



## BORNEO & BEYOND WITH NORWEGIAN CRUISE LINES

Classic Cruising Tour | 26 Days | Physical Level 1

KOTA KINABALU – KINABATANGAN – KOTA KINABALU – SINGAPORE – KOH SAMUI – BANGKOK – SAIGON –  
MUARA – KOTA KINABALU – PUERTO PRINCESA – CORON – HONG KONG

Explore the wonders of Southeast Asia on a far-reaching adventure across this magical region. Our Cruise & Tour journeys bring together all the joy of a cruise onboard the magnificent NCL Norwegian Jade with all the exciting explorations that are included on a Wendy Wu Tours land itinerary. First, discover spectacular Borneo where glorious nature waits to be explored. From there on to Singapore to cruise across Southeast Asia, stopping to explore ports in Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei and The Philippines to reach Hong Kong.

- Explore Kinabalu National Park
- Visit orangutans in Sepilok
- Discover Singapore's historic neighbourhoods
- Enjoy a 13 night NCL cruise
- Stroll cosmopolitan Hong Kong

**TOUR MAP:**


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**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**


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- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- 13 nights NCL cruise on board Norwegian Jade
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated (*dining on board throughout*) – 24 breakfasts (B), 23 lunches (L), 24 dinners (D)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation and transfers pre and post cruise
- Local Guides pre and post cruise or English speaking National Escorts (if your group is 10 or more passengers)
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guide

*Pre and post cruise, the only elements or aspects you may have to pay for are personal expenditures e.g., drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.*

*During the cruise, your meals on board will be included in the main dining areas as well as a limited number of visits to the speciality restaurants. However, should you wish to dine in any of the speciality restaurants not included in your cruising / “free at sea” package, you will be required to pay for these locally. In addition, if you opt to dine off the ship, these meals will also be paid for locally, and please note you will not be refunded for meals missed on board. Excursions are also available to book with your cruise reservation at your own expense. Gratuities on board the ship are included in your tour cost.*

## CLASSIC CRUISING TOURS:

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These tours are designed for those who wish to discover wildlife of Borneo as well as the local culture of Singapore and Hong Kong on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people combined with a cruise. The tours are on a fully-inclusive basis pre & post cruise, so you will travel with the assurance that all your arrangements before and after your cruise are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

## JOINING YOUR TOUR:

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The tour is 26 days in duration including international flights. Join the tour on Day 1 in Kota Kinabalu and end the tour on Day 25 in Hong Kong.

For travellers that have booked a 'Land & Cruise Only' tour with no international flights, please note the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if you are arriving on the start and departing on the conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre/post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours.

## PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

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Our tours come with a physical rating to guide you in selecting a holiday that suits your comfort level. Joining any of our tours involves independent mobility and the ability to stay active throughout the day, which is essential for fully enjoying the unique charm of each destination.

'Borneo & Beyond' is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required, and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You will be getting on and off coaches, trains or boats and walking around the sights, often including steps, plus occasional longer walks.

- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time, often on uneven surfaces
- You will be required to get on and off small boats without assistance
- You will be required to board the cruise ship without assistance and get on and off at ports if you wish to disembark the ship

Of course, our National Escorts and local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

## ITINERARY CHANGES:

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We intend to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours, or as dictated by local conditions. In these circumstances, we will endeavour to make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip. Similarly, while cruise liners always endeavour to adhere to the published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the captain due to weather advisories, port traffic, and any other unforeseeable circumstances.

## NCL'S FREE AT SEA OFFER: WHAT'S INCLUDED

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We are excited to include NCL's Free at Sea offer with this cruise and tour package, enhancing your onboard experience with exceptional perks. Enjoy unlimited drinks throughout your cruise with a package that includes selected beer, wine, soft drinks, fruit juices, and branded spirits. While bottled water is not included, water is available by the glass in restaurants at no extra cost. This package is valid in all venues onboard, ensuring a seamless experience.

Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi, where each guest sharing the same stateroom receives 150 minutes of access per guest. Additionally, enhance your journey with shore excursion credits - \$50USD off per cabin, per excursion. These credits are assigned to the lead guest on the reservation and can be applied to excursions booked in advance via the app or website, where discounted rates will be displayed.

Delight in exquisite specialty dining experiences, with included meals for guests 1 and 2 based on stateroom category and cruise duration. For this sailing 3 specialty dining experiences are included for outside (Oceanview) cabins and 5 specialty dining experiences for balcony cabins. Reservations can conveniently be made through the app prior to your cruise. Take advantage of these incredible inclusions and make your cruise vacation even more enjoyable!

**DETAILED ITINERARY****Day 1: Arrive in Kota Kinabalu****Meals: D**

Fly to the Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Malaysia's Sabah state in the northern part of the island of Borneo. Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport by your English speaking representative. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel and check in.



*Please note: Early check-in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservation's consultant.*

*You will be transferred by shared coach with other passengers who are not part of a Wendy Wu Tour. If you are on a shared bus transfer, you may have to walk for a few minutes to get to your hotel. Transfers will differ depending on group size.*

**Destination Information**

**Kota Kinabalu** - Known as KK, the city lies to the west of Mt Kinabalu, its namesake. Due to its popularity with tourists, easy access by flight and being one of the major industrial and commercial centres of East Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu is one of the fastest growing cities in Malaysia.

