkata

Enjoy the morning at leisure. This afternoon visit the Victoria Memorial, drive past Fort William and visit Kalighat Temple. (B,L,D)

### Day 3: Travel to Siliguri

Rise early for a tour of east India's largest flower market, Howrah Bridge, Kumartuli and a Jain

temple. Later, transfer to the railway station to board your train to New Jalpaiguri and upon arrival stay overnight in nearby Siliguri. (B,L,D)

### Day 4: Journey to Darjeeling

Leave Siliguri and continue by road through the hills and tea plantations to Darjeeling. (B,L,D)

### Day 5: Discover Darjeeling

Rise early this morning for a jeep ride to Tiger Hill and visit Ghoom Monastery, constructed in 1875. Later, head to the railway station to board the UNESCO World Heritage listed Toy Train for a ride around the hillside. This afternoon tour a tea plantation in the area and visit the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. (B,L,D)

### Day 6: Travel to Sikkim

Drive north to Pelling and cross into the state of Sikkim. En route, explore the Pemayangtse Monastery. Perched at an altitude of 2,084 metres, it is one Sikkim's oldest monasteries. (B,L,D)

### Day 7: Explore Pelling

Visit Khecheopalri Lake, one of the most sacred lakes in Sikkim for both Buddhists

and Hindus, and Kanchenjunga Falls. (B,L,D)

### Days 8-9: Around Gangtok

Drive to Gangtok, visiting the sacred Tashiding Monastery route. (B,L,D) Tomorrow, visit the Enchey Monastery, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology and Do Drul Chorten. (B,L,D)

### Day 10: Drive to Kalimpong

Visit the Old Rumtek Monastery and Dharma Chakra Centre before continuing to Kalimpong, located deep in the Himalaya. (B,L,D)

### Day 11: Kalimpong at leisure

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the quaint town of Kalimpong. You may wish to visit the local monastery to hear the monks chanting or stroll through the local markets. (B,L,D)

### Day 12: Jeep safari at Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary

This morning travel to the Gorumara Wildlife Sanctuary where you might be lucky enough to spot a one horned rhino on your afternoon jeep safari. (B,L,D)

### Day 13: Journey to mystical Bhutan

Drive to the Bhutan border. After clearing customs and immigration you will meet your Bhutanese guide and continue to Phuentsholing, the gateway to Bhutan for overland travellers. Visit the Zangtho Pelri Lhakhang, a small temple built in the centre of the town. (B,L,D)

### Day 14: Phuentsholing to Thimphu

Take in the scenic drive from Phuentsholing to Thimphu, Bhutan's capital. Visit Kharbandi Gumpa, a Tibetan Buddhist monastery built in 1967 en route. (B,L,D)

### Day 15: Explore Thimphu

Enjoy a tour of Thimphu; visit the National Library and the Institute for Zorig Chusum (painting school). You will also visit the National Institute of Traditional Medicine, Folk Heritage Museum and National Textile Museum. Tour Thimphu Zoo, the National Memorial Chorten, Trashi Chhoe Dzong and drive to Buddha Point. (B,L,D)

### Day 16: Travel to Gangtey

Drive over the dramatic Dochu La mountain pass admiring the views en route to the Phobjikha Valley. Visit Gangtey Gumpa, the only Nyingmapa monastery in the region and explore Gangtey village and the surrounding valley. (B,L,D)

### Day 17: Rural Bhutan

Leave Gangtey for Punakha visiting the Black Necked Crane Information Centre en route. On arrival visit Punakha Dzong before hiking through the paddy fields and local villages to Chimi Lhakhang, also known as the temple of fertility. (B,L,D)

### Day 18: Discover Punakha

This morning visit the magnificent temple complex at Sangchen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang nunnery. Later appreciate the incredible views from Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten which is said to have been built to promote peace, stability and harmony in the changing world. (B,L,D)

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### Day 19: Travel to Paro

Drive to Paro, stopping en route at the Simtokha Dzong, the oldest fortress of the Kingdom. Paro is surrounded by some of Bhutan's oldest temples and monasteries. Pay a visit to Ta Dzong and Rinpung Dzong. (B,L,D)

