ASIA
JAPAN, INDIA, NEPAL, CHINA & SOUTH EAST ASIA
YOUR 2020/21 HOLIDAY
Welcome to Asia, a place unlike any other.

Flavours of ginger, lemongrass and chilli titillate your taste buds. Unfamiliar chords make-up the melodies that float through the air. The future can be glimpsed in the neon signs of Tokyo and the past and present collide on the streets of Old Delhi where cows and cars battle for their place on unpaved roads.

This is a place where even the alphabets are illegible, where a shake of the head means “yes” and loudly slurping your food is a sign of respect. Yet, there’s something in the smiling faces and the infectious laughter that seems so familiar that, at times, you find yourself feeling right at home.

Leading travel since 1947, our local knowledge opens up to you an Asia few travellers get to experience and enables you to navigate this exotic, exciting continent with ease.

Whether sharing a meal with a local family in their stilt house in Northern Thailand or learning the graceful fluidity of Tai Chi side-by-side with its daily practitioners, we immerse you into each unique culture and open your eyes to new ways of life. And we include at least one JoinTrafalgar experience on every Asia trip that let you make a difference in the local communities you visit.

Real Connections. Real Ease. Real Joy.
Let us show you the real Asia like only we can.
9 COUNTRIES. 32 HANDCRAFTED TRIPS. DISCOVER THE TRUE MAGIC OF ASIA, ITS DIVERSE CULTURES AND DRAMATIC LANDSCAPES, ON A HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME.

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SIMPLY THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL

FROM THE ANCIENT SERENITY OF ANGKOR WAT TO THE ENERGETIC URBANITY OF HONG KONG, YOU’LL EXPERIENCE SIMPLY THE BEST THAT ASIA HAS TO OFFER. AS THE MOST AWARDED BRAND IN TRAVEL, WE ARE EXPERTS AT CREATING EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAYS THAT LET YOU EXPERIENCE THE AUTHENTIC ASIA, WITHOUT A WORRY IN THE WORLD.

Real Connections

It’s not just the sights you see, but the people you meet that allow you to truly connect to a destination. Our unique Be My Guest experiences give you an inside glimpse into the life and culture of local communities. You’ll Connect With Locals as you enjoy a traditional kaiseki lunch in a former imperial home in Japan or Dive Into Culture, celebrating the Festival of Lights dressed in traditional Indian attire. You’ll Make A Difference and forge meaningful connections to the people and places you visit. Each encounter will leave its mark on your soul.

Read more on p.6

Real Ease

Explore Asia without barriers, without worries and without stress as we unlock its secrets, revealing its true essence. With the help of our on-ground team of passionate destination experts and backed by over 73 years of travel planning experience, our specially crafted itineraries leave you free to immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and experiences of this diverse continent, living each moment to the fullest.

Read more on p.11

Real Joy

We create trips that allow you to rediscover a sense of wonder often lost in the bustle of our everyday lives. In the warm turquoise waters of Vietnam, in the fragrant aromas of a local spice market, in the reverberations of Buddhist chants in a hilltop monastery. It is in these “pinch-me” moments that you will experience the real joy that 5 million happy Trafalgar guests have shared before you. But don’t take our word for it. We’re 100% transparent and share all the unedited FEEFO reviews that led to our 4.6/5 rating.

Read more on p.12
REAL CONNECTIONS

LET US OPEN YOUR EYES AND YOUR HEART AS WE SHOW YOU ASIA THROUGH A LOCAL LENS. THROUGH THE STORIES AND THE TRADITIONS OF ITS PEOPLE, YOU’LL UNCOVER THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THIS MAJESTIC LAND.

The Icons

THE THINGS YOU’LL SEE

The golden temples of Thailand, the ornate stone walls of Angkor Wat. China’s Great Wall and India’s Taj Mahal. Between the borders of the world’s largest continent is a wealth of natural, cultural and historical landmarks waiting to be explored. And we’ll make sure you don’t miss any of The Icons as you traverse the verdant jungles and vibrant cityscapes of Asia. With more UNESCO heritage sites than any other continent in the world, you’ll discover a new breath-taking wonder around every corner.

Look for the Iconic Highlights on the trip pages to see what’s waiting for you.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA
JUYONGGUAN, CHINA

One of the great icons of the world, the Great Wall of China is simply unmissable. Visiting the wall at the area of Juyongguan – as you walk along the seemingly endless expanse of stone, the green countryside sprawled all around you – you will learn about its significance as a symbol of national pride and the unification of China.

WHAT TRIP?
Best of China with Yangtze Cruise (p.32), Classic China (p.34).
Dive Into Culture

THE THINGS THAT YOU’LL DO

The colours, sounds and smells of Asia are like no place else in the world. Each region, each country, each destination offers a new chance to discover the age-old customs and timeless traditions that make it so wonderfully unique. Dive Into Culture as you feel the contagious energy of a local Indian festival or uncover the secret ingredients of authentic Sichuan cuisine. Thanks to our destination expertise, you won’t just see Asia, you’ll experience it with all five senses.

Look out for the Dive Into Culture symbol on the trip pages for more experiences.

KAISEKI AND TEA EXPERIENCE
NARA, JAPAN

Journey to the lush hillsides of Nara, Japan to the home of a local farmer and his family. Dine on a traditional kaiseki lunch as your hosts share their stories, giving you a glimpse into their daily family life and the art of growing tea. You’ll take part in their ritual of Yamato tea drinking before heading off to visit the verdant fields of their plantation.

WHAT TRIP?
Classic Japan (p.16), Classic Japan with Matsue and Osaka (p.23).

Connect with Locals

THE PEOPLE YOU’LL MEET

The allure of a destination is more than the sum of its sights; it’s a culmination of moments shared and memories made, of stories told and friendships formed. It’s in the traditional Chinese cuisine shared with a local family in one of Beijing’s hutongs, the spicy Thai lunch shared with a family in a hilltribe village. Join us as we uncover a side of Asia few travellers get the chance to enjoy, forming real connections with the people who are protagonists in its romantic, poetic, fascinating and, at times, tumultuous tale.

Look out for the Connect With Locals symbol on the trip pages for more experiences.

10 YEARS OF BE MY GUEST

Completely exclusive to Trafalgar and available on all our trips, these are just a taste of our favourite Be My Guest experiences in Asia.

Learn more at: trafalgar.com/bemyguest

ICON KEYS

Keep an eye out for these unique Trafalgar experiences

- Connect With Locals
- Dive Into Culture
- Stays With Stories
- Make a Difference
- The Icons
- Local Specialist
MAKING TRAVEL MATTER

A DECADE OF POSITIVE IMPACT

Travel is one of life’s most powerful gifts. As leaders in travel, we recognise that we have the responsibility to do what we can to ensure that future generations too can enjoy the gift of travel. With this in mind, in 2008, our parent company The Travel Corporation (TTC) created the not-for-profit TreadRight foundation with the simple philosophy to enrich, protect and preserve the destinations we visit and the people and wildlife that call them home. Simply put, making travel matter. A year later, fuelled by this philosophy, we created JoinTrafalgar to use the positive power of travel to make a difference. And on each Asia itinerary, we offer a chance for you to impact the local communities we visit through our 3 guiding pillars:

1. **HELPING PEOPLE**
   We help support artisans, farmers, families and invest in micro enterprises.

2. **PRESERVING PLACES & WILDLIFE**
   We help protect and maintain the diversity of wildlife, cultures and traditions.

3. **CARING FOR THE PLANET**
   We help reduce our footprint and protect the environment.

ME TO WE

Together with Me to We, we have built four schools and two water wells across China, India, Ecuador and Kenya, providing clean water to over 3000 people and classrooms for over 300 students.
WILDLIFE SOS

With the grant provided by TreadRight, Wildlife SOS has built a permanent Enforcement Training classroom at the Elephant Conservation and Care Centre in Mathura, India as well as outfitted it with AV equipment to train staff on anti-poaching efforts, wildlife laws, dealing with human/elephant conflict situations, proper elephant management and more.

ONE TREE PLANTED

In 2018, we offered our guests the opportunity to choose paper free documentation, resulting in over 70% of our guests opting for this environmentally friendly option. And to thank every guest who chooses e-documentations, we plant a tree in their honour. Together with our partner One Tree Planted, we have already reforested 150 acres including areas ravaged by wildfires in Northern California and devastated lands in Tanzania.

GOODBYE TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

We’re setting our sights on a single-use plastic (SUP) free future by 2022. We have eliminated plastic bottles from our Vietnam and Cambodia coaches and are in the process of removing them from our coaches throughout the rest of Asia. We have already removed them from our coaches in Europe and North America.

ALL HANDS AND HEARTS

We contributed US$40,000 towards the re-building of the Alangalang school after the Haiyan Typhoon in the Philippines. And in the case of the Kalika Secondary School in Nepal, TreadRight and Adventure World donated US$30,000 to assist in the construction of a new school after the devastating earthquake in 2015.

CHENGDU RESEARCH BASE OF GIANT PANDA BREEDING

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Stays with Stories

THE PLACES YOU’LL STAY

Each Stays With Stories is an attraction in its own right – an integral part of the local landscape both literally and figuratively – boasting idyllic locations, emblematic architecture and intriguing stories. More than just a place to rest your head, you’ll become a part of the narrative.

Look out for the Stays With Stories symbol on the itinerary pages for opportunities to stay in Asia’s most extraordinary accommodations.

RAWLA NARLAI
NARLAI, INDIA

The former hunting lodge of the royal family of Jodhpur, the Rawla Narlai is a heritage boutique hotel that is steeped in culture. Set in the Aravalli Hills, it places you in the middle of the day-to-day life of the local villagers and is the perfect base for exploring the sweeping views, robust flavours and hypnotic folk music of the royal state of Rajasthan.

WHAT TRIP?
Colourful India (p.24).

Hidden Gems

THE SECRETS YOU’LL UNLOCK

With their finger on the pulse of local happenings and hot-spots, our Travel Directors reveal the Hidden Gems that lie beneath the surface of each destination. These locals-only experiences aren’t found in any guidebook. We can’t tell you too much about what they are – that would ruin the moment – but here’s a sneak peek from one of our Travel Directors to give you just a taste of what they know.

Thom
VIETNAM TRAVEL DIRECTOR

Join me on a trip through time as we enter a secluded courtyard and travel back to the Vietnam of 1881. I’ll share with you the colourful history of this former opium refinery and the role the legal opium trade played in shaping the Vietnam of today.

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REAL EASE

WE UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES AND MYSTIQUE OF ASIA, SO YOU EXPERIENCE THE FREEDOM OF TRAVELLING WITH REAL EASE. FROM THE TIME YOU ARRIVE, YOU’LL ENJOY A HASSLE-FREE HOLIDAY BACKED BY 73 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AND THE FEEDBACK OF OVER FIVE MILLION HAPPY GUESTS.

THE SIGHTS
Our Travel Directors and Local Specialists are your guides to uncover the Hidden Gems and visit all the must-see icons. From UNESCO World Heritage Sites to exciting new discoveries far off the well-trodden tourist trail, you’ll see Simply the Best in each Asian destination you visit.

YOUR MEALS
Exotic flavours prepared with love, trendy restaurants in some of the budding food capitals of the world. Eat your way through Asia as we show you the tastiest treats on the continent. And, to make sure you start your days off right, breakfast is always included.

YOUR STAY
Our hand-selected accommodation lets you spend the night in a piece of local heritage, surrounded by natural beauty or in the heart of some of Asia’s most exciting cities. And, each quality hotel includes all the amenities you need to slumber in comfort.

YOUR TRANSPORT
Travel in style and comfort in our sleek, air-conditioned coaches as you watch the captivating landscapes roll by. And with all internal flights and airport transfers included, we’ve got all your transportation needs covered.

YOUR TEAM
Gain an in-depth perspective of the places you visit. Our Travel Directors and Local Specialists are ultimate locals. They’ve studied obsessively, practiced incessantly and mastered the fine art of creating seamless and memorable experiences.
The Travel director did an excellent job to make our trip interesting and enjoyable. The team was friendly, courteous and accommodating. This is our third trip with Trafalgar and we always have a great time.”

MARILOU

Treasures of Thailand

I just love the planned activities for interaction with the local people. Also our travel Director was fantastic. Thom really made the trip extra special as a wonderful guide.”