**Day 2: Kota Kinabalu****Meals: B, L, D**

Today, enjoy a half-day tour of Kota Kinabalu with a local English-speaking guide. Begin with a visit to Yayasan Sabah (Sabah Foundation) building before heading to Phu Thou Se Chinese Temple. Next, visit the Sabah State Mosque and the Sabah Museum, home to fine exhibits that chronicle Sabah's fascinating historical past and rich cultural heritage. Later, return to your hotel for some time at your leisure before enjoying some traditional Malay dishes for dinner.



**Please note:** *The main building of the museum been temporarily closed for emergency restoration and there is currently no reopen date announced. However, the heritage section within the museum grounds remains open.*

## Destination Information

**Yayasan Sabah (Sabah Foundation)** - A state sanctioned organisation that was developed to promote educational and economic opportunities for its people. It was founded by Tun Mustapha Harun and manages a diverse portfolio of resources and issues.

**Phu Thou Se Chinese Temple** - An impressive Chinese temple located off Tuaran Road in Kota Kinabalu. It is an excellent reflection on the very active Chinese community in Kota Kinabalu. The temple was built in 1980 with a statue of Guanyin located in the entrance.

**Sabah State Mosque** - One of the most outstanding pieces of architecture in Sabah with its majestic dome and stunning gold inlay motifs, the mosque sits a stone's throw away from the city centre. It is a unique combination of prevailing Islamic architecture and contemporary design. The mosque can accommodate up to 5,000 worshippers at one time.

**Sabah Museum** - This unique museum aims to collect, preserve and conserve information regarding the culture and history of Sabah, in order to protect Sabah's heritage. The building consists of not only the museum but also the Science and Education Centre, Ethno Botanical Garden, Sabah Art Gallery, Museum of Islamic Civilization and the Heritage Village.

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### Day 3: Kota Kinabalu - Hot Springs & National Park

Meals: B, L, D

This morning, transfer to the Poring Hot Springs, stopping en-route at Nabalu village to taste the local fruits and shop for local handicrafts. On arrival at the springs, observe the wildlife on the canopy walkway and take a dip in one of the soothing, hot mineral springs set in the beautifully landscaped gardens.

Afterwards, continue to Kinabalu National Park to explore the beautiful mountain gardens, home to many species of orchids, pitcher plants, birds, insects and butterflies. This evening, transfer to a local restaurant for dinner.



## Destination Information

**Poring Hot Springs** - Located in the Lowland's of the National Park, these hot springs are the perfect way to de-stress and relieve any aches and pains as they contain hot sulphuric minerals, deemed to have healing properties.

**Kinabalu National Park** - Kinabalu National Park was established as one of Malaysia's first national parks in 1964 and is also Malaysia's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is home to more than 5,000 vascular plant species as well as around 90 lowland mammal species. One of the main attractions at the park is Mount Kinabalu, one of the highest mountains in Southeast Asia and standing at a staggering 4095 metres.

**Day 4: Kota Kinabalu – Sandakan – Sepilok – Abai****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Sandakan. On arrival, visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, where captive orangutans are reintroduced to the wild. Here, you can observe these fascinating primates at their feeding stations. Next, continue to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre (BSBCC), which rescues and rehabilitates sun bears while promoting conservation and education efforts.



Then transfer to the Sandakan jetty and board a speedboat for a scenic journey along the Lower Kinabatangan River to your jungle lodge. Upon arrival, check in and enjoy lunch before setting out on a river cruise in search of Borneo's diverse wildlife and birdlife. Return to the lodge for dinner and an evening at leisure amidst the sounds of the rainforest.

**Destination Information**

**Sandakan** – Once known as “Little Hong Kong,” Sandakan is a coastal city in Sabah with a rich history tied to trade, World War II, and Borneo's wildlife conservation efforts. The city is the gateway to some of Sabah's most renowned eco-tourism sites, including the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre and the Kinabatangan River. Sandakan's charming waterfront and colonial history provide a laid-back yet culturally rich experience.

**Sepilok Orangutan Sanctuary** – Sepilok offers another chance to see orangutans in their natural habitat – like Semenggoh, this is a centre for the rehabilitation of former captive and orphaned orangutans, teaching them the skills needed to survive in the wild. Around 60 to 80 orangutans live free within the centre's forest, and there may be young orangutans to visit in the nursery.

**Bornean Sun Bear Conservation (BSBCC)** – This conservation centre is home to around 40 ex-captive sun bears, the smallest bear in the world. The centre aims to increase public awareness of sun bears and works to rehabilitate them so they can be released back into the wild.

**Day 5: Abai - Sukau****Meals: B, L, D**

Early this morning, depart on a boat trip for bird watching and wildlife viewing at the nearby Pitas Lake before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Then, cruise upriver to your next riverside lodge and settle in for the next two nights.

Later, embark on another river cruise for more wildlife viewing. Finally, return to the lodge for dinner.



## Destination Information

**Kinabatangan River** – Sabah’s longest river, also the second longest river in Malaysia, is one of the most exciting and easily accessible places to explore the rich biodiversity of Sabah. The lower Kinabatangan offers an incredible opportunity to see a large range of wildlife including Borneo’s unique proboscis monkeys, the wild orangutan, Bornean pygmy elephants, crocodiles, otters, bears, wild cats and countless rare and beautiful birds such as hornbills and the Oriental darter.