### Day 20: Tiger's Nest Monastery

Taksang (Tiger's Nest) is Bhutan's most famous monastery, perched on the side of a cliff 900 metres above the Paro Valley. It can only be reached by a moderately challenging hike along a woodland trail – the views along the way are the perfect distraction! Returning to Paro, visit Kyichu Lhakhang. (B,L,D)

### Day 21: Haa Valley

Rise early and take a day trip to Haa Valley, stopping en route to admire the views. Enjoy a picnic lunch and explore the lush green valley, visiting Lhakhang Karpo and Lhakang Nagpo before returning to Paro for the night. (B,L,D)

### Day 22: Fly to Kolkata

Fly back to Kolkata. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. (B,L,D)

### Days 23-24: Kolkata to Australia

The morning is at your leisure. After a late check-out, you will be transferred to Kolkata airport to board your flight to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B,L,D)

## DEPARTURES • AIRFARES INCLUDED •

per person twin share from SYD, MEL, BNE, ADL & PER

### 2018 DATES

14 Apr - 07 May	\$9,780	03 Nov - 26 Nov	\$9,280
13 Oct - 05 Nov	\$9,280		

### 2019 DATES

13 Apr - 06 May	\$10,380	02 Nov - 25 Nov	\$9,780
12 Oct - 04 Nov	\$9,780		

### Price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Bhutan Permit
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders

### Price guide

- 24 Days, Fully Inclusive Twin Share from \$9,280 per person departing Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth
- Other cities please contact reservations for pricing and details.
- Single Supplement from \$2,180 - Ask about our 'willing to share' option
- Land Only (Kolkata to Kolkata) 23 days from \$7,770 per person twin share

### Important note:

Above prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes, correct as at 12 July 2017 and subject to change. Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$155 (AU\$209) is paid locally in India. Depending on airline schedules, extra nights pre or post tour accommodation or stopovers may be required at additional cost.



# TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAYS

**Tailor-Made Holidays are perfect for those looking for unique and flexible itineraries. You will have the freedom to do, go, see and experience whatever you want, but with none of the stress of having to plan it yourself.**

## WHY TAILOR-MADE?

With a Tailor-Made Holiday you can travel where, when and at the pace you want, for as long as you want. You can pick your accommodation and add all the extras you like, from meals to guides to excursions. You can indulge your interests, whether it's photography, art, food, wildlife or just shopping, and miss out anything that doesn't hold much appeal. You have complete control.

## WHAT WE DO:

Our team of dedicated Tailor-Made Holiday experts will help to design your perfect, bespoke itinerary so you can have a holiday that fits all of your wants and needs for excellent value – whether it's some minor adjustments to one of the group itineraries, one of our Short Stays or building something completely from scratch – we are here to help!

### 1 PERSONAL SERVICE

Creating your perfect itinerary is a combination of your ideas and our expertise. Your personal Tailor-Made Consultant will have travelled extensively throughout Asia, so they can work with you on your itinerary, drawing on their personal experience and expertise.



### 2 INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT

You can travel around your destination any way you like, be it by train, plane or automobile. We can provide you with your own vehicle and driver, and then, you can stop where and when you want, linger at a favourite sight a little longer and have complete control over your holiday time.

### 3 LOCAL FLAVOURS

Asia is home to a wealth of different people and cultures, each offering their own characteristic and delicious cuisines. Tasting the local food is a way of getting to the heart of a culture, and we know the best areas to eat and the finest restaurants. We can ensure you get to try all the regional specialities on your trip with us.

### 4 ACCOMMODATION CHOICES

Accommodation across Asia ranges from city hotels, seaside resorts, and desert camps to grand old palaces, home stays and ger camps.

The choice of hotel style and standard is completely up to you – give us the number of stars you are comfortable with and we will find suitable options. You can even pick the hotels yourself if you like!

### 5 DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Learning, seeing and experiencing are all part of travel – immersing yourself in a new culture is one of travel's greatest joys. Tailor-making your trip means you can take a step further and do something different – cooking classes, wildlife safaris, cruises...this exciting list is endless!

### 6 PRIVATE GUIDING

There is no better way to really experience your destination than with your very own local expert. Not only will you learn more about the sights and culture but you will get the inside knowledge on local life. And we only use the best guides, the ones who are both passionate and knowledgeable about their country.