DAVID

Highlights of Vietnam

Our guests are at the heart of everything we do. Your feedback fuels our innovation, inspiring us to improve continuously and create holidays that are Simply the Best. That’s why we ask each of our guests to leave a third-party verified, independent review after every trip. And to be 100% transparent, we encourage you to check out our live, unedited reviews and ratings at trafalgar.com/reviews.

But, we’ll let you see if for yourself and hear it in their own words:

HEAD TO TRAFALGAR.COM/REVIEWS TO SEE MORE
FOUR GENERATIONS ONE MISSION

FOR TRAFALGAR, DRIVEN BY SERVICE IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

Since its beginning as a single hotel in a small South African fishing village which opened its doors in 1920, now a fourth-generation family-run company, The Travel Corporation (TTC) has stayed true to its commitment to service excellence across all 30 brands that make up the TTC family.

And since the birth of Trafalgar in 1947, along with our sister companies mentioned right, we have infused the TTC ethos “Driven by Service” into every aspect of our business. It is this commitment to service excellence, bolstered by a century of travel expertise, that enables us to show you the wonders of the world, unlocking its mysteries, and allowing you to explore each new destination with ease.

Our aim is to inspire in you the passion we feel for travel and its ability to intricately bond you to the world we share. Because you, our guests, are also a part of the Trafalgar and TTC family.

Gavin Tollman
Trafalgar CEO

From left to right:
Gavin Tollman, Stanley Tollman, Brett Tollman and Michael Tollman
Ways to Explore

CHOOSE THE HOLIDAY YOU MOST DESIRE WITH TRAFALGAR. WHETHER YOU WANT TO EXPLORE THE DIVERSITY OF MULTIPLE DESTINATIONS DURING ONE TRIP OR GET BENEATH THE SURFACE AND ENJOY AN IN-DEPTH ENCOUNTER WITH ONE CITY, THERE IS A TRAVEL STYLE CREATED WITH YOUR NEEDS IN MIND.

COUNTRY EXPLORER
For: Unlock one destination in great depth.
What you get?
One country, explored in depth. You’ll have the luxury of time to really get to know the destination from the perspective of a local, covering both The Icons and the Hidden Gems.

REGIONAL EXPLORER
For: Gain insights into the diversity of a particular region.
What you get?
Connect with the people, places and experiences of one region and explore the diverse history, culture and scenery along your journey.

CITY EXPLORER
For: Get to know every little corner of just one or two cities.
What you get?
You’ll return home with a local’s perspective of the cities you’ve just explored. Your Travel Director will help you with all the local hotspots to suit your interests with plenty of time to explore The Icons of any city.

CRUISE OR RAIL
For: Kick-back and watch the scenery unfold along your journey.
What you get?
Get from A to B in comfort and style by cruise, rail and everything in between. You’ll have an opportunity to explore diverse landscapes by simply enjoying the ride.

MINI STAYS
For: Those who are short on time or want to extend their trip.
What you get:
A quick but enriching holiday focusing on a particular icon or destination. Perfect as a short trip or as an add-on to enhance your travel experience.
Ways to Save

1 - PAY EARLY

Save up to A$1278*

Book and pay in full by 18 December 2019 and you’ll save up to 10%.

You’ll not only save when you book and pay early but also guarantee your spot on the trip you want when you want to go.

Don’t miss out, get planning today.

2 - BOOK AGAIN

VIT BENEFIT

All of our valued past guests automatically become a Very Important Traveller and unlock exclusive limited time savings and offers. All guests who travel 5 or more times also receive 5% off all destinations, all year round.

MULTI-TRIP BOOKING

Save up to 2.5%

When you book two or more trips.

The more you book, the more you save.

3 - BOOK TOGETHER

SOLO TRAVELLER

Save up to 5%

On most trips for young travellers (5-11 years).

TRIPLE SHARED ROOMING

Extra savings when sharing a triple room with your travelling companions.

EXCLUSIVE AIR DEALS

Exclusive Air Deals

Travel with Trafalgar for less - getting to your holiday destination has never been more affordable.

Contact us or your Travel Agent for special low fares to get your holiday started right.

BOOK AND TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

DEPOSIT PROTECTION

Should your plans change and you cancel your booking 60 days or more prior to your departure date, you will receive a credit of A$200 per person, valid for up to five years from date of cancellation.

GOLD SEAL PROTECTION

Our Gold Seal Additional Protection gives you insurance while you’re away, including trip cancellation up to 30 days prior to travel or interruptions to your trip due to illness. See page 59.

DEFINITIVE DEPARTURES

We guarantee our trips will depart (weather and other conditions dependent, of course) as soon as enough guests are booked.

Pay Early Discount Conditions: *For person based on Classic Japan with Matsue & Osaka 05 June 2020. These Pay Early savings and discounts apply to the land portion of selected holidays and departures. See itinerary pages. Can be combined with other discounts, where applicable. Pay your deposit when booking and the balance by the date shown. Offer is subject to availability, exclusions may apply and the offer may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Check the dates and prices section of the trip on-line at trafalgar.com for current savings availability.

General Conditions: Discounts only apply to the land portion of your holiday and may not be available on all trips and departures. Not applicable with extra nights’ accommodation, mini-stays, optional extensions, airfares, taxes and fees, flight supplements, surcharges, airport transfers and does not apply on any internal air portion of a trip. Sometimes more than one discount can apply. Past guest exclusive offers are only available on select trips and departures after your initial trip is completed. Savings limited to one per trip and applied to the higher priced of two trips, if you book two at once. Multi-trip with two or more trips applies to holidays booked simultaneously and must be seven days or longer, savings are applied to the lowest price trip. For Multi-trip & Group discounts they must be booked at the same time and on the same booking number to apply. Special Rate Solo Rooming is combinable with our Group Travel discount but is on a request basis. Groups are on request. Young Travellers must be aged 5-11 at time of travel and accompanied by at least one adult sharing a room, discount is limited to one discount per room. Trip rooms are based on three guests sharing one room and will often feature one double bed, plus one foldaway bed. Rooms are more suitable for two adults and one child (three adults may find rooms too small with limited suitcase space). Triple rooms are limited on cruises and not available on all trips. Shared Rooming is not applicable on any trips in this brochure. Holidays have a limited number of single rooms and are restricted to certain cabin categories on board cruises. Deposit protection credit cannot be used as a deposit against your future booking and can only be used as a credit against your final payment. Only one credit per person can be applied to each booking. Cancellation fees and deadlines remain unchanged.
A TALE OF THREE ICONIC CITIES AND THREE FORMER CAPITALS – YOUR EPIC JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN BLENDS OLD AND NEW, WITH SOUL-STIRRING VISITS TO ANCIENT CENTRES AND MODERN CITIES.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Tokyo, Kamakura, Kyoto, Hiroshima

• VISIT Sensoji Temple in Tokyo, Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine and Kotokuin Temple in Kamakura, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, Gion District and Kinkakuji Temple in Kyoto, the bamboo groves in Arashiyama, Nara Park and Todaiji Temple in Nara, Peace Memorial Park and Museum in Hiroshima, Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island

• CRUISE along the Sumida River in Tokyo

• SEE the multiple orange coloured torii gates in Kamakura, the Togetsukyo Bridge in Arashiyama
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE TOKYO (4 NIGHTS) Tokyo’s futuristic cityscape launches your journey through Japan’s modern centres and ancient capitals. On arrival at Tokyo Narita or Haneda Airport, you’ll be transferred by airport shuttle to your hotel. This evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception dinner with drinks. (WR) Hotel: Keio Plaza

2 TOKYO SIGHTSEEING ‘Dive Into Culture’ and wander through Aoyama Street Market, once a black market selling American goods after World War II. Continue to Asakusa to visit the Sensoji Buddhist Temple, Tokyo’s oldest temple site. Take a stroll down Nakamise shopping street, then join a ‘Local Specialist’ and learn the art of Taiko drumming. Board a cruise along the Sumida River to admire Tokyo’s modern skyline. Later, enjoy dinner at a Sumo-themed izakaya restaurant. (B, B, D, ♦️)

3 KAMAKURA SIGHTSEEING We journey to Kamakura to visit the Tsurugaoka Hachimangu shrine, passing Komachi-dori street to admire the old western-style houses lining narrow alleys that branch off this popular market street. Later, we’ll travel to Kotokuin Temple to see its Great Buddha, then return to Tokyo for an evening at leisure. (B)

4 MT. FUJI AND OWAKUDANI The towering slopes of snow-capped Mt. Fuji loom in the distance as we journey from Tokyo to this celebrated UNESCO-listed site. Admire spectacular views of the surrounding countryside from its 5th station, a magnificent vantage point at 3,300 metres (weather permitting). After lunch at a local restaurant, we’ll continue to Owakudani to see the volcanic activity. Consider sampling the local black eggs boiled in geyser, then head back to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

5 TOKYO - KYOTO (3 NIGHTS) We leave Tokyo, travelling by high-speed bullet train to Kyoto, another former capital of Japan and the centre of Japanese culture for centuries. On arrival, we’ll embark on a walking tour of the Gion District, embracing the energy of Kiyomizu-dera. Enjoy some free time before we head to the UNESCO-listed Kinkakuji Temple, whose glittering golden pavilion is widely regarded as the symbol of Kyoto. (B) Hotel: Nikko Princess

6 KYOTO SIGHTSEEING After a late start this morning, we’ll visit one of Kyoto’s highlights – the historic and scenic district of Arashiyama, renowned for its cherry blossom trees which bloom in the springtime and its beautiful landscapes that change dramatically from season to season. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the towering Bamboo groves and see its iconic Togetsukyo Bridge. Connect with nature in the Zen gardens of Tenryuji Temple, then return to Kyoto for some free time at Nishiki market, a traditional food market known by locals as “Kyoto’s Pantry”. Return to your hotel or consider joining an optional Japanese tea ceremony experience. (B)

7 NARA SIGHTSEEING: Start the day off with a visit to Sennyama Village and discover the stunning Kyomizu Pottery which originated about 500 years ago in central Kyoto. Learn about the work of the craftsmen and about how they had to move out of the city and into a more rural area due to concerns from the local citizens about air pollution. Next, Connect With Locals over a ’Be My Guest’ lunch with a local farmer at his home. Gain insights into the life of his family while sampling fresh tea and indulging in a delicious home-made meal, then visit his tea plantation. This afternoon delve into the ancient history of Nara, the first permanent capital city of Japan. Here you’ll visit the landmark Todaji Temple, one of the powerful Seven Great Temples and home to one of Japan’s largest bronze statues of Buddha. Take a stroll around Nara Park, home to hundreds of freely roaming tame deer before returning to Kyoto for an evening at leisure. (B, BMG, B, ♦️)

8 KYOTO - HIROSHIMA (2 NIGHTS) This morning, we board a high-speed bullet train to Hiroshima. Our first stop is at a local restaurant where we’ll join our ‘Local Specialist’ and learn how to make Okonomiyaki, with an opportunity to enjoy our creation for lunch. This afternoon, we head to the Peace Memorial Museum and see the UNESCO-listed Peace Memorial, the only structure left standing when the first atomic bomb explodes in 1945. (B, L, D) Hotel: Rihga Royal

9 HIROSHIMA SIGHTSEEING Take the ferry to Miyajima Island to visit the famous UNESCO-listed Itsukushima Shrine and elaborate torii gate rising majestically out of the sea. Learn how to make Momiji Manjyu, one of the local specialties. Then, spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience. Later, join your free guests and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant. (B, FD, ♦️)

10 DEPART HIROSHIMA Your journey revealing Japan’s ancient past and modern cityscape is at its end, take a transfer by airport shuttle to Hiroshima Airport for your onward flight. (B)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP
Indulge your sweet tooth when you visit Japan. A treat I like to share with guests is our colourful Wagashi traditional sweets which Japanese people usually have alongside green tea. My favourite is Domyori, which looks like a small pancake sandwich filled with a variety of unique flavours.

Misa, Japan Travel Director

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER

Classic Japan with Matsue and Osaka: See page 23 for the 14 day version of our Classic Japan trip that includes two night stays with city sightseeing tours in Matsue and Osaka.

Handcrafted Highlights
Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

Visit to their workshop.