**Sukau** – Located along the Kinabatangan River in Malaysian Borneo, Sukau is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts. This remote village is surrounded by lush rainforest and is one of the best places to observe Borneo’s incredible biodiversity. The area is home to iconic species such as orangutans, pygmy elephants, and proboscis monkeys. River safaris offer the opportunity to spot these remarkable creatures in their natural habitat, particularly at dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active.

**Day 6: Sukau**

**Meals: B, L, D**

Rise early for a morning excursion to Oxbow Lake, where you can observe Borneo’s diverse wildlife in its natural habitat. Return to the lodge for breakfast and enjoy some leisure time before lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the Gomantong Caves, a vast limestone cavern home to millions of swiftlets and bats. After exploring this fascinating ecosystem, return to the lodge for dinner and a relaxing evening.



## Destination Information

**Oxbow Lake** – Formed by the natural meandering of the Kinabatangan River, Oxbow Lake is a tranquil haven rich in wildlife. The calm waters are often dotted with water birds, while monkeys, crocodiles, and other creatures thrive along the forested banks. Exploring this peaceful lake at sunrise offers a magical opportunity to witness the rainforest awakening.

**Gomantong Caves** – Renowned for their immense chambers and impressive limestone formations, the Gomantong Caves are part of the Gomantong Forest Reserve. These caves are home to millions of bats and swiftlets, whose nests are traditionally harvested for bird’s nest soup. The caves offer a fascinating insight into the region’s natural and cultural heritage, with their darkened chambers providing an atmospheric and memorable experience.

**Day 7: Sukau – Sandakan – Kota Kinabalu****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, embark on a boat transfer back to Sandakan, stopping en route for lunch.

Upon arrival, transfer to the airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu. On arrival, proceed to your hotel for check-in and an evening at leisure.

**Day 8: Kota Kinabalu – Singapore****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, you will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to the airport to board your onward flight.

On arrival into Singapore airport, be met by an English-speaking assistant and transfer from the airport to the hotel for check-in.

**Destination Information**

**Singapore** - A modern metropolis located at the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, the name Singapore comes from Sanskrit and means “Lion City.” Despite its size, Singapore beautifully intertwines its vast greenery with urban landscapes.



**Day 9: Singapore****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, begin your full-day city tour with a visit to Singapore's historic Chinatown, a vibrant blend of old and new, where traditional shops and markets sit alongside modern boutiques and cafés. Stop at the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum before heading to Kampong Glam, a lively district known for its rich heritage and colourful shops. Here, you'll learn about the art of *teh tarik*—the traditional “pulled tea” technique.



Continue to the Civic District, passing landmarks such as the historic Parliament House and the National Gallery Singapore before arriving at Merlion Park. Enjoy stunning views of Marina Bay, then take a stroll through a hidden underground walkway, once a vital mail transport tunnel, now an elegant corridor leading to The Fullerton Hotel. Here, savour an indulgent Afternoon High Tea for lunch.

This evening, embark on a scenic sunset river cruise along the Singapore River, followed by a delicious seafood dinner at a local restaurant. Conclude your day with a visit to the breathtaking Gardens by the Bay, where you'll admire its striking architecture before witnessing the mesmerising Gardens by the Bay Light Show.

**Destination Information**

**Civic District** – This area has a rich history dating back to the colonial era, serving as the administrative and political heart of the city-state. It was here the Singapore declared its independence in 1965.

**Chinatown** – Chinatown's maze of narrow roads includes Chinatown Food Street, with its restaurants serving traditional fare like Hainanese chicken rice, noodles and satay. Souvenir shops and indie boutiques dot the area, offering clothes, crafts and antiques, while Club Street is full of trendy wine bars.

**Gardens by the Bay** – This large public garden is famous for its Supertree Grove – vertical gardens built on tree-like sculptures up to 50 metres tall. Atop them sits the Sky Garden, accessible by elevated walkway.

**Day 10: Embark Cruise in Singapore****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check out, you will be transferred to Singapore cruise port. Today, you will board Norwegian Jade to begin your voyage tonight.

Spend the rest of the day acclimatising to life on board.

**Day 11: Cruising - At sea****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship has to offer .



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**Day 12: Cruising – Koh Samui, Thailand****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Koh Samui, an idyllic island and tropical paradise. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**Koh Samui** – Thailand's second largest island, situated off the shores of the east coast, Koh Samui is an oasis of natural beauty with clear, blue waters and white sand beaches. This idyllic island sits within the Ang Thong National Marine Park, making it a serene location to relax. Gaze up at the Big Buddha, cool off in the natural pool at the base of Na Muang Waterfall and view the astonishing natural rock formations of Hin Ta and Hin Yai.

**Day 13: Cruising – Bangkok (Laem Chabang)****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Laem Chabang port. From here you can visit Bangkok, a vibrant city bursting with a blend of gleaming skyscrapers traditional architecture. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Please note:** the journey time from the port of Laem Chabang to Bangkok is approximately one hour and 45 minutes.

**Destination Information**

**Bangkok** – Bangkok has been Thailand's dominant city since the 18th century. It was established as the capital after the former capital, Ayutthaya, was razed to the ground by the Burmese army. It was the centre point of the modernisation of Siam in the late 19th century, leading the introduction of rail transport, the printing press, healthcare and utilities infrastructure. With a population of over 10 million, the fast pace of the city can be intense; however, beneath the hustle and bustle, there are many hidden gems waiting to be discovered.