## WENDY WU TOURS IMMERSE YOURSELF BOOKING CONDITIONS

**It is important that you read and understand the following conditions before making your booking.**

**RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT** Tour prices are subject to availability of tour, airline, special economy class fare and specific airfare class availability. Prices may differ once airfare is sold out. All services are subject to availability. Please forward a deposit of \$300 per person to Wendy Wu Tours or your travel agent to arrive within three days of receiving confirmation that the company is holding space for you.

Note that the Trans-Mongolian Journey tour requires a deposit of \$700 per person.

Passenger names must be provided exactly as per passport, including middle names, at the time of booking. Any spelling corrections made after a deposit is paid must be sent in writing and will incur additional fees, including any ticket reissue fees. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to correct any 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.

**JOINING YOUR TOUR – FLIGHTS** Airline schedules from different cities vary so travellers from some cities may need to make their own way to another capital city to join the tour or may require pre- or post-tour accommodation, a stopover or have a lengthy transit en route to their destination. Any cost for accommodation, transportation or meals incurred will be at the passengers' own expense. Our reservations team can assist with any of these additional services.

**RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT** By sending a deposit the client agrees to be bound by the terms, conditions and responsibilities set forth in this brochure. The client also agrees that:

- All persons are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen group tour as per the itinerary outlined in the Tour Dossier.
- All persons travelling on a Private or Tailor-Made Tour are fit and physically able to partake unaided in their chosen itinerary.
- All parties acknowledge the physical demands and hazards involved in the tour they will be undertaking and have chosen to participate at their own risk.
- All parties understand that any medical or dietary information provided to Wendy Wu Tours does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if a particular condition exacerbates while on tour or affects their ability to participate in any portion of the tour.

**BALANCE OF PAYMENT** The final balance of the travel arrangements is due at Wendy Wu Tours no later than 75 days prior to the confirmed tour departure date as confirmed by acceptance of the booking. Failure to pay in full by the due date may result in additional costs, which will be passed on as a late payment fee of no less than \$30 per booking or cancellation at the discretion of the company. Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to request a partial payment of the final balance more than 75 days prior to departure (eg: airfare portion) in the event that airline tickets need to be issued by our office or by our operators overseas due to airline ticketing time limits. Deposits and payments by credit cards will incur a fee.

**LATE BOOKINGS** Payment must be made in full within three days after the company confirms that it is holding space. If payment is not so made, Wendy Wu Tours shall have the right to cancel the booking at its discretion. The bookings may also 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.

**FEES AND CHARGES** All Immerse Yourself 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 LEVY SURCHARGE** Since 2004 airlines servicing flights to Asia have been charging a fuel levy surcharge, on top of the normal airline ticket price, in order to cover the increased 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.

**AMENDMENT & BOOKING FEES** The following fees will apply: Amendments to confirmed and deposited itineraries outside of 30 days prior to departure where the value of the booking is decreased – \$50 per change (a change to the booking that increases the value will incur no fee)

Transferring between tours (within 75 days) – See 'Cancellation by Customer' for applicable fees and details

Reissue of airline tickets – From \$100 per person (other fees may apply)

Once a booking is confirmed, name transfers may incur additional charges.

**CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER** All cancellations must be made in writing to Wendy Wu Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation charges from the date the written cancellation is received:

1. If airline and rail tickets are issued, up to 100% of the airfare and rail fare
2. More than 75 days prior to departure; loss of deposit plus any administration fees
3. Between 74 and 59 days prior to departure; 25% of total cost
4. Between 58 and 46 days prior to departure; 50% of total cost
5. 45 days or less prior to departure 100% of total cost
6. Any 'no show'; 100% of total cost

In the event of a cancellation any refunds will be less administration fees and any applicable amendment fees. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to recover as much as possible from suppliers to pass on to the customer. Regrettably cancellation charges and fees cannot be waived. There can be no exceptions. No refund will be made for any unused portions of the holiday after the departure date. Please note that employees of any overseas company or staff of Wendy Wu Tours outside Australia are not authorised to give any guarantees or agreements to customers in respect of refunds or any other matters.