Connect With Locals
Lunch with a local farmer’s family who own a traditional tea plantation in the Nara area. (Day 7)

Dive Into Culture
Visit Ameyoko Street Market, take a Taiko Drumming Lesson, dinner in a Sumo-themed izakaya restaurant (Day 2). Learn how to make Okonomiyaki (Day 8) and Momiji Manju (Day 9).

Make a Difference
Help support the work of the Kyomizu pottery craftsmen with your visit to their workshop. (Day 7)
AT KYOTO'S FUSHIMI INARI SHRINE, CLIMB THE EXTRAORDINARY PATH LINED WITH HUNDREDS OF ORANGE TORII GATES THAT SNAKE THROUGH THE FOREST UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE THE CITY. INDULGE IN A DELICIOUS KAISEKI LUNCH AT A TRADITIONAL RYOKAN AND GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO JAPANESE CUSTOMS.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **CITY TOUR** of Tokyo, Kyoto
- **VISIT** the Sensoji Temple, the Skytree, the Edo Tokyo Museum, Tokyo, Mt. Fuji 5th Station, the Kinkakuji Temple, Sanjusangen-do Hall, Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto
- **VIEW** Mt. Fuji
- **SEE** the traditional Gassho-zukuri houses in Gokayama, the beautiful gardens of Kenrokuuen in Kanazawa

SPLENDOURS OF JAPAN

9 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 15 MEALS | FROM A$5375 PP*

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YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY 1
ARRIVE TOKYO (2 NIGHTS) Your in-depth exploration of Japan begins in Tokyo. On arrival at Narita or Haneda Airport, take a shuttle bus transfer to your centrally located hotel, where you’ll join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Welcome Reception and dinner.
(WR) Hotel: New Otani Garden Tower

DAY 2
TOKYO SIGHTSEEING We launch our City Tour in the old-time entertainment centre of Asakusa, where we’ll encounter the Sensoji Buddhist Temple. One of Tokyo’s most colourful and popular temples, Sensoji has been rebuilt countless times since it was founded in 628, making it Tokyo’s oldest temple site. Strolling down Nakamise, next we immerse ourselves in the sights and sounds of shitamachi (downtown Tokyo), admiring the wooden dolls, cheerful chijogami (origami paper) and traditional Japanese sweets. We’ll ascend Tokyo Skytree, the world’s highest free-standing broadcasting tower for panoramic views of the city, then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure or on an Optional Experience where a professional stylist will dress you in a traditional Japanese kimono.

DAY 3
TOKYO - LAKE YAMANAKAKO Our first stop today is the Imperial Palace East gardens from where the two bridges that form the entrance to the inner grounds of the Imperial Palace can be viewed. We’ll have the opportunity to explore the leafy Imperial Palace East Gardens before continuing our City Tour. At the Edo-Tokyo Museum, we delve into the history and culture of Tokyo’s Edo era, then continue to the Ginza district where we’ll learn how to make sushi with a ‘Locals Specialist’. We venture to the Five Lakes District next, keeping a keen eye out for the UNESCO listed Mt. Fuji which dominates the landscape.
(B, L, D) Hotel: Tokyo Marriott Yamanakako

DAY 4
LAKE YAMANAKAKO - MT. FUJI - TAKAYAMA Visit Oshino Hakai, a small rural village in the Fuji Five Lakes district, renowned for eight natural spring water ponds that are fed by melted snow from Mt. Fuji. Admire the reflections of the sky and landscapes in its clear waters, then ascend Mt. Fuji by road to 2,300 metres at the 5th station. Ride up Mt. Tenjo on the Kachikachiyama Ropeway next, for jaw-dropping views (weather permitting) of Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchiko. Then, journey through the Japanese Alps to the beautiful hillside town of Takayama, before enjoying dinner at the hotel.
(B, L, D) Hotel: Associa Takayama Resort

DAY 5
TAKAYAMA - GOKAYAMA - KANAZAWA (2 NIGHTS) Immerse yourself in tradition as you walk through the Edo-style streets of Takayama’s Old Town. Indulge a lunch of Japanese Hida gyu – beef from a black-haired Japanese cattle breed, renowned as one of the finest quality varieties of beef. Journey back in time this afternoon during a visit to the peaceful UNESCO-listed Gokayama, a mountain village set amidst five valleys. Admire the unique construction of the local Gashozukuri wooden houses that have been built without the use of nails with steeply sloped thatched roofs to prevent snow from building up on them. Next, meet a local family in one of these houses, then ‘Dive Into Culture’ observing local artisans making washi paper and trying your hand at making your own. ‘Make A Difference’ to the sustainability of this small business during your visit. Stay overnight in Kanazawa.
(B, L, D) Hotel: Kanazawa Tokyu

DAY 6
KANAZAWA SIGHTSEEING Join a ‘Locals Specialist’ this morning to learn the secrets of painting gold leaf, a delicate craft the Japanese have been perfecting since the 16th century. Continue to the tranquil gardens of Kenrokuken, which took shape over a hundred years to emerge as one of Japan’s most beautiful gardens.

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS
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CONNECT WITH LOCALS
A kaiseki lunch at a traditional Japanese ryokan near Kyoto where you will learn about local customs.

DIVE INTO CULTURE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Help support a local business with a visit to a washi paper workshop. You’ll watch the family at work, and test your paper-making skills for yourself.

TRADITIONAL RYOKAN STAY OPTION
Extend your stay in Kyoto and take the opportunity to absorb genuine Japanese hospitality while staying in a traditional ryokan (Japanese inn). The ryokan features traditional rooms with tatami mats, communal segregated gender bathing areas and provides guests with a yukata (cotton kimono) to wear. See page 57 for prices.

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER
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SPLENDOURS OF JAPAN WITH HIROSHIMA

13 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 23 MEALS | FROM A$8275 PP*

EMBRACE THE TIMELESS TRADITION AND MODERN SPIRIT OF JAPAN’S ICONIC SITES, FROM THE NEON SKYLINE OF TOKYO TO THE FOODIE HOTSPOT OF OSAKA. RELAX IN THE SOOTHING HOT SPRINGS OF KOTOHIRA, SPEND THE NIGHT IN A TRADITIONAL RYOKAN AND CONTEMPLATE WORLD PEACE IN HIROSHIMA.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• As per Splendours of Japan itinerary plus:
  • CITY TOUR of Hiroshima
  • VISIT the Water Temple on Awaji Island, the Peace Memorial Park and Museum in Hiroshima, the Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island
YOUR HOLIDAY

1. TOKYO - KYOTO These days will operate as per days 1-8 of the Splendours of Japan itinerary on pages 18-19.

KYOTO - KOTOHIRA This morning we leave Japan’s main island Honshu behind, crossing the world’s largest suspension bridge over the Seto Inland Sea to Awaji Island. Enjoy free time for lunch, then take a walk around Yumebutai, a complex of buildings built on the side of the mountain. One of the most striking features is the ‘100 Stepped Garden’—a group of 100 flowerbeds in small square gardens on an inclined and arranged in grids spread over several levels. Visit the Water Temple and admire the reflection of the surrounding mountains, rice paddies and bamboo groves as you descend the steps to the Buddhist temple beneath its still waters. Journey to the small mountain hot springs village of Kotohira where our accommodation tonight is one of Trafalgar’s ‘Stays With Stories’—a traditional Japanese ryokan. We’ll have some time this evening to climb the steps adjacent to the hotel to visit Kotohira-gu Shrine and be rewarded with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside. Later perhaps take a relaxing soak in the onsen (hot spring) bath at our hotel. (B, D, L) Hotel: Kotohira Grand Sakuranosho (ryokan)

KOTOHIRA - HIROSHIMA (2 NIGHTS) This morning visit the Zentsuji Temple, birthplace of one of the most revered figures of Japanese Buddhism, the high priest Kobo Daishi. It is the 75th temple on the 88 temple Shikoku Pilgrimage, which covers approximately 1,200 kilometres and was traditionally done on foot taking up to 60 days to complete. It is still done by many people today although modern pilgrims use cars, taxis, buses, bicycles or motorcycles. Continue to Omishima Island and make a stop at a local restaurant for lunch. Drive to Hiroshima via the Setouchi Shimanami Kaido Expressway, a 60 kilometre highway that links the islands of the Seto Inland Sea with nine individual bridges. Check into your hotel for a relaxing evening. (B, L) Hotel: Rihga Royal

HIROSHIMA SIGHTSEEING We travel by ferry to the sacred Miyajima Island, where we’ll see the famous UNESCO-listed Itsukushima Shrine and elaborate torii gate that stands majestically in the sea. After some free time for lunch and to explore the island’s spiritual sanctuaries, we return to Hiroshima for a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum. Imagine the devastation and horror that followed the world’s first atomic explosion in 1945 as you see the UNESCO-listed Peace Memorial, the only structure left standing in the area and an expression of hope for world peace. This evening, we’ll indulge in Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki, a savoury pancake made with egg, cabbage, soba noodles, and meat, seafood or cheese, grilled in layers on a hot plate. (B, RD, FD)

HIROSHIMA - OSAKA Board the high-speed bullet train to Osaka this morning and enjoy some free time for lunch and shopping in the Dotombori Street area. Visit Osaka Castle, which played a major role in the unification of Japan during the sixteenth century. This evening, join your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton Miyako Osaka

DEPART OSAKA Our encounter with Japan’s centuries-old traditions and modern citiescapes at its end, take a transfer by airport shuttle service to Kansai International Airport, or Osaka Itami Airport for your onward flight. (B)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP Enjoy the delicious sweet and sour flavours of plum liquor, which is made only in Japan. In addition to the fruity fragrances, our traditional plum liquor is good for you. It improves blood circulation and restores your energy, so it’s a must when visiting Japan.

Keiko, Japan Travel Director

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STAYS WITH STORIES
Kotohira Grand Sakuranosho (ryokan)
Enjoy genuine Japanese hospitality during your stay in a traditional ryokan (Japanese inn). Get the best of both worlds with the Japanese style rooms which have the added comfort of western style beds (rooms with tatami mats instead of beds can be requested at the time of booking if preferred). The ryokan features communal hot spring (onsen) baths and guests are provided with a yukata (cotton kimono) to wear.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (add to price above):
A$1930 PP

EXTRA DAYS

* Takayama Festival is considered one of Japan’s best festivals to see the traditional floats in the streets of Takayama. Please see page 22 for details of special Takayama Festival departures.
* Gion Festival: Takes place annually in Kyoto and is one of the most famous festivals in Japan. Events and parades are held for the entire month of July.
* Important Information: The Imperial Palace East Gardens are closed on Fridays so trips starting in Tokyo on Wednesdays will visit the Hamarikyu Japanese Garden instead.
* 2021 departures are subject to change of itinerary, price, discount and hotels. These will be confirmed in June 2020.
TAKAYAMA SIGHTSEEING AND FESTIVAL Immerse yourself in tradition as you walk through the Edo-style streets of Takayama’s Old Town. Indulge in food from a merchant city between the 17th and 19th centuries. Take a step back in time during this morning’s visit to Tsuyama, an old blacksmithing town. Enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing with a visit to a ‘Local Specialist’ to learn the secrets of painting gold leaf. Stay overnight in Kanazawa. (B, L) Hotel: Associa Takayama Resort

KANAZAWA - KYOTO These days will operate as per days 7-9 of the Splendours of Japan itinerary on pages 18-19.

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KANAZAWA - KYOTO These days will operate as per days 7-9 of the Splendours of Japan itinerary on pages 18-19.

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

**Splendours of Japan with Hiroshima - Celebrate the Takatama Festival**

Special Takayama Festival departures are also available on our 13 day Splendours of Japan with Hiroshima itinerary. Please see below for prices.

**Handcrafted Highlights**

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**Dive Into Culture**

Join the locals at the Takayama Festival. (Day 4 & 5)

**ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS**

- As per Splendours of Japan itinerary on pages 18-19

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ANCIENT CAPITALS, MODERN CITYSCAPES AND FEUDAL CASTLES TAKE CENTRE STAGE ON THIS IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF JAPAN, INCLUDING A VISIT TO THE CITY OF WATER THAT HAS INSPIRED COUNTLESS LEGENDS.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAYS 1 - 9 TOKYO - HIROSHIMA These days will operate as per days 1-9 of the Classic Japan itinerary on pages 16-17.