**Day 14: Cruising - At sea****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship has to offer.



**Day 15: Cruising – Ho Chi Minh City / Saigon (Phu My)****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Phu My port. From here you can visit Ho Chi Minh City, a bustling city situated on the edge of the Mekong Delta. Or for a more relaxed experience - explore Vung Tau. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.



Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Please note:** the journey time from the port of Phu My to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately two hours.

**Destination Information**

**Ho Chi Minh City** – Officially renamed as Ho Chi Minh City but still locally known by its previous name of Saigon, this exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. It was a major base of the American military during the Vietnam War, and was the seat of the South Vietnam government until the events that led to the country's reunification. Today, the old mixes seamlessly with the new and you can wander through timeless alleys to incense-infused temples before catching up with the present in designer malls beneath sleek skyscrapers.

**Vung Tau** – Located along Vietnam's southeastern coast, Vung Tau has long been a popular getaway for city dwellers from nearby Ho Chi Minh City. The city boasts picturesque beaches and scenic viewpoints, including the iconic Christ of Vung Tau statue that overlooks the coastline. Historically a centre for maritime activities, Vung Tau played a strategic role during the French colonial period and later as an important logistics hub during the Vietnam War. Today, it remains a blend of seaside charm, local culture, and coastal recreation.

**Day 16: Cruising - At sea****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship has to offer.



**Day 17: Cruising - Cruise - Muara, Brunei Darussalam****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Muara, Brunei. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**Muara** – Located on the northern coast of Brunei Darussalam, Muara is the country's primary deep-water port and a tranquil coastal town. It provides easy access to the capital city, Bandar Seri Begawan, where visitors can explore the grandeur of the Sultan's palace, opulent mosques, and bustling local markets. Muara's laid-back atmosphere, sandy beaches, and proximity to Brunei's cultural heart make it a pleasant introduction to the country's unique blend of tradition and modernity.

**Day 18: Cruising - Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Kota Kinabalu. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*



**Day 19: Cruising - Puerto Princesa, Philippines****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Puerto Princesa, Philippines. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

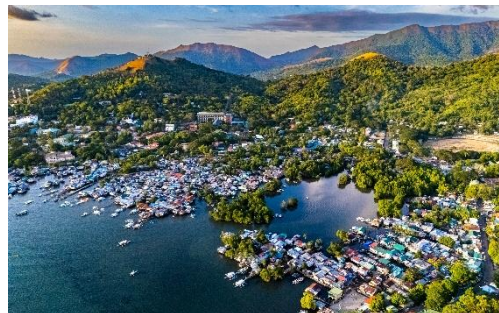
**Destination Information**

**Puerto Princesa** – Nestled on the island of Palawan in the Philippines, Puerto Princesa is known for its natural beauty and eco-tourism experiences. The city serves as the gateway to the renowned Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Surrounded by pristine beaches, lush forests, and limestone cliffs, Puerto Princesa offers a balance of natural wonders and local charm, making it a captivating destination for nature enthusiasts.

**Day 20: Cruising - Coron, Philippines****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Coron, Philippines. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**Coron** – Situated in the Calamian Islands of Palawan, the town of Coron is renowned for its breathtaking natural scenery and world-class diving sites. Famous for its crystal-clear lagoons, towering limestone cliffs, and sunken World War II shipwrecks, Coron attracts visitors seeking adventure and untouched beauty. Whether exploring Kayangan Lake, relaxing on white-sand beaches, or diving through underwater relics, Coron is a tropical paradise offering an unforgettable island experience.

**Day 21: Cruising - At sea****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea enjoying what your cruise ship has to offer.

**Day 22: Cruising – Hong Kong****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will be docked in Hong Kong cruise port. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later for an overnight stay in port.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions here at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. *Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.*

**Destination Information**

**Hong Kong** – Nestled in the Pearl River Estuary, Hong Kong is the personification of culture blend. Influenced by Chinese and British traditions, ways of life and habits, Hong Kong has emerged from being a small fishing community to one of the leading financial districts and richest cities in the world. With its deep-water harbour, stunning mountain vistas and urban glamour, Hong Kong is a buzzing blend of excitement and mystery.

**Day 23: Disembark Norwegian Cruise Lines in Hong Kong****Meals: B, L, D**

Cruise into the port of Hong Kong, where on arrival you will be met by your and new local English-speaking guide or National Escort.

Transfer to your hotel for check in and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure.

**Day 24: Hong Kong****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, be met by your English-speaking guide and journey up the Victoria Peak by the impressive Peak Tram, one of the world's oldest funicular railways offering incredible views of Hong Kong. Here, you will enjoy a guided walking tour before returning to Central, where you will ride the world's longest outdoor covered escalator system, the Central Escalator to Tai Kwun, Hong Kong's latest art hub.



Next you will enjoy a short walking experience of Hollywood Road which is named the second coolest street in the world before visiting Man Mo Temple. Then, visit Blue House Cluster before a dim sum making demonstration, where you will also enjoy dim sum for your lunch today. Afterwards, visit the West Kowloon Cultural District with some free time to explore the area before transferring to a local restaurant for dinner. After dinner, visit The Avenue of Stars to admire Victoria Harbor at night.

**Destination Information**

**Victoria Peak** – Sit on the west side of Hong Kong Island, Victoria Peak offers stunning panoramas of the Hong Kong skyline and the Victoria Harbour. With an elevation of 552 metres, it is the tallest hill on Hong Kong Island – truly the best viewing point on the island.