**CANCELLATION BY WENDY WU TOURS** Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to cancel or vary a tour prior to departure due to insufficient numbers. In such an event, alternative guaranteed travel dates will be offered. Should these options not be acceptable Wendy Wu Tours will refund the full price paid, less visa cost. If a tour

is cancelled or varied prior to departure due to unforeseeable circumstances such as, but not restricted to, severe weather conditions or force majeure, Wendy Wu Tours will refund all monies prior to departure less visa cost, fuel surcharge and any other cancellation fees levied by airlines and other third parties. Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, adverse weather, flight rescheduling, hotel overbooking and faults with transportation or road conditions may also have an effect on the tour itinerary after the commencement date. Any decision made in respect of tour services by independent operators to re-route or amend the itinerary due to any of the above or similar circumstances is at the discretion of the tour service provider and Wendy Wu Tours shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events.

**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.

**HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS, MAPS & PICTURES** Hotel descriptions featured in this brochure are based on current hotel guides provided by suppliers and contractual agreements. 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.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE** It is strongly recommended that all customers travelling with Wendy Wu Tours are adequately covered by insurance for the duration of their travel arrangements. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS** All customers are required to familiarise themselves with any health requirements specific to the countries being visited. Any pre-existing health conditions must be discussed with your doctor who can confirm your suitability to travel on your chosen tour. The 'tour pace' of each tour is outlined in our brochures, on our website and also in the Tour Dossier. All passengers will receive a link to download a copy of the Tour Dossier with quote and deposit documents. If you or any member of your party has any medical conditions, dietary requirement/food allergy, or disability, which may affect you while travelling, you must provide us with full details in writing prior to making your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of your arrangements. You must also promptly advise us if there are any changes to your health that may affect your holiday after your booking has been confirmed. In the best interests of yourself and of your tour group, Wendy Wu Tours reserves the right to prevent you from further participation on a tour if a physical or psychological condition presents itself that significantly affects the enjoyment or wellbeing of yourself or the rest of your group. Wendy Wu Tours will not be liable to refund any part of the price of the tour paid by you, or on your behalf, which you have not used. You will be responsible for making alternative arrangements to accommodate any medical or dietary condition. The information provided does not, under any circumstances, make Wendy Wu Tours liable if your condition exacerbates or affects your ability to participate in any portion of the tour. Your medical and dietary information is collected so that we may process your booking. Your medical and dietary information will be provided to our suppliers and partners overseas for the sole purpose of endeavouring to accommodate your condition where possible.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS & VISA PROCESSING** A passport with a minimum of six months validity is required for customers travelling to all countries in our programme. Visa fees are included for Australian passport holders in Immerse Yourself Tours. Non-Australian passport holders may incur additional fees and 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), the customer will be required to pay an urgent visa processing fee. Unless otherwise requested your passport will be returned with final documentation approximately four 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. Please see our website for the most up-to-date information.

**CONSULAR ADVICE** We recommend that you review information provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade prior to making your booking by calling 1300 555 135, or by visiting their website [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au) for the latest information. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the latest Government Consular advice and information.

**SINGLE TRAVELLERS** When booking more than 75 days prior to departure, single travellers on Immerse Yourself Tours may avoid paying the Single Supplements by opting to travel on a 'willing to share' basis. Wendy Wu Tours will endeavour to match 'willing to share' travellers of the same gender booked on the same departure. In the event that we are unable to confirm a share partner, Wendy Wu Tours will confirm a single room in all accommodation and waive the Single Supplements.

**TIPPING** Local tipping is customary in Asia. Wendy Wu Tours' tipping system on all Group Tours involves passengers contributing to a kitty, paid locally to the National Escort in RMB or USD, who then distributes it daily to service providers on your behalf. This avoids the need for you to consider individual tipping situations daily throughout your trip. Shown on each tour page is the estimated amount for each tour and this is confirmed in your final documentation. Wendy Wu Tours can suggest appropriate amounts for Extensions, Private Tours, Tailor-Made Holidays and Stopovers.