10 HIROSHIMA - MATSUE (2 NIGHTS) Depart Hiroshima this morning bound for Matsue and on arrival, following lunch at your hotel, visit Matsue Castle. Located on the shores of Shini Lake, the “black castle” remains in its original wooden form and features an extensive collection of Japanese samurai armour and swords. The heritage of the samurai is further explored during a visit to a local residence which once belonged to a middle-ranking samurai family who worked for the Matsue clan. (B, L) Hotel: Matsue Excel Tokyu

11 MATSUE SIGHTSEEING Celebrate Japanese art and garden design during this morning’s visit to the Adachi Museum of Art in Yotsugi which is famous for its award-winning Japanese garden. Return to Matsue and enjoy some free time for lunch before joining a ‘Local Specialist’ who will teach you how to make wagashi, traditional Japanese sweets made in a variety of shapes and consistencies. This evening, enjoy a relaxing cruise on Lake Shinjiko. (B, L)

12 MATSUE - TSUYAMA - OSAKA (2 NIGHTS) Take a step back in time during this morning’s visit to Tsuyama, a former castle town which enjoyed its heyday as a merchant city between the 17th and 19th centuries. Join a ‘Local Specialist’ for a walk around the Joto district, with its many machiya (traditional townhouses) revealing the city’s former trading heritage. Afterwards, enjoy lunch in a local restaurant before continuing to Osaka. On arrival, embark on an orientation drive before checking in to your hotel. (B, L) Hotel: Sheraton Miyako

13 OSAKA SIGHTSEEING Gain a different perspective of Osaka’s landmark city sights with a cruise on the ‘aqua-bus’ along Okawa River. Visit the downtown district of Shinsekai to see the Tsutenkaku Tower, then continue to the Dotonbori Street area for some time at leisure. Delve into the star-crossed love story of Ohatu and Tokuibe during your visit to the Tsyunyotenn Shrine in Umeda, associated with the Edo-period play ‘The Love Suicides of Sonezaki, which tells of the tragic double suicide that took place at the shrine in 1703. To this day, visitors write their prayers for success in love on special wooden plaques called ema, many of which bear the image of Ohatu and Tokuibe. Admire the panoramic views of Osaka from the Floating Garden Observatory – an open-air viewing platform that straddles the two towers of the Umeda Sky Building. Later return to your hotel. (B)

14 DEPART OSAKA Transfer by airport shuttle service to Kansai International Airport or Osaka Itami Airport for your onward flight. (B)

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LOCAL SPECIALIST 

in Matsue (Day 11) and Tsuyama (Day 12).

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• As per Classic Japan itinerary on pages 16-17 plus:

  • CITY TOUR of Matsue, Osaka
  
  • VISIT Matsue Castle, Tsyunyotenn Shrine and Umeda Sky Building in Osaka
  
  • CRUISE on Lake Shinjiko in Matsue and along the Okawa River in Osaka
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ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Delhi and Jaipur
• VISIT Jama Masjid, the Humayun’s Tomb, the Qutub Minar in Delhi, the Agra Fort, the Taj Mahal in Agra, Ranthambore National Park, the City Palace and Amber Fort in Jaipur, Narlai, Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada in Jodhpur
• VIEW the Palace of Winds in Jaipur
• SEE the Red Fort, Parliament House and India Gate in Delhi
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1
ARRIVE DELHI (3 NIGHTS) India’s vibrant capital extends a lively welcome, launching an unforgettable journey through northern India’s most exquisite sights. On arrival in Delhi, you’ll be transferred to your hotel where you’ll meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and local appetisers this evening. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton New Delhi

2
DELHI SIGHTSEEING Embark on an exhilarating rickshaw ride, navigating the busy streets of Old Delhi. See the Red Fort, the former home of the emperors of the Mughal dynasty, before riding through the colourful Chandni Chowk market. Later, visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, followed by free time this afternoon to relax or explore. (B, △)

3
DELHI SIGHTSEEING ’Dive into Culture’ this morning, embarking on a guided walking tour to discover the work done by the Salaam Baalak Trust. Your visit will ‘Make A Difference’ to this non-profit organisation which provides a caring environment for street children. Later, walk through the bazaar of Paharganj, then indulge in lunch at a local restaurant. Head to the district of New Delhi to visit the UNESCO-listed Humayan’s Tomb and Qutub Minar before driving past Parliament House and India Gate. (B, △, △)

4
DELHI - AGRA Visit the UNESCO-listed Agra Fort and stroll through the chambers of a royal residence that lay at the centre of the dynasty until the 17th century. As you drive through the city’s crowded streets, connect with its vibrant spirit and raw energy. (B, D) Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton

5
AGRA - RANTHAMBORE (2 NIGHTS) Gaze at the sun-kissed white marble of the Taj Mahal, arriving just before sunrise. Learn how this well-preserved landmark stands today as a monument of love, then return to your hotel for breakfast. Later today, travel to Ranthambore and upon arrival check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, L, D) Hotel: The Tigeress Ranthambore

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RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK Start the day with an early morning visit to Ranthambore National Park, which was once the hunting ground of the Maharaja of Jaipur. Keep your camera at the ready to hopefully snap a few photographs of the resident tigers. Afterwards return to your hotel for breakfast followed by some time to relax. After lunch venture out into the park for another visit and watch for glimpses of the various species of bird and wildlife. Dinner is served this evening at your hotel. (B, L, D)

7
RANTHAMBORE - JAIPUR (2 NIGHTS) Continue your journey to Jaipur, the Pink City. After lunch, visit the ornate City Palace at the heart of the Old City. Later, ‘Dive Into Culture’ with a lesson in the art of turban tying and a favourite pastime in Jaipur, kite flying. (B, L, △) Hotel: Hilton

8
JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING One of today’s highlights is a visit to the UNESCO-listed Amber Fort, but first stop to admire the red and pink façades of the Palace of Winds. Continue to the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar Observatory, featuring the world’s largest sundial before meeting a ‘Local Specialist’ to learn about the tradition of hand block printing. You’ll have an opportunity to ‘Connect With Locals’ this evening, joining a local family for an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ dinner. (B, BMG, △)

9
JAIPUR - NARLAI (2 NIGHTS) We journey to Narlai and check into Ravla Narlai, a beautifully maintained heritage resort, which was once of the Jagir villages of Jodhpur’s royal family. Experience royal Rajasthan within its lavishly decorated walls. (B, L, D, △) Hotel: Ravla Narlai

NARLAI Join a jeep safari into the nearby countryside and keep a keen eye open for deer and leopard in their natural habitat. Later, take a walk around Narlai village and gain insights into the traditional way of life of the villagers. During term-time, you’ll also visit the village school. Later, meet one of the heads of a noble family who’ll share interesting stories about the hotel and the local residents. This evening, your dinner is served in extraordinary surroundings. Descend into the 16th century baori (step-well) for a memorable meal featuring delicious Rajasthani flavours. (B, RD, △, △)

10
NARLAI - JODHPUR (2 NIGHTS) Leave Narlai behind and travel to another of Rajasthan’s colourful cities – Jodhpur. Your introduction to the Blue City begins with a visit to Mehrangarh Fort, whose glowing red sandstone façades stand impressively several hundred feet above the city skyline atop a sheer cliff. From one exquisite monument to the next, you’ll visit Jaswant Thada, walking up its red steps to the shimmering white marble façades that house a memorial built to honour the memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II by his son in 1899. The mausoleum is still used by the Marwar Royal Family as its cremation grounds. After a busy day of sightseeing, get a taste of local culture during a visit to a market by tuk-tuk and plunge into its crowded aisles with shopfronts selling vegetables, spices, sweets, silver and handicrafts. (B) Hotel: Indana Palace Jodhpur

JODHPUR Leave the busy city streets behind and embark on a 4x4 drive through the Rajasthan countryside. Experience a different side of India as you visit a rural Bishnoi village community, a place that appears to be caught in a delightful time warp, where life still goes on like the days of the past. The villagers are all vegetarians and staunch worshippers of nature in all its forms, especially the sanctity of plant and animal life. You’ll gain insights into the day-to-day experiences of the locals who live here and after the visit you’ll have the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience for dinner. (B, L)

11
JODHPUR - DELHI We leave Jodhpur behind, flying back to Delhi this morning. Our memorable encounter with northern India at its end, we’ll toast to shared memories over a delicious local Farewell Dinner. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton New Delhi

DEPART DELHI Say a fond farewell to your travel companions and take a transfer to New Delhi International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.
Visas are required for India, please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.

Flights: Prices include internal airfare and taxes for flight: Jodhpur to Delhi and are accurate as of 1st June 2019.
Trip code: INCO
DELIGHT YOUR EVERY SENSE DURING THIS ENCOUNTER WITH THE SOARING MONUMENTS AND SCENIC LANDSCAPES OF NORTHERN INDIA AND NEPAL’S CAPITAL, AN ANCIENT MOUNTAIN KINGDOM WHOSE PALACES, TEMPLES AND GOLDEN ROOFS REVEAL TRADITIONS THAT HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR CENTURIES.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **CITY TOUR** of Delhi, Jaipur, Kathmandu and Patan
- **VISIT** Jama Masjid, the Humayun’s Tomb, the Qutub Minar in Delhi, the Agra Fort, the Taj Mahal in Agra, Ranthambore National Park, the City Palace and Amber Fort in Jaipur, Narlai, Mehrangarh Fort and Jaswant Thada in Jodhpur, Durbar Square in Kathmandu, the Krishna Temple and Golden Temple in Patan, the shrine of Swayambhunath near Patan, a local market in Kathmandu
- **VIEW** the Palace of Winds in Jaipur and the temples of Kathmandu and Patan
- **SEE** the Red Fort, Parliament House and India Gate in Delhi

The Bodhnath Stupa
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE DELHI (3 NIGHTS) On arrival in Delhi, transfer to your hotel and this evening meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and local appetisers. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton New Delhi

2 DELHI SIGHTSEEING Embark on an exhilarating rickshaw ride, navigating the busy streets of Old Delhi. See the Red Fort before riding through the colourful Chandni Chowk market. Later, visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India, followed by free time this afternoon. (B, A, D)

3 DELHI SIGHTSEEING ‘Dive Into Culture’ this morning on a guided walking tour to discover the work done by the Sulaam Baalak Trust. Your visit will ‘Make A Difference’ to this non-profit organisation which provides a caring environment for street children. Later head to New Delhi to visit the UNESCO-listed Humayun’s Tomb and Qutub Minar before driving past Parliament House and India Gate. (B, L, A, D)

4 DELHI - AGRA Visit the UNESCO-listed Agra Fort and stroll through the chambers of a royal residence that lay at the centre of the dynasty until the 11th century. As you drive through the city’s crowded streets, connect with its vibrant spirit and raw energy. (B, D) Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton

5 AGRA - RHANTHAMBORE (2 NIGHTS) Gaze at the sun-kissed white marble of the Taj Mahal, arriving just before sunrise. Later today, travel to Ranthambore and upon arrival check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay. (B, L, D) Hotel: The Tigrесс Ranthambore

6 RHANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK Start the day with an early morning visit to Ranthambore National Park, before returning to your hotel for breakfast and some time to relax. After lunch venture out into the park for another visit and watch for glimpses of the various species of bird, wildlife and of course the tigers. Dinner is served this evening at your hotel. (B, L, D)

7 RHANTHAMBORE - JAIPUR Continue your journey to Jaipur, the Pink City. After lunch, visit the ornate City Palace at the heart of the Old City. Later, ‘Dive Into Culture’ with a lesson on the art of turban tying and a favourite pastime in Jaipur, kite flying. (B, L, A, D) Hotel: Hilton

8 JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING Visit the UNESCO-listed Amber Fort, but first make a stop to admire the pink façade of the Palace of Winds. Continue to the UNESCO-listed Jantar Mantar Observatory, before meeting a ‘Local Specialist’ to learn about the tradition of hand block printing. This evening, join a local family for an exclusive ‘Be My Guest’ dinner. (B, BMG, A)

9 JAIPUR - NARLAI (2 NIGHTS) We journey to Narlai and check into Rawla Narlai, a beautifully maintained heritage resort, which was once one of the Jajir villages of Jodhpur’s royal family. (B, L, D, A) Hotel: Rawla Narlai