**Avenue of Stars** – The Avenue of Stars, modelled on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, is an avenue located along the Victoria Harbour waterfront in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong. It honours celebrities of the Hong Kong film industry.

**Days 25-26: Depart Hong Kong****Meals: B**

Any time before your flight is at leisure. You will then be transferred from your hotel to Hong Kong Airport, arriving home the same or following day.

*Please note: Late check-out is not included. If you wish to book a late check-out or additional nights, please contact our reservations department who can confirm additional pricing and arrangements for you, subject to availability at the hotel.*



**PLEASE INFORM OUR RESERVATIONS TEAM OF ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF BOOKING.**

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### VISAS:

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#### **Vietnam**

Entry visas are required for Australian passport holders to visit Vietnam. Wendy Wu Tours Visa Department can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa.

#### **Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia & Hong Kong**

A visa is not required for Australian passport holders for entry into Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore for stays up to 90 days.

Your passport must be valid for at least six months from your date of entry, and you may need to provide proof of onward or return travel as well as sufficient funds for your stay.

#### **Philippines**

Visas are not required for Australian passport holders for entry into Philippines for stays of up to 30 days. However, all travellers must complete the immigration and health arrival card (eTravel form) before departure to the Philippines.

Once completed, this form will generate a QR code which must be presented at check-in and on arrival in the Philippines (the eTravel QR code can be printed). You must complete the registration a maximum of 72 hours before arrival in the Philippines on the e-Travel online portal: <https://etravel.gov.ph/>

Please note, you must also register your departure from the Philippines on the e-Travel online portal within 72 hours (but not less than 3 hours) before your scheduled departure.

#### **Brunei**

A visa for a stay of 30 days is available on arrival for a fee that is payable on entry to Brunei. This fee is not included in your Wendy Wu Tour cost and is to be paid directly with immigration officials in Brunei on arrival. The fee is approximately BND30.00 per person, although it is subject to change.

Additionally, the traveller must:

- Hold a passport valid at least six months on entry with one blank visa page
- Hold proof of sufficient funds
- Hold proof of onward/return flights
- Hold documents showing proof of purpose of trip
- Hold all documents required for the next destination

For the latest information on visa procedures, processing times and requirements, please kindly refer to our website <https://www.wendywutours.com.au/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>

Please note, the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate, Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa.

Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items.

All information with regards to visas will be updated regularly on our website as we find visa processes are changing on regular basis.

## MEALS AND DIETARY INFORMATION

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On this tour, you will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of dining options, reflecting the diverse cuisines of the destinations you will visit. During your time in Borneo, Singapore, and Hong Kong, you will dine as a group, with meals pre-arranged to showcase local dishes. While on the cruise, you will dine independently, allowing you to choose from the main on-board restaurants included in your cruise package or opt to dine in specialty restaurants or local venues during shore excursions, both of which will be payable locally.

Borneo's cuisine is influenced by its multicultural population, offering dishes that feature rice, noodles, fresh vegetables, and a variety of meats, often cooked with bold spices and aromatic flavours. Seafood is particularly popular in coastal regions, while indigenous communities offer traditional dishes like bamboo chicken.

In Singapore, the food scene is famously diverse, with influences from Chinese, Malay, Indian, and Peranakan cuisines. Expect dishes such as Hainanese chicken rice, laksa, and chilli crab.

In Hong Kong, you will find a fusion of Cantonese, Western, and international cuisines, with popular dishes including dim sum.

On the cruise, meals in the main dining areas are included, offering a wide range of international dishes. You will also have the option to dine at specialty on-board restaurants or explore local cuisine during shore excursions. Specialty restaurants and onshore dining are payable locally. Your package also includes soft drinks and alcoholic beverages whilst onboard your cruise.

### **Dietary Requirements**

If you have dietary requirements, please inform us before your tour starts. Our guides on land will make every effort to accommodate requests such as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or other dietary needs. However, it's important to note that in some remote areas of Borneo, dining options may be more limited, and certain dietary requests may be harder to fulfil. Additionally, some local dishes are traditionally cooked using animal fats, broths, or sauces, which may not always be easily adapted to suit certain dietary needs.

While on the cruise, the ship's restaurants are well-equipped to cater to a wide range of dietary requirements, though it is still recommended to notify the cruise line of any specific needs in advance. During shore excursions, dining options may vary, and local food establishments may have limited capacity to meet special dietary requests.

For travellers with food intolerances or strict dietary needs, we recommend bringing snacks or suitable food items to supplement meals, particularly when exploring remote areas or during long excursions. Your patience and understanding are appreciated, as local suppliers may not always be able to provide the same level of accommodation as you might expect at home. However, we aim to ensure you have an enjoyable and authentic culinary experience throughout your journey.

## ACCOMMODATION:

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All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities and a telephone. Electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your Local Guide or National Escorts.

Accommodation is selected for its convenience, comfort, and character, ranging from modern hotels in bustling cities to more traditional stays that reflect the region's charm. In remote areas of Borneo, accommodation may be of a simpler standard, with fewer Western-style amenities. Hotels are generally rated as local 3-4 star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system, so standards may differ from those in Australia.

In Singapore and Hong Kong, expect contemporary city hotels with modern facilities. In Borneo, some accommodations may be more nature-focused, particularly in wildlife-rich areas. All hotels are regularly inspected to ensure they meet our standards and provide a comfortable stay.