**SHOPPING** Shopping can be fun and entertaining, especially in local markets, where many copies of international brand names can be purchased for next to nothing. However, Wendy Wu Tours, its staff and employees are neither qualified

nor permitted to ensure or guarantee the quality or value of any goods purchased or the suitability of any retail outlets visited and the security of using a credit card to purchase such goods. In all cases the purchasing of goods and the use of a credit card for those transactions is entirely at the customer's own risk and at all times the customer must use their own discretion.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Wendy Wu Tours (herein called the Company) acts as a co-ordinator for all persons taking these tours in the making of all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing and hotel accommodation. The Company does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant or any other supplier of services. All receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and all services are subject to the laws of the country where the services are provided. The Company acts only as an agent for the owners, contractors and suppliers of transportation and/or other related travel services provided and assumes no responsibility for the loss, theft or damage to baggage or property or for any injury, illness or death or for any damages or claims whatsoever caused arising directly or indirectly from accidents, loss, theft or damage to person or property, delays, transport failure, strikes, wars and uprisings or acts of God etc. over which the Company has no control. We strongly urge all customers to undertake a high level of personal responsibility in order to ensure that possessions, equipment and personal documents are closely monitored and protected at all times.

**SEATBELTS** Please note that seatbelts are not compulsory by law in the 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.

**REFER A FRIEND** To be eligible for the 'refer a friend' offer you must have a current or previously deposited Wendy Wu Tours booking. One hamper per new booking will be distributed. The referee must quote your full name, booking number and address at the time of their booking. Your hamper will be distributed upon receipt of their deposit. Your friend must be a new customer who has not previously booked with Wendy Wu Tours. Hampers will be delivered at the start of the calendar month. We regret we cannot apply this offer retrospectively.

**PROCEDURES FOR LODGING COMPLAINTS OR CLAIMS** At Wendy Wu Tours we are committed to ensuring that we deal with complaints effectively and efficiently. Should the customer not be satisfied with any aspect of their arrangements they must immediately inform the National Escort or Local Guide who will endeavour to resolve the issue at the time. If this is not possible and you wish to lodge a complaint or claim this must be done in writing to Wendy Wu Tours in Sydney (or by email to [customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au](mailto:customerrelations@wendywutours.com.au)) within 30 days of the date of the completion of your Wendy Wu Tours arrangements. Relevant receipts and substantiating evidence must be attached to the letter of claim. Our complaints handling policy is available at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au) or upon request.

**AIRLINES** Airlines featured in this brochure do not by virtue of their endorsement represent themselves either as contracting with any purchaser of a holiday from Wendy Wu Tours, or as having any legal relationship with such a purchaser. Frequent flyer miles may not be accrued on some packaged fares. Pre-flight seat allocation is not available. For details, contact our office. Schedule changes or flight cancellations are subject to the airlines policy and are outside Wendy Wu Tours control.

**PRIVACY** We are collecting your personal information so that we can process your booking. We will also keep you up to date with other Wendy Wu Tours' offers and product information that may be of interest to you if you have consented to this. You can opt out of receiving information at any time if you choose to do so. Any personal information you provide will be managed in accordance with Wendy Wu Tours' privacy policy, which can be viewed at [wendywutours.com.au](http://wendywutours.com.au)

**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 12 July 2017. 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 their 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 clauses in these Booking Conditions.

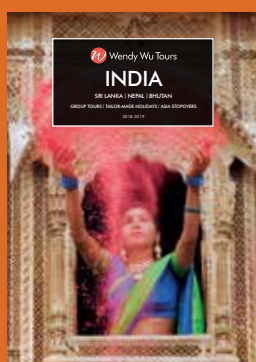
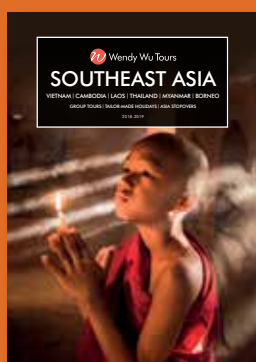
**LAW OF CONTRACT** This contract is governed by the laws of the state of New South Wales and any legal action arising therefrom shall be litigated only in the appropriate court in that state having jurisdiction in that claim.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Changes in operator land costs, airfares, taxes, fuel surcharges and currency exchange rates may affect the price of particular group tours. For these reasons, it is essential that the agent/customer reconfirms all arrangements at the time of booking and prior to paying the final payment.



# TOP REASONS TO CHOOSE WENDY WU TOURS

- Over 23 years' experience
- Award-winning knowledge and expertise
- Comprehensive range of group tours, Private Tours, Tailor-Made Holidays and Asia stopovers
- Comfortable hotels and remarkable experiences
- Authentic dining and delicious local cuisine
- Small group sizes - up to 18 travellers
- Flights with leading airlines
- Expert National Escorts and Local Guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced consultants



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