10 NARLAI Join a Jeep safari into the nearby countryside and keep a keen eye open for deer and leopard in their natural habitat. Later, take a walk around Narlai and during term-time, visit the village school. Later, meet one of the heads of a noble family who’ll share interesting stories about the hotel and the local residents. This evening, descend into the 16th century boor (step-well) for a traditional Rajasthani meal. (B, RD, A, D)

11 NARLAI - JODHPUR (2 NIGHTS) Travel to Jodhpur where you’ll visit Mehrangarh Fort, standing several hundred feet above the city skyline and Jaswant Thada, a memorial built to honour the memory of Maharaja Jaswant Singh II by his son in 1889. Get a taste of local culture when you visit a market by tuk-tuk and plunge into its crowded alleys with shopfronts selling vegetables, spices, sweets, silver and handicrafts. (B) Hotel: Indana Palace Jodhpur

12 JODHPUR Embark on a 4x4 drive through the Rajasthani countryside and visit a rural village to gain insights into the day-to-day experiences of the locals who live here. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience for dinner. (B, L)

13 JODHPUR - DELHI Return to Delhi this morning by air. This evening, we’ll toast to shared memories over a delicious dinner to say farewell to those not travelling onto Nepal. (B, FD) Hotel: Sheraton New Delhi

14 DELHI - KATHMANDU (3 NIGHTS) Take your transfer to New Delhi International Airport for your flight to the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal’s capital city, Kathmandu. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and later join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant. (B, RD) Hotel: Crown Plaza Coaltte

15 KATHMANDU AND PATAN SIGHTSEEING Kathmandu’s golden roofs glow brightly on your City Tour to the heart of its old town and UNESCO-listed Durbar Square. Admire the traditional pagoda-style architecture reflected in the temples and palaces that surround the square. Then continue to nearby Patan where you’ll visit the Krishna Temple and Golden Temple. Witness the delicate art of thangka painting religious scenes on cotton and silk. Later ‘Make A Difference’ during a visit to the Tibetan Refugee Centre which provides support to the families of Tibetan Refugees who fled the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1956. (B, A, D, A)

16 KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING Looming over Patan lies the UNESCO-listed shrine of Swyambhunath, which you will have an opportunity to visit today. Admire the galleries of prayer mills and gleaming white stupa, whose gilded spire provides the colourful eyes of Buddha a lofty vantage point from which to survey the surrounding valley. Visit a local market in the Thamel area and stroll through its narrow alleysways in search of the perfect mementos of your tour. Return to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

17 DEPART KATHMANDU Take a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Visas are required for India and Nepal, please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.

Flights: Prices include internal airfare and taxes for flight. Jodhpur to Delhi or Delh to Kathmandu are accurate as of 1st June 2019.

Trip code: ICN

TRAVEL STYLE

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Exceptions
05 Apr to 27 May: A$3500 PP
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PAY EXTRA SAVINGS

SAY UP TO A$850 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings
SAY A$400
2. Multi Trip Savings
SAY UP TO A$223
3. Triple Share Savings
SAY UP TO A$285 PP
4. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDBRACKED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS
Savour dinner with a local family at their home in Jaipur. (Day 8)

DIVE INTO CULTURE
Take a rickshaw ride through Old Delhi. Learn about the daily lives of the street children of Delhi. (Day 2)
Learn the art of Rajasthani Turban Tying and Kite Flying, a very popular pastime in Jaipur. (Day 9) and interact with the head of a noble family in Narlai. (Day 10), visit a thangka painting school in Patan. (Day 15)

STAYS WITH STORIES
Stay in a beautifully maintained heritage resort in Narlai, which was once a hunting lodge of Jodhpur’s Royal Family. (Day 9)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
On a walking tour with a guide from the Salaam Baalak Trust which cares for the street children of Delhi (Day 3), visit the village school in Narlai (Day 10) and visit a Tibetan Refugee Centre in Kathmandu (Day 15).
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

DAYS 1-6 DELHI - RANTHAMBORE These days will operate as per days 1-6 of the Colourful India itinerary on pages 24-25.

RANTHAMBORE - JAIPUR (2 NIGHTS) This morning travel to Jaipur, the Pink City and gateway to the colourful state of Rajasthan. After lunch visit the ornate City Palace and later learn about the tradition of hand block printing with a ‘Local Specialist’ and see how Jaipur’s exquisitely patterned cottons have been made for centuries. Afterwards, it’s time to prepare for the Diwali celebrations. Choose your traditional Indian dress to be worn the following evening – the more colourful, the better! (B, L, D)

JAIPUR - DELHI As per days 9-14 of the Colourful India itinerary

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Join a local family at their home in Jaipur for the Diwali celebrations with a Be My Guest dinner. (Day 9)

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• As per Colourful India itinerary on Page 24

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

• As per Colourful India with Nepal, Celebrate Diwali

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

Delve deeper into the culture of this region by extending your trip to see the unmissable sights of Nepal on our 17 day trip, whilst at the same time celebrating Diwali with a local family in Jaipur. Please see pages 26-27 for the full itinerary and note that days 7 and 8 will operate as shown on this page.

Trip code: INNF

TRAVEL STYLE

COLOURFUL INDIA - CELEBRATE DIWALI

14 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 27 MEALS | FROM A$7150 PP*

CELEBRATE THE TRIUMPH OF LIGHT OVER DARK, OF GOOD OVER EVIL ON THIS COLOURFUL SOJOURN TO JAIPUR – THE HIGHLIGHT OF WHICH WILL BE THE MESMERISING DIWALI FESTIVAL SHARED WITH THE LOCALS IN THEIR HOME.
COLOURFUL INDIA - CELEBRATE HOLI

14 DAYS  |  1 COUNTRY  |  27 MEALS  |  FROM A$7150 PP*

EMBRACE PURE JOY, THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING AND NEW FRIENDS WHEN YOU VISIT INDIA DURING HOLI - A COLOURFUL CELEBRATION AWAITS AS YOU SHARE THIS SPECIAL OCCASION WITH A LOCAL FAMILY IN THEIR HOME.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

DAYS 1 - 6 DELHI - RANTHAMBORE These days will operate as per days 1-6 of the Colourful India itinerary on pages 24-25.

7 RANTHAMBORE - JAIPUR (2 NIGHTS) Continue your journey to Jaipur, the Pink City. After lunch, visit the ornate City Palace at the heart of the Old City. Later, ‘Dive Into Culture’ with a lesson in the art of turban tying and a favourite pastime in Jaipur, kite flying. Later you’ll ‘Connect With Locals’ as you join a local family in their home for an exclusive ‘By My Guest’ dinner and insights into their joyful rituals on the eve of Holi festivities. (B, L, BMG, BMG, BMG) Hotel: Hilton

8 JAIPUR SIGHTSEEING AND CELEBRATE HOLI ‘Dive Into Culture’ and enjoy a rare opportunity to celebrate Holi with a local family. You’ll don traditional white Kurta pajama suits, dance with joy and indulge in traditional snacks and appetisers as the locals would celebrate this annual festival of colour. Smear and throw coloured powder onto the faces and clothes of your new friends and enjoy the exciting performances followed by lunch. Later, you’ll return to the hotel to freshen up and depart for the UNESCO-listed Amber Fort, making a stop along the way to admire the ornate red and pink façades of the Palace of Winds. (B, L, BMG)

9 JAIPUR - DELHI As per days 9-14 of the Colourful India itinerary.

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

As per Colourful India itinerary plus:

CONNECT WITH LOCALS
Savour dinner with a local family at their home in Jaipur. (Day 7)

DIVE INTO CULTURE
Enjoy two celebrations of the festival of Holi with local families. (Day 8).

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• As per Colourful India itinerary on Page 24

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share. Traditional Indian dress for the Holi celebrations is provided; white kurtas outfi ts that will be covered in the colourful gulal powders thrown during the festival.

Trip code: INCH

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

Colourful India with Nepal, Celebrate Holi

Delve deeper into the culture of this region by extending your trip to see the unmissable sights of Nepal on our 17 day trip, whilst at the same time taking part in two Holi celebrations with local families in Jaipur. Please see pages 26-27 for the full itinerary and note that days 7 and 8 will operate as shown on this page.

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INDIA’S GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH VARANASI


ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- CITY TOUR of Delhi, Varanasi, Jaipur
- VISIT the Jama Masjid, the Humayun’s Tomb and the Qutub Minar in Delhi, Sarnath near Varanasi, the Agra Fort, the Taj Mahal in Agra, the Amber Fort, City Palace Museum in Jaipur
- VIEW the Palace of Winds in Jaipur
- SEE the Red Fort in Delhi

FROM A$3795 PP*
Day 1: Agra
Arrive Delhi (2 nights)
Embrace the vibrant energy of Delhi, the capital of India. On arrival, you’ll be transferred to your hotel where this evening you’ll join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and appetisers. (WR) Hotel: Sheraton New Delhi

Day 2: Delhi
Delhi Sightseeing
We ‘Dive Into Culture’ this morning, embarking on an exhilarating rickshaw ride around Old Delhi. We’ll view the UNESCO-listed Red Fort – its towering red sandstone palace walls considered to be the most opulent of the Mughal Empire, followed by a visit to Jama Masjid, the largest mosque in India. Our next stop is at Chandni Chowk to see first-hand how its merchants spend their day trading enthusiastically. We continue along the ceremonial avenue Rajpath and past Parliament House and India Gate, commemorating the Indian soldiers who died during WWII. After lunch in a local restaurant, we’ll head to the district of New Delhi, where we’ll visit the UNESCO-listed Humayun’s Tomb to admire its magnificent Persian-style façades of white marble and red sandstone. Then it’s on to another UNESCO-listed site, Qutub Minar, the world’s tallest brick minaret. Our evening is at leisure. (B, L, D, Epic) Hotel: Radisson

Day 3: Varanasi
Varanasi Sightseeing
Admire the pink light of sunrise appear over the River Ganges, watching the sights and sounds of Varanasi stir slowly along the banks of the river. Return to your hotel for breakfast followed by a visit to Sarnath, one of the four holy Buddhist sites sanctioned by the Buddha himself for pilgrimage. Return to your hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, Epic) Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton

Day 4: Varanasi
Varanasi - Agra
Take a short flight to Agra to delve into the imperial history of the Mughal Empire and India’s Golden Age. Visit the UNESCO-listed Agra Fort this afternoon, gaining insight into the heritage, rituals and traditions of the dynasty that ruled here until the 17th century. As you drive through the city’s crowded streets, connect with its vibrant spirit and witness local life first-hand. Enjoy dinner at your hotel and consider joining an Optional Experience. (B, D) Hotel: Double Tree by Hilton

Day 5: Agra - Jaipur
Agra - Jaipur (2 nights)
Rise with the birds, embarking on a spiritual encounter with the magnificent UNESCO-listed Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Watch as the ablaster marble of this monument of love glows pink and gold at the first hints of sunrise, admiring the flawless architecture that took 18 years and over 20000 craftsmen to complete. Return to your hotel for breakfast, then depart for Jaipur, the Pink City and gateway to the colourful state of Rajasthan. This evening, we ‘Connect With Locals’, joining a local family for a ‘Be My Guest’ dinner in their home. (B, L, BMG, Epic) Hotel: Hilton

Day 6: Jaipur
Jaipur: Spiritual Encounter
Our first stop this morning sees us explore Jaipur’s UNESCO-listed Amber Fort, one of the country’s most exquisite examples of Rajput architecture. We’ll enjoy a quick photo stop outside the Palace of Winds and embark on a city tour later, including a visit to the ornate City Palace. Later this evening, we’ll join our fellow guests and Travel Director for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B, FD)

Day 7: Jaipur
Depart Jaipur
Our spiritual encounter with India’s Golden Triangle at its end, we take a transfer to Jaipur airport for our onward flight or alternatively return to Delhi by coach. (B)

Day 8
Travel Director Tip
During the trip I take my guests to visit a Sikh temple. People come from all walks of life and take a bow to the holy scripture of the Sikhs called “The Guru Granth Sahib”. Connected to the temple is a free kitchen that caters to more than 100,000 devotees every day around lunch time for food symbolising unity of humanity. My guests participate in rolling the chapats and cooking them, and they love seeing this food being served to the people, it is a beautiful, spiritual experience.