## INSURANCE:

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It is a condition of your booking that you are insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. At a minimum, the policy is required to cover medical requirements including medical evacuations / repatriations. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition. If you fail to provide a certificate of currency of insurance within a reasonable time after our request, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply.

## AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

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As we offer our customers a variety of airlines to suit your needs, passengers will arrive/depart at various times during the day. Depending on the number of customers arriving/ departing on the same flight as yourself, the type of transfer to your hotel/ airport will vary.

You will always be met on arrival by English-speaking staff and transferred to your hotel either by:

- Direct shared bus (shared with other passengers, not just Wendy Wu Tours clients)
- Shared bus plus taxi from the nearest bus stop to the hotel (maximum 5-minute walk)
- Chartered coach (if there are more than 8 Wendy Wu Tours passengers arriving at the same time)

On the departure day, all passengers will be met by English-speaking staff at the hotel and transfer by one of the three ways above. For those passengers using a shared bus or shared bus plus taxi to the airport, the guide services end when they drop you off at the bus stop, and you will need to check in at the airport on your own. If you have paid extra for a private transfer, the above does not apply.

You will meet your National Escorts at the welcome dinner or, if arriving late, the following morning after breakfast at the welcome meeting.

Please ensure your Wendy Wu Tours luggage tag is visible on your suitcase/hand luggage, as this may also assist your guide in identifying you. If at any stage you are unable to locate your representative, please contact our ground operator on the number included in your final documents.

## TRANSPORT:

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**Coaches:** Air-conditioned coaches are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions, and longer transfers where required. Roads in Singapore, Malaysia (Borneo), and Hong Kong are generally well-maintained, but traffic congestion can be an issue, particularly during peak hours in major cities like Singapore and Hong Kong. In Borneo, roads in urban areas are paved, but more remote areas may have uneven or less-developed routes. It may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing before dinner, so some flexibility is advised. Timings for transfers and tours are approximate and may be affected by traffic or weather conditions.

**Public Transport:** Singapore has an extensive and efficient public transport system, including buses and the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) network, which operates until late at night and is an excellent option for tourists. Hong Kong also boasts a world-class transport system, including the MTR (Mass Transit Railway), buses, trams, and ferries. The Octopus Card makes getting around easy and convenient. In Borneo, public transport options are more limited; while buses are available in cities like Kota Kinabalu, they are less frequent and may not always be the most efficient option for tourists.

**Planes:** Internal flights are based on economy class, using reputable airlines. Lithium-ion batteries, such as those used in laptops, mobile phones, and digital cameras, must be carried in hand luggage, not checked baggage. Portable chargers must display their capacity; those over 160wh are not allowed on flights.

**Taxis:** Taxis in Singapore and Hong Kong are widely available, metered, and can be booked via apps or found at designated stands. In Hong Kong, taxis are colour-coded based on their service areas (red for urban areas, green for the New Territories, and blue for Lantau Island). In Borneo, taxis are available in major towns, but they are less common than in Singapore or Hong Kong, and fares should be agreed upon in advance as meters are not always used. Ride-hailing apps such as Grab are widely used and often provide a more convenient and reliable alternative to taxis.

**Boats:** Boat travel is a key part of exploring Borneo's river systems. You will use motorized boats for wildlife-spotting cruises and speedboats for longer transfers, such as between Sandakan and your lodges. These boats are open-air to allow for the best views, with simple seating and life jackets provided.

## CRUISE – NORWEGIAN JADE:

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The Norwegian Jade is made up of 15 decks and offers a wide range of amenities, including, but not limited to; multiple dining venues, 2 swimming pools, hot tubs, and numerous lounges and bars.

Performances take place each night in the Stardust Theatre, ranging from comedy shows and live music to Broadway-style productions. Guests on the Norwegian Jade can also enjoy engaging activities such

as trivia, dance classes, and fitness sessions, as well as culinary experiences like wine and cocktail tastings. Onboard spa facilities, including the Mandara Spa with a thermal suite and saunas, provide the perfect opportunity for relaxation.

We are excited to include NCL's Free at Sea offer with this cruise and tour package, enhancing your onboard experience with exceptional perks. Find more information of package inclusions on page 4 of this document.

## CRUISE ACCOMODATION AND CABINS

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At the time of booking, subject to availability you may have the choice to book from an outside cabin or balcony cabin. Should you wish to upgrade to a suite or have a special request for cabin location, please speak to our reservations department who will be able to assist.

## CRUISE EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION:

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Embarkation time is when you should arrive at the cruise terminal. Departure time is when your ship sets sail.

We strongly recommend guests complete their Online Check-In at least four days prior to sailing. Guests who have completed their Online Check-In should arrive at the terminal no later than one hour prior to the scheduled embarkation time printed on your cruise documents.

*Please note: guests who have not filled out their Online Check-In must arrive at the port two hours prior.*

**Boarding Time in Ports of Call:** In all ports of call, it is also the guest's responsibility to be back onboard the ship no later than one hour prior to the ship's scheduled departure time. Please be aware that shipboard time may differ from the time in the port of call and it is the guest's responsibility to follow the shipboard time. In the event a guest misses the ship, it will be the guest's responsibility to pay all expenses incurred to rejoin the ship.

## SHORE EXCURSIONS AND CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

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When docked at each port you will have the opportunity to experience shore excursions. Norwegian Cruise Line offer a wide array of authentic shore excursions, making it a great way to explore more of each destination. Please note, not all shore excursions will include a guide and shore excursions may be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions or for any other reason at the discretion of Norwegian Cruise Line. Any shore excursions will be at your own expense and bookable on your cruise reservation. A couple of weeks after you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours you can request your cruise reference from your reservation consultant, and use this to book excursions on the cruise line website.

## DEVELOPMENT

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**Borneo (Malaysia):** While Borneo has well-developed infrastructure in major cities like Kota Kinabalu, some rural and remote areas still have limited facilities and modern conveniences. Accommodation, transport, and amenities in more remote regions may be more basic, particularly when exploring the rainforest or visiting local communities.

**Singapore:** Singapore is a highly developed, modern city-state with world-class infrastructure, advanced technology, and high safety standards. Visitors can expect excellent public transport, modern amenities, and a high level of cleanliness and efficiency throughout the city.

**Hong Kong:** Hong Kong is a developed and cosmopolitan city with a modern infrastructure, efficient public transportation, and high safety standards. Visitors can enjoy modern amenities, reliable services, and a vibrant urban experience. However, some traditional neighbourhoods and older buildings may offer a more authentic and less polished experience.

## CULTURAL DIFFERENCE:

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Southeast Asia is a region rich in history, customs, and traditions. While visitors are not expected to know every cultural practice, showing respect will enhance your experience. Your National Escort will provide further guidance on local etiquette to ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey.

In Singapore and Hong Kong, both highly developed cities, you will find a blend of Eastern and Western influences. Public behaviour is taken seriously in Singapore, where laws against littering, jaywalking, and chewing gum are strictly enforced.

In Borneo, indigenous cultures such as the Iban and Kadazan-Dusun have unique traditions, and visitors are encouraged to be respectful when engaging with local communities. If visiting a longhouse, it is customary to remove shoes before entering and to accept hospitality offerings as a sign of respect.

In Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Brunei, religious and cultural traditions are deeply respected. When visiting temples, mosques, or other religious sites, modest attire is required—covering shoulders and knees is expected. In Brunei, alcohol is prohibited, and visitors should be mindful of local customs regarding public behaviour and dress.

## GROUP SIZE PRE & POST CRUISE:

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Most of our groups for pre and post cruise touring consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a National Escorts in each country. There will usually be no more than 28 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 8 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). National Escorts will accompany each group of 10 or more. However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size and local guides, as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

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If you are traveling during the following public holidays, please be aware that celebrations may last for several days, and some businesses and services may be closed. Public transport and flights may also be affected, while major tourist attractions may be busier than usual.

### **Borneo (Malaysia):**

- Hari Raya Puasa (Eid al-Fitr): 10th–11th March 2027 (dates vary annually)
- Good Friday: 26th March 2027 (observed in Sabah and Sarawak)

### **Singapore:**

- Chinese New Year: 6th–7th February 2027 (dates vary annually)
- Good Friday: 26th March 2027 (annually)

### **Hong Kong:**

- Lunar New Year: 6th–9th February 2027 (dates vary annually)
- Good Friday: 26th March 2027 (annually)

Please note that during these periods, some businesses may close, and public transportation schedules could be altered. Tourist attractions might also experience higher visitor numbers. It's advisable to plan your activities accordingly and check local schedules in advance.

## WEATHER:

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The regions visited on this tour experience tropical climates, with warm temperatures and high humidity throughout the year.

- **Kota Kinabalu & Borneo (Malaysia):** Expect temperatures between 24°C to 32°C, with high humidity and frequent rain showers, particularly in rainforest areas. Rain is common year-round but tends to fall in short, heavy bursts. Evenings may feel cooler in mountainous regions such as Kinabalu National Park.
- **Singapore:** Singapore has a tropical rainforest climate with consistent temperatures of 25°C to 32°C year-round. Humidity levels are high, and short, heavy rain showers are common, especially from November to January during the monsoon season.
- **Hong Kong:** Hong Kong has a subtropical climate, with mild winters (16°C to 20°C) and hot, humid summers (26°C to 33°C). If travelling during the cooler months (November to February), light layers may be needed for evenings. Rain showers are possible year-round but most common from May to September.
- **At sea on the Norwegian Jade:** While cruising, expect warm temperatures, refreshing ocean breezes, and occasional brief rain showers, particularly when sailing close to tropical regions. Conditions on board are generally comfortable, but it is advisable to pack light, breathable clothing and sun protection for days spent on deck or during port excursions.
- **Thailand, Vietnam, Philippines & Brunei:** Expect warm temperatures of 26°C to 34°C, with high humidity in coastal and lowland areas. Rainfall varies by season, with the wettest months typically between May and October, though tropical showers can occur at any time of year.

## APPROPRIATE DRESS / WHAT TO PACK:

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Appropriate clothing for this tour should be light, breathable, and suitable for the warm, humid conditions experienced in Borneo, Singapore, and across the cruise destinations. Lightweight cotton or moisture-wicking materials in light colours are ideal for staying cool and comfortable during outdoor activities. Long-sleeved shirts and trousers are recommended for protection from the sun and insects, especially in Borneo's rainforest regions or when visiting remote areas such as the Kinabatangan River. A lightweight waterproof jacket or poncho is advisable, as tropical rain showers are common throughout the region.