Neelam, India Travel Director

Why Not Explore Further?
India’s Golden Triangle with Varanasi and Nepal:
Delve deeper into the culture of this region by extending your trip to see the unsimmable sights of Nepal with the following 11 day itinerary:

Days 1-7: As per India’s Golden Triangle with Varanasi
Day 8: Flight from Jaipur to Kathmandu via Delhi
Days 9 & 10: Two days sightseeing programme in Nepal as shown on page 50
Day 11: Transfer to Kathmandu Airport for your onward flight. Please see trafalgar.com for full details of the itinerary and prices
Price from A$6195 per person in a twin share and A$7595 per person on a single room basis

Complimentary Departure Transfer to Delhi
Departure transfers are available to Jaipur Airport or take a complimentary coach transfer to Delhi departing at 10.00 and arriving at approximately 16.30. The coach will drop off at Delhi International Airport and the Trafalgar post-flight airport hotel, the Pride Plaza.
BEST OF CHINA WITH YANGTZE CRUISE

15 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 28 MEALS | FROM A$8225 PP*

DISCOVER THE CITYSCAPES OF BEIJING AND SHANGHAI, XI'AN'S TERRACOTTA WARRIORS AND THE RARE GIANT PANDAS OF CHENGDU ON THIS MESMERISING ENCOUNTER WITH CHINA, WHICH INCLUDES A LEISURELY CRUISE ALONG THE YANGTZE RIVER.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Shanghai
• VISIT the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City in Beijing, the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, the 'Bund' waterfront, the Jade Buddha Temple and Jinmao Tower in Shanghai
• SEE local people practicing T'ai Chi in the morning, the Shanghai Acrobats
• CRUISE the Yangtze River
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1  ARRIVE BEIJING (3 NIGHTS) On arrival in Beijing transfer to your hotel. This evening, meet your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception drink and local appetisers. (WR) Hotel: Novotel Peace

2  BEIJING AND THE GREAT WALL Visit the iconic Great Wall of China at Juyongguan this morning – its stone ramps and walls snaking thousands of miles into the distance to defend the empire against nomadic invaders since 5th century B.C. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure and this evening for dinner indulge in a Regional Dinner of succulent Peking Duck – a must during any visit to Beijing. (B, RD)

3  BEIJING SIGHTSEEING Surround yourself with the grandeur of Beijing’s landmarks as you walk through Tiananmen Square. Delve into China’s imperial heritage, passing the south gate into the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City. After lunch, indulge in a relaxing foot massage at the Foot Reflexology Centre to ease you into an evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

4  BEIJING - XI’AN (2 NIGHTS) Navigate the ancient alleyways of the courtyard Hutong residences on the back of a traditional Rickshaw. ‘Connect With Locals’ and enjoy a ‘Be My Guest’ lunch of traditional Chinese cuisine, then visit a nearby tea house, joining a ‘Local Specialist’ for insights into the ritual of tea-making. Leave Beijing behind, bound for Xi’an. (B, BMG, D) Hotel: Wyndham Grand Xi’an South

5  XI’AN SIGHTSEEING Engage with the children and teachers at a local school (during term-time) and perhaps learn a few words of Chinese. Next, descend into the subterranean tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang to view his legendary army of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, followed by a delicious traditional meal of Chinese noodles and a visit to a local Jade factory. (B, L, D)

6  XI’AN - CHENGDU (3 NIGHTS) This morning, your choice of activities gives you an opportunity to join a ‘Local Specialist’ in their Tai Chi practice or embark on a cycle tour around part of the ancient City Wall. Learn how to make dumplings and sample the juicy results for lunch, then transfer to the railway station for your high-speed bullet train trip to Chengdu. (B, L, D) Hotel: Crowne Plaza

7  CHENGDU SIGHTSEEING Witness the ground-breaking work being done by the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding this morning. Join a ‘Local Specialist’ and learn how you ‘Make A Difference’ with your visit to this non-profit research breeding facility which rescues and protects the endangered giant panda, of which fewer than 2,000 remain. (B, L, D)

8  CHENGDU SIGHTSEEING Indulge in the bold and spicy flavours of local cuisine as you ‘Dive Into Culture’ and learn about regional cooking practices at the Museum of Sichuan Cuisine. Learn how to crush chilli into powder using a Qing Dynasty pestle and mortar, then view ancient kitchchenware, books and manuscripts faithfully recording the history of Sichuan culinary cultures. Immense yourself in the intoxicating scents walking through Restaurant Alley then, pay tribute to the Kitchen God before attempting to create your own culinary magic with the guidance of a local chef. Stomach and soul sated after a delicious encounter with Chengdu, you’ll have an afternoon to relax, explore further or perhaps take the opportunity to do some shopping. (B, L, D)

9  CHENGDU - CHONGQING - YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE (3 NIGHTS) Rub shoulders with the locals this morning during a visit to People’s Park with its beautiful Chinese gardens, lake and local tea houses. Then, venture to lively Jinli Old Street, whose façades were modelled on the architectural style of a traditional old town in western Sichuan. Take a high-speed bullet train ride to Chongqing, where you’ll enjoy a city orientation tour with dinner before boarding your Yangtze River Cruise. (B, RD) Hotel: Victoria Jenna (cruise ship)

10  YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE Take a short visit to Shibazhaizi to ascend to its 12-storey cliff-top temple, then cruise to Fengdu’s ‘Ghost City’ to encounter its shrines, temples and monasteries dedicated to the afterlife. (B, L, D)

11  YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE Cruise gently down the Yangtze, through the imposing Three Gorges – the narrow Qutang Gorge with its dramatic vistas, beautiful Wu Gorge, surrounded by forest-clad mountains, and Xiling Gorge. Journey by small motor boat to Goddess Stream, a tributary of the Yangtze enveloped in tranquil greenery. (B, L, D)

12  YICHANG - SHANGHAI (3 NIGHTS) View the engineering marvel that is the world’s largest hydroelectric project, the Three Gorges Dam, before disembarking your cruise ship and transferring to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival into China’s biggest city, check into your hotel and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. (B) Hotel: The Kunlun Jing’an

13  SHANGHAI SIGHTSEEING Wander along Shanghai’s famous ‘Bund’ waterfront with a ‘Local Specialist’, admiring its neoclassical colonial buildings and skyscrapers, followed by a visit to a silk museum. Embrace the tranquillity of the famous classical Yu Garden, then enjoy some free time before visiting the Jade Buddha Temple. This evening, join your fellow travellers for an evening performance by the world-renowned Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe. (B)

14  SHANGHAI SIGHTSEEING Ascend to the 88-storey Jinmao Tower for panoramic views over the most populous city on earth. Embark on a walking tour with a ‘Local Specialist’ through the Shanghai French Concession next, then see where the First Conference of the Communist Party took place in Xin Tian Di. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience before indulging in a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

15  DEPART SHANGHAI Take a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TRAVEL STYLE

CRUISE OR RAIL

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

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Start Beijing End Shanghai Twin Share

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Single Supplement (add to price above): AS1100 PP

Exceptions 21 Jun 20 to 19 Jul 20: AS2940 PP

PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO AS767 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE AS70

2. MultiTrip Savings SAVE UP TO AS152

3. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Connect With Locals

Enjoy lunch with a family in their home in one of Beijing’s hutongs. (Day 4)

Dive Into Culture

Indulge in a foot massage (Day 3), discover the traditions and techniques of dumpling making (Day 6), learn about Sichuan cuisine at a cooking class (Day 8).

Make a Difference

In Xi’an, meet the students and teachers at a local primary school (Day 5). In Chengdu at the Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding, learn how your visit contributes to their conservation efforts (Day 7).

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.
Flights: Prices include internal airfares and taxes for flights: Beijing to Xi’an and Yichang to Shanghai and are accurate as of 1st June 2019.
Visas are required for China, please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.
Trip code: CLBY
CLASSIC CHINA

10 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 17 MEALS | FROM A$5295 PP*


ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Beijing, Xi’an, Shanghai
• VISIT Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, the Great Wall of China, the Sacred Way in Beijing, the Terracotta Warriors in Xi’an, the ‘Bund’ waterfront and Jinmao Tower in Shanghai
• SEE local people practicing T’ai Chi in the morning, the Shanghai Acrobats
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE BEIJING (4 NIGHTS) Transfer to your Beijing hotel where you’ll meet your Travel Director for a Welcome Reception drink and local appetisers tonight. (WR) Hotel: Novotel Peace

2 BEIJING SIGHTSEEING Begin your encounter with the remnants of centuries-old dynasties in the world’s largest public space, Tiananmen Square. Pass through the south gate to the UNESCO-listed Forbidden City, then continue to the tranquil Temple of Heaven, another UNESCO Heritage Site. This evening, enjoy the salty, sweet flavours of succulent Peking Duck at a Regional Dinner. (B, L, RD)

3 BEIJING AND THE GREAT WALL We leave the city behind, bound for the iconic Great Wall of China at Juyongguan. Standing on its ramparts, we look down on the Chinese countryside which its walls successfully defended against marauding nomadic invaders. Watch it snake thousands of miles into the distance as you imagine how these man-made fortifications were built and rebuilt from the 5th century B.C. to the 16th century. Then, walk the Sacred Way past the imposing stone guardians that guard the Ming Tombs and remains of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty. (B, L)

4 BEIJING SIGHTSEEING A leisurely start to our morning sees us embark on a Rickshaw tour around the ancient narrow alleyways of the courtyard Hutong residences. ‘Connect With Locals’, joining a family for a delicious meal of traditional Chinese cuisine at ‘Be My Guest’. Lunch followed by a visit to a tea house, where a ‘Local Specialist’ prepares and serves tea, explaining the history and making of this art. This afternoon, we’ll indulge in a relaxing foot massage at the Foot Reflexology Centre. (B, BMG, L, D)

5 BEIJING – XI’AN (2 NIGHTS) We fly to Xi’an, which reveals its role as the ancient departure point of the Silk Road. Visit the Great Mosque, one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved mosques in China. According to historical records it was built in 742 during the Tang Dynasty and is a combination of Islamic art and traditional Chinese architecture. (B) Hotel: Wyndham Grand Xi’an South

6 XI’AN SIGHTSEEING ‘Make a Difference’ during a visit to a local primary school (during school-term) to exchange a few Chinese and English words with the children and teachers. Trafalgar will donate some much-needed supplies as part of your school visit. Next, descend into Emperor Qin Shi Huang’s subterranean tomb to see his terracotta army for the afterlife, another UNESCO-listed site. For lunch, enjoy a traditional meal of Chinese noodles, then continue with a visit to a Jade factory, the favoured stone of emperors and more precious to the Chinese people than gold. (B, L, D)

7 XI’AN - SHANGHAI (3 NIGHTS) This morning, your choice of activities gives you an opportunity to mimic the graceful movements of a skilled Tai Chi ‘Local Specialist’, or consider joining a cycle tour around part of the ancient City Wall of Xi’an. Watch a demonstration in the art of making dumplings, with an opportunity to sample these for lunch, before your flight to Shanghai. Ascend to the 88-storey Jinmao Tower for panoramic views over the most populated city on earth. (B, L, D) Hotel: The Kunlun Jing’an

8 SHANGHAI SIGHTSEEING Stroll down Shanghai’s famous ‘Bund’ with a ‘Local Specialist’, admiring the neoclassical colonial buildings that have lined this city’s renowned waterfront since the early 1900s. Learn how this marshland was transformed into one of the world’s most important trading hubs. Then, continue to the winding streets and vibrant markets of Old Shanghai to discover how the customs and traditions of this area have remained relatively unchanged. Enjoy some free time for lunch and shopping in the Old Town where we ‘Dive Into Culture’ during a visit to a silk museum. This evening, indulge in a performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe. (B)

9 SHANGHAI FREE DAY Spend a day exploring the Paris of the East on your terms – shop for delicate Chinese ceramics, or consider joining an Optional Experience to Zhujiajiao, an ancient town founded more than 1,700 years ago. In its heyday, Zhujiajiao was a bustling market town. Today, historical buildings such as rice shops, banks, spice stores and even a Qing Dynasty post office can still be found as you stroll down its ancient streets and wander across the many stone bridges that cross over its canals. This afternoon, you’ll have some free time at leisure before joining your travel companions for a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD)

10 DEPART SHANGHAI Take a transfer to Shanghai Airport for your onward flight. (B)

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

Hong Kong and Macau Experience Extend your stay and take a trip to Hong Kong which also includes a visit to the former Portuguese colony, Macau (featured on page 49).