In Singapore, casual and comfortable attire is appropriate for city sightseeing, but modest clothing should be worn when visiting religious or cultural sites, ensuring shoulders and knees are covered. Similarly, in Brunei, conservative dress is expected in public places. For excursions in Borneo, practical outdoor wear such as walking shoes, hats, and insect repellent will enhance your comfort, particularly in wildlife areas or during nature walks.

Swimwear and light beachwear are ideal for enjoying the ship's pool facilities or visiting the pristine beaches in the Philippines or Thailand. However, when disembarking for excursions or exploring local towns, it is important to dress appropriately by covering up. Comfortable walking shoes or sturdy sandals are recommended for shore excursions, particularly in natural or uneven terrain such as national parks or jungle areas.

Onboard the Norwegian Jade, the dress code is casual and relaxed. During the day, light and comfortable clothing is suitable, with swimwear or resort wear appropriate for poolside activities. For dinner, smart-casual attire is recommended, with some speciality restaurants having a slightly more formal dress code that excludes swimwear, flip-flops, or overly casual clothing. Guests are welcome to dress up for certain themed evenings or formal nights, although this is entirely optional.

Sun protection is essential throughout the trip, so pack a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. A small backpack for day trips, along with a refillable water bottle, will also be useful during excursions. Don't forget your camera or smartphone to capture the incredible wildlife and scenery in Borneo, the vibrant cityscapes of Singapore and Hong Kong, and the stunning coastal views in the Philippines, Brunei, and Thailand. Chargers and spare memory cards are advisable to ensure you don't miss a moment. A small medical kit with basic first aid supplies and personal medications is also recommended for added peace of mind.

By packing light, versatile, and practical clothing, you'll be well-prepared to enjoy the diverse landscapes, cultures, and climates experienced throughout your journey.

## LUGGAGE:

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All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable.

**On your cruise:** While luggage allowance on your cruise may permit further capacity, we ask you to adhere to the above restrictions due to airline and touring allowances. Suitcases should be tagged, luggage tags can be downloaded and printed from your eDocs. For your convenience, we recommend that your luggage tags be placed on your bags prior to arrival at the port.

It may take a few hours after embarkation for your luggage to be delivered to your stateroom. Likewise, suitcases are collected on the last night of your cruise. To avoid any complications, be sure to bring a small bag such as a backpack for carrying any necessary medication, valuables, important documents and need-to-have items.

## PORTERAGE:

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Please be aware that portering is not included on our tours in pre & post cruise. You will therefore need to be able to handle your own luggage within the hotel and when using transportation like trains and coaches.

Portering is included onboard the Norwegian Sun Cruise Ship. When embarking, your luggage will be delivered to your room from the check-in area at the port. When disembarking you will leave your luggage outside your cabin door on the last night of your cruise. Staff will then be able to make arrangements for your luggage, ready for disembarkation early next morning. Please also note, it is customary to tip for the portering service, and this is not included in your tour cost.

## TIPPING / GRATUITIES

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Tipping is customary in many parts of the world, and Singapore, Hong Kong, and Borneo are no exception.

As it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much, Wendy Wu Tours land touring operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your national escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed to local guides and drivers throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort.

If you are travelling in a smaller group with local guides only, then tipping is paid in each destination. To be fair to the guides we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller with small groups.

We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognize that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

**On the cruise**

Onboard gratuities are included in your tour cost. Additional tips for exceptional service or services you choose to partake in, are at your discretion.

**SOUVENIRS:**

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We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs, so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions which demonstrate a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone, so we aim to take you to places, which hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES PRE AND POST CRUISE:**

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Our fully-inclusive Classic tours feature full days of sightseeing to ensure you experience all the must-see sights and unforgettable moments. Occasionally, when time allows, we offer optional extras such as evening shows for those seeking extra excitement. These excursions will be advised and payable in country with your guide.

**TERRAIN CONSIDERATIONS (STEPS, SLOPES & UNEVEN SURFACES):**

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Many of the destinations visited on this tour involve walking on uneven surfaces, navigating slopes, and climbing steps. In natural areas such as Borneo's rainforests, walking trails may be unpaved, uneven, or become slippery when wet. Visits to attractions like Kinabalu National Park, the Kinabatangan River, and wildlife sanctuaries may also require walking on forest trails, boardwalks, or stepping onto boats, which can involve some physical exertion. Sturdy, comfortable footwear with good grip is essential.

In cities such as Singapore and Hong Kong, sightseeing tours may involve extended periods of walking on city streets, which can sometimes be uneven or include steps and inclines, particularly when visiting cultural landmarks or elevated viewpoints.

During the cruise, embarking and disembarking at ports or during shore excursions may involve navigating steps, ramps, or boarding smaller boats. While crew members will assist where possible, passengers should be comfortable with boarding and disembarking independently. Shore excursions may include walking on uneven or unpaved terrain, depending on the port of call.

Travellers with limited mobility, balance issues, or difficulty climbing stairs should carefully consider the physical demands of this itinerary to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience.

**VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:**

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We recommend that you contact either your GP or Travelvax (1300 360 164) for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Travelvax has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful [www.travelvax.com.au](http://www.travelvax.com.au).

### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE:**

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We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au) as in the event of an emergency, Australian Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the Australian Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.

### **AFTER YOUR BOOKING:**

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Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive an email with your confirmation invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information (if applicable) and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

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