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

A secret spot that I like to visit is the west gate of the city wall of Xi’an to see the life size model of an Akhal Teke horse. Here I explain to my guests how the evolution of the Silk Road is linked to strong and magnificent horses like these. The Han dynasty realised that silk could be traded for horses to form a strong cavalry for China. Hubert, China Travel Director

TRAVEL STYLE

COUNTRY EXPLORER

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

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PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO $3431 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings
2. Multi Trip Savings
3. TripleShare Savings
4. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

Handcrafted Highlights

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Visit a Chinese family in their home in one of the hutong areas of Beijing to gain a fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpse into their lifestyle. (Day 4)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Indulge in a foot massage at the Foot Reflexology Centre (Day 4) and discover the traditions and techniques of dumpling making, enjoying an opportunity to taste them (Day 7).

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

at a Xi’an primary school to which Trafalgar will donate much-needed supplies during your visit. (Day 6)

More about your trip

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Flights: Prices include internal airfares and taxes for flights: Beijing to Xi’an and Xi’an to Shanghai and are accurate as of 1st June 2019. Visas are required for China, please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.

Trip code: CLC
COLONIAL SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA

12 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 17 MEALS | FROM A$5095 PP*

A MELTING POT OF RELIGION AND CULTURES, FROM BUDDHISM TO CATHOLICISM, THE DUTCH TO THE CHINESE AND THE BRITISH, EXPLORE THE COLONIAL HERITAGE OF THE REGION. EXPLORE THE BUSTLING STREETS OF CHINATOWN AND LITTLE INDIA IN SINGAPORE AND MALACCA’S DUTCH SQUARE IN MALAYSIA.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Singapore, Malacca, Kuala Lumpur
• VISIT the Botanic Gardens in Singapore, Dutch Square in Malacca, the Sultan Abdul Samad Building, the Twin Tower Sky Bridge, the Batu Caves in Kuala Lumpur, the Perak Cave Temple near Ipoh, the Ubudiah Mosque in Kuala Kangsar
• CRUISE along the Malacca River
**YOUR HOLIDAY**

**DAY 1**

**ARRIVE SINGAPORE (3 NIGHTS)** On arrival in Singapore transfer to your hotel and later meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with local appetisers. (WR Hotel: Novotel Clarke Quay)

**DAY 2**

**SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING** Begin your city tour on the spot where colonial Singapore began – the Raffles Landing Site. Stroll along the Singapore River through the Colonial District, then ‘Dive Into Culture’ and explore the contrasts of Singapore, from Chinatown to Little India. Visit the UNESCO-listed Singapore Botanic Gardens before an afternoon at leisure. This evening, a ‘Local Specialist’ demonstrates the delicate craft of Chinese Calligraphy before dinner at a local Chinese restaurant. Stroll through the narrow lanes of the Night Market and take a trishaw ride before returning to your hotel. (B, RD, D)

**DAY 3**

**SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING** ‘Dive Into Culture’ and spend the morning sampling the city’s culinary delights that reflect its multi-cultural influence including Chinese, Malay, Indian and Peranakan. Rub shoulders with the locals at Geylang Serai market and indulge in all time Singaporean favourites like Roti Prata and Thosai taken with a frothy glass of Teh Tarik. Continue to the Joo Chiat and Katong enclaves and with a bit of luck, you may come across the popiah masters who stand over hot griddles twirling dollops of dough in mid-air to make paper thin wrappers for fresh spring rolls. This evening consider joining our ‘Night Out at Marina Bay’ Optional Experience to enjoy the Rhapsody of Lights Show at Gardens by the Bay and views of Singapore from the Marina Bay Sands SkyPark Observation Deck. (B, D)

**DAY 4**

**SINGAPORE - MALACCA (2 NIGHTS)** Your journey to Malaysia begins with a visit to Kampung Cantik village, where you’ll ‘Connect With Locals’, joining a family for a ‘Bite My Guest’ lunch, followed by a walk around the village with a ‘Local Specialist’. Immerse yourself in the local culture and participate in some of the villagers’ favourite pastimes, then continue to your hotel in Malacca. (B, BMG, Hotel: Casa del Rio)

**DAY 5**

**MALACCA SIGHTSEEING** This morning, your ‘Local Specialist’ reveals the seamless fusion of Portuguese, Dutch, British and Malay influences that have shaped the UNESCO-listed historic city of Malacca. Embark on an informative walking tour past Dutch Square with its Stadthuys and clock tower, reflecting the multi-cultural heritage of this once vibrant trading port. Ascend to the top of Malacca Hill, then stroll along the river to Kampung Kuli where you’ll discover colourful shopfronts displaying traditional crafts. This afternoon, board a leisurely cruise along the Malacca River, sailing past historic buildings, old godowns (warehouses), churches and villages. After a day of exploration enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants. (B, RD)

**DAY 6**

**MALACCA - KUALA LUMPUR (2 NIGHTS)** Your visit to Kuala Lumpur begins with visits to Independent Square, the grand 19th century Sultan Abdul Samad Building and Sky Bridge which straddles the imposing 88-storey-high Petronas Twin Towers. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. (B) Hotel: Melia Kuala Lumpur

**DAY 7**

**KUALA LUMPUR** Delve into the history and traditions of the Orang Asli, an ethnic group widely regarded as being Malaysia’s original inhabitants. Visit their village and the Orang Asli Museum, before joining a ‘Local Specialist’ for a walk to observe the local traditions first-hand. Return to Kuala Lumpur and visit Chow Kit Market, then stop at Kampung Baru enclave, where the ethnic Malay lifestyle has been preserved. Sample traditional Malay sweets and cakes at the local food stalls then enjoy a free afternoon. (B, D)

**DAY 8**

**KUALA LUMPUR - BATU CAVES - CAMERON HIGHLANDS** That leave the city behind, stopping briefly at the Selangor Pewter factory before continuing to Batu Caves, one of Malaysia’s most iconic sights. Enjoy a photo stop at the Lata Iskandar Waterfall before travelling to Tanah Rata for a Trafalgar highlight – afternoon tea and scones with cream and locally produced jam, followed by a visit to a strawberry farm. (B, D) Hotel: Strawberry Park Resort

**DAY 9**

**CAMERON HIGHLANDS - IPOH Lush valleys and tea plantations provide a tranquil backdrop for today’s drive through the Cameron Highlrians and onwards to Ipoh. Visit the Perak Cave Temple, an extensive limestone cave complex. This afternoon enjoy a walking tour of the charismatic town of Ipoh. (B) Hotel: Weil

**DAY 10**

**IPOH - GEORGETOWN (2 NIGHTS)** Our journey to Penang takes us past the royal town of Kuala Kangsar where we’ll visit the Ubudiah Mosque with its massive golden dome. Afterwards we’ll visit the workshop of a traditional kees maker to learn about how these elaborately carved daggers are made and hear all about their spiritual meaning to the local people who believe that they possess magical powers. Later we’ll cross one of the longest bridges in Southeast Asia before arriving in Penang. This afternoon consider joining an Optional Experience to visit the majestic Kek Lok Si Temple and ascend Penang Hill by funicular railway. (B, D, D) Hotel: Penaga

**DAY 11**

**GEORGETOWN SIGHTSEEING** Start your historical tour of Georgetown with a photo stop at Fort Cornwallis before meeting a ‘Local Specialist’ who will demonstrate the almost-forgotten craft of handmade joss sticks. Then, visit the Chinese clan house of Khoo Kongsi, where Chinese families of the same surname gather together to worship their ancestors. Board a trishaw and see the city’s famous street art, followed by an afternoon at leisure and a Farewell Dinner in the evening. (B, FD, D)

**DAY 12**

**DEPART GEORGETOWN** Take a transfer to Penang International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

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**BEACH STAY OPTIONAL EXTENSION**

Extend your trip and stay for two nights at the stunning beach-side Golden Sands Resort, Penang. The hotel features three outdoor pools in beautifully landscaped gardens and is within walking distance of the local night market. Based on the following 14 day itinerary:

**Days 1-11:** As per Colonial Singapore with Malaysia

**Day 12:** Transfer from Georgetown to the beach resort of Batu Ferringhi

**Day 13:** At Leisure in Batu Ferringhi

**Day 14:** Transfer to Penang International Airport for your onward flight.

Price from A$550 per person in a twin share and A$700 per person on a single room basis

**More about your trip**

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Visas are generally not required for Singapore and Malaysia but please contact your travel agent for more information.

**Trip code:** HSMY
SAIGON AND BANGKOK EXPLORER

9 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 15 MEALS | FROM A$3895 PP*

GLIMPSE PAST AND PRESENT ON THIS IN-DEPTH ENCOUNTER WITH THE GLITTING CITYSCAPES, YOUTHFUL VERVE, AND CENTURIES-OLD CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TRADITIONS OF VIBRANT HO CHI MINH CITY AND BANGKOK.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- **CITY TOUR** of Ho Chi Minh City and Bangkok
- **VISIT** the War Remnants Museum and Chinatown in Ho Chi Minh city, the Cu Chi Tunnels, the Grand Palace, Wat Ratchanatdaram Worawihan, Jim Thompsons House, Mae Klong railway market and Bangnoo-Saduk floating market in Bangkok
- **VIEW** the Opera House, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Reunification Palace in Ho Chi Minh City
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE HO CHI MINH CITY (4 NIGHTS) Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, transfer to your hotel. Later this evening, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and local appetisers. (WR) Hotel: Sofitel Saigon Plaza

2 HO CHI MINH CITY SIGHTSEEING Enjoy a leisurely walking tour past the elegant French colonial-era buildings and high-end boutiques that dot Dong Khoi Street. See the splendidly restored exteriors of the Opera House and the former CIA residential block where helicopters frantically evacuated the remaining US citizens in 1975. Continue your walk with views of Notre Dame Cathedral, then head across the square to visit the 19th century Central Post Office, an elegant French colonial structure. Travel by coach to the Reunification Palace and then on to the War Remnants Museum to gain a perspective of the war through the eyes of the Vietnamese. Enjoy the opportunity at an afternoon or leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to delve into Saigon’s art scene, learning from a museum curator and a local artist. (B)

3 HO CHI MINH CITY We journey by speedboat along the Saigon River to the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, descending into an underground world of subterfuge and hardship. Learn how the Vietcong guerrilla fighters used these impossible narrow and deep tunnels as communication routes, storage facilities for food and weapon caches, as well as hospitals and living quarters throughout the war. We have an opportunity to ‘Connect With Locals’ next, visiting an organic farm to join the family in their home for an exclusive ‘be My Guest’ lunch and insights into how their business is providing a livelihood for many local farmers. Next ‘Make A Difference’ with a visit to the HCMC Blind Centre where children gather together to learn how to play music and use the computer under the guidance of volunteers. The centre was founded by blind musician Mr. Dao Khuan Trung who spent most of his life caring for and teaching the children’s life skills and music. (B, BMG, L, D)

4 HO CHI MINH CITY Relax this morning or make an early start with an optional walking tour through the city’s lively outdoor markets. This afternoon, visit Chinatown and the Thien Hau Pagoda where you’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ and make a wish, writing your deepest desires on a small card and attaching it to one of the incense coils like the locals do. Pay a visit to Binh Tay Market and rub shoulders with the residents who visit the market to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, spices, meat and seafood from regions across Vietnam. Continuing to FITO, the first museum of traditional medicine in Vietnam, you’ll gain an insightful glimpse into the history and application of traditional medicine in everyday life. Afterwards, ‘Dive into Culture’ during a walking tour of Chinatown with its many herbal medicine shops and learn how herbs are combined for traditional therapies. Later, enjoy a memorable dinner of traditional Vietnamese specialties in a local restaurant. (B, RD, D)

5 HO CHI MINH CITY - BANGKOK (4 NIGHTS) After a short flight to Bangkok, meet your Thai Travel Director, where you’ll join for dinner at a local restaurant featuring some of the city’s favourite delicacies. (B, RD) Hotel: Shangri-La

6 BANGKOK SIGHTSEEING Visit Bangkok’s iconic Grand Palace, the official residence of the Kings of Thailand from the 18th to the mid-20th century. Then, continue to Wat Ratchanatdaram Worawihan, a UNESCO-listed royal temple renowned for its pyramid-like structure and stunning views of the main temple area of Bangkok and the Golden Mount. Stroll along the open-air walkway and admire the city skyline before joining your travel companions for lunch in a traditional Thai Royal Cuisine restaurant. This afternoon, you’ll ‘Dive into Culture’ during a visit to a local community which produces Thai silk. Take a moment to observe how talented villagers colour and weave the delicate silk followed by a visit to the former home of Jim Thompson, an American businessman who helped revive the Thai silk industry in the 1950s by supplying fine Thai silk to overseas fashion houses. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

7 BANGKOK Today we venture beyond the city buzz for a tranquil encounter with rural Thailand. Meet our ‘Local Specialist’ for a visit to a Buddhist Temple and nearby market which is known for its extensive variety of vegetables, fruit and Thai snacks. ‘Dive into Culture’ as you shop together learning about the local produce. Continue down river to your host’s riverside home and restaurant where you’ll learn about Thai herbs and spices as you watch a cooking demonstration in the open air. Try your hand at making your own Thai dishes, then sample the dishes you have helped to prepare. After lunch, return to your hotel and spend the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

8 BANGKOK An early start this morning sees us ‘Dive into Culture’ during a scenic journey by train, past salt and rice paddies, right into the Mae Klong railway market. Colourful stalls are laid out on both sides of the railway tracks and when the train comes through the market, the tents and goods positioned alongside the tracks are moved from the rails at lightning speed and returned just as quickly once the train has sped past. Disembark from the train and explore the market on your own before boarding a traditional Thai long-tail boat through small side canals and into the Mae Klong River. On arrival at the famous Damnoen Saduak floating market, you’ll witness an astounding array of boats selling fresh produce, souvenirs and delicious Thai food. There’s more to see when you visit a local open-air Khao Lam producer (sticky rice cooked in a bamboo tube) where you’ll learn how this tasty Thai sweet dish is made. As the sun begins to set over the enchanting Thai capital, head up river for a Farewell Dinner in an atmospheric Thai riverside restaurant with views of the magnificent Wat Arun. (B, F, D)

9 DEPART BANGKOK Transfer to Bangkok International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Flights: Prices include internal airfares and taxes for flights: Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok and are accurate as of [1st June 2019].

Visas are generally required for Vietnam but not required for Thailand. Please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.

Trip code: CTB

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

Saigon and Bangkok Explorer with Phuket: Extend your trip and spend a relaxing 3 nights in Phuket following your tour to the sights of Saigon and Bangkok. Please contact your travel agent for more information.

TRAVEL STYLE

CITY EXPLORER

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

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Single Supplement (add to price above): A$1580 PP

Exceptions: 14 Apr 20 to 13 Oct 20: A$1490 PP
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PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO A$461 PP

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings
   SAVE UP TO A$170
2. Multi Trip Savings
   SAVE UP TO A$125
3. Triple Share Savings
   SAVE UP TO A$140 PP
4. VIP (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Visit an organic farm, where you’ll join a local family for an exclusive ‘be My Guest’ lunch and learn about the benefits of natural medicine. (Day 3)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Make a wish the traditional way at the Thien Hau Pagoda and embark on a walking tour of Chinatown and learn how herbs are combined for traditional therapies. (Day 4) Visit a local community which produces Thai silk for Jim Thompson’s factory. (Day 6) Visit a food market with your culinary host and shop for local produce, which you will use to prepare some authentic Thai dishes. (Day 7) Visit the Mae Klong railway market to see how the stalls are removed and replaced at lightning speed to make way for passing trains. (Day 8)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Visit the HCMC Blind Centre to learn about the great work they do and enjoy a musical performance put on by the children who study music there. (Day 3)

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FLOAT ON THE SPARKLING EMERALD WATERS OF HALONG BAY ON A TRADITIONAL VIETNAMESE JUNK. GLIDE PAST HIDDEN ISLETS, GIANT LIMESTONE KARSTS AND COLOURFUL FISHING VILLAGES, STOPPING ONLY TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE LIVES OF THE LOCAL FISHERMEN AT CUA VAN AND TO PRACTICE T'AI CHI IN EXQUISITE SURROUNDINGS.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• **CITY TOUR** of Hanoi, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City

• **VISIT** Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the Temple of Literature in Hanoi, the Imperial Citadel in Hue, the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City, the Cu Chi Tunnels

• **VIEW** the Opera House, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office in Ho Chi Minh City

• **SEE** Red Beach in Danang
DAY

1 ARRIVE HANOI (2 NIGHTS) On arrival in Hanoi, transfer to your hotel and later meet your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Welcome Reception with drinks and local appetizers. (WR) Hotel: Melia Hanoi

2 HANOI SIGHTSEEING Visit the final resting place of “Uncle Ho”, the imposing Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Next, ‘Dive Into Culture’ exploring the grounds of Ho Chi Minh’s house on stilts. Continue to the Temple of Literature to gain insights into Hanoverian culture followed by a cyclo tour, weaving through the lively Old Quarter. This evening is free or consider an Optional Experience to watch a show that uses the ancient art of water puppetry to story-tell the daily lives of Vietnamese people. (B, L, D)

3 HANOI - HALONG BAY CRUISE Travel to Halong Bay, where we’ll board a traditional-style Vietnamese Junk boat and cruise among the limestone karsts and tropical islets. After lunch on board, take a small boat transfer to visit the Tien Ong Cave and Cua Van Fishing Village, whose residents live in traditional floating houses. Return to the Junk boat for a cooking demonstration or enjoy a mesmerising sunset on the top deck before dinner. (B, L, D, D) Hotel: Jasmine Cruise

4 HALONG BAY - HANOI - DANANG - HOI AN (3 NIGHTS) The graceful practice of T’ai Chis eases you into your day as is the local custom. You’ll have some time for an early morning swim at one of Halong Bay’s quiet beaches before driving to Hanoi Airport bound for Danang. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. (B) Hotel: Royal Hoi An

5 HOI AN SIGHTSEEING ‘Dive Into Culture’ this morning, embarking on a walking tour around the ancient town of Hoi An. Embrace its charm of yesteryear - the narrow lanes, colourful marketplaces and ancient temples providing insights into the Vietnam of old. See the old merchant houses and 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge, before visiting Thanh Toan Organic Village where you’ll spend some time helping local farmers and learning about their daily working routines. Kick back and enjoy a relaxing foot massage that will set the pace for the rest of the day and evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

6 HOI AN After a leisurely morning, your choice of activities this afternoon could see you learn how to craft your own colourful lantern or gain insights into life as a local fisherman (subject to weather conditions). (B, D)

7 HOI AN - HUE (2 NIGHTS) Travel by boat to the Red Bridge Cooking School to learn about and sample traditional Vietnamese cuisine. Continue over Hai Van Pass en route to Danang Beach, where the American Marines first landed in Vietnam. Then, travel to Danang for a visit to the Cham Museum, before arriving in Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam, where we stay for two nights. (B, L, D) Hotel: Imperial

8 HUE SIGHTSEEING Navigate the busy streets of Hue on the back of a cyclo, en route to the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel. Drive to Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue’s best-preserved religious monument, then board a local dragon boat cruise along the Perfume River to the house of the former Princess Ngoc Son. ‘Connect With Locals’ and meet a family member for a ‘Be My Guest’ lunch to gain a glimpse of their life in this historic house before an afternoon at leisure. (B, L, D)

9 HUE - HO CHI MINH CITY (3 NIGHTS) Enjoy some free time after flying to Ho Chi Minh City. ‘Make A Difference’ during your lunch visit to KOTO restaurant, a non-profit social enterprise that provides training to disadvantaged young people in the hospitality industry. Embark on a walking tour of Dong Khoi Street next, to view the Opera House, former Hotel de Ville, Notre Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel. Gain insights into the war through the eyes of locals at the War Remnants Museum, then continue to Ben Thanh market. (B, L, D) Hotel: Sofitel Saigon Plaza

10 MEKONG DELTA The mighty Mekong beckons today, as we take a day trip to My Tho, a nearby delta market town. We’ll transfer to a small sampan boat and navigate the maze of small canals before stopping for a lunch of delicious Mekong Delta specialties. After a short walk along village roads, we’ll visit the house of a former soldier, a ‘Local Specialist’ who survived fighting the Khmer Rouge. Indulge in the family’s colourful stories and learn how they make a living crafting rice paper, before returning to Ho Chi Minh City for an evening at leisure. (B, L)

11 HO CHI MINH CITY Delve into Vietnam’s turbulent history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an immense network of connecting underground tunnels built to protect the Viet Cong guerillas. Explore the underground compounds with a WAC veteran, then return to Ho Chi Minh City by private speedboat. ‘Dive Into Culture’ later, during a visit to the home of the former American Ambassador to South Vietnam, followed by a Farewell Dinner. (B, FD, D)

12 DEPART HO CHI MINH CITY Our discovery of the iconic and unexpected highlights of Vietnam at its end, take a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

*All prices are per person, twin share.

Flights: Prices include internal airfares and taxes for flights: Hanoi to Danang and Hue to Ho Chi Minh City and are accurate as of 1st June 2019.

Visas are generally required for Vietnam but please contact your travel agent for more information.

Important Information: Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum closed September to mid November.

Trip code: CTVA

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

Vietnam and the Temples of Angkor:
Delve deeper into the culture of this region by extending your trip to see the unmissable sights of Angkor and Siem Reap. See details on pages 46-48, days 12-15 for the Siem Reap section of this trip ending on day 16 with a transfer to the airport.

Vietnam with Cambodia Uncovered:
Extend your journey beyond Vietnam to experience the highlights of Cambodia, from its unmissable sights of Angkor Wat to its capital city of Phnom Penh. See details of our 18 day itinerary on pages 46 - 48.
TREASURES OF THAILAND
11 DAYS  |  1 COUNTRY  |  23 MEALS  |  FROM A$4795 PP*

A JOURNEY FROM THE COLOURFUL STREETS OF BANGKOK TO THE SACRED SPACES OF CHIANG MAI. YOU'LL VISIT THE TERRACOTTA-COLOURED ANCIENT RUINS OF AYUTTHAYA AND ENJOY A NORTHERN THAI-STYLE LUNCH WITH A FAMILY IN THEIR WOODEN STILTED HOUSE.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
• CITY TOUR of Bangkok, Chiang Mai
• VISIT the Grand Palace, the temples of Wat Phra Kaew and Wat Pho in Bangkok, Damnoen Saduak floating market, the ancient city of Ayutthaya, Sukhothai Heritage Park
• SEE the Bridge over the River Kwai in Kanchanaburi
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE BANGKOK (3 NIGHTS) Arriving in Bangkok, you’ll transfer to your hotel and meet your Travel Director and fellow guests for a Welcome Reception with local appetisers this evening. (WR) Hotel: Shangri-La

2 BANGKOK SIGHTSEEING Rise early and join the locals in their graceful ‘T’ai Chi practice in Lumpini Park or enjoy a leisurely start before a City Tour, which begins at Bangkok’s Grand Palace and the most sacred Buddhist temple in Thailand, Wat Phra Kaew. See the largest reclining Buddha in Wat Pho, then enjoy a traditional Thai massage. Return to your hotel by express river boat, cruising down the Chao Phraya past beautiful Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn. (B, L, D)

3 BANGKOK Immerse your senses in the five flavoured of Thai in a traditional cooking class with a ‘Local Specialist’. Visit a local market nearby to source the freshest ingredients that reveal the sweet, sour, salty, bitter and hot flavours of Thai cuisine. Sample the results later, then spend the afternoon exploring the City of Angels on your terms, or consider joining an Optional Experience to Jim Thompson’s House, home to an impressive collection of Asian art. (B, L, D)

4 BANGKOK - DAMNOEN SADUAK - KANCHANABURI (2 NIGHTS) Visit the famous floating market at Damnoen Saduak and connect with the friendly merchants who paddle along the congested canals in their sturdy canoes. ‘Divine Culture’, stopping at a coconut palm sugar plantation to learn how palm sugar is made. After lunch in a local restaurant, visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Museum, detailing the history of the infamous railway line built during WWII, then visit the War Cemetery. (B, L, D) Hotel: Away Kanchanaburi Dheva Mantra Resort and Spa

5 KANCHANABURI SIGHTSEEING This morning, we visit Hellfire Pass, a section of the Thailand-Burma "Death Railway", as named for the torturous conditions that prisoners of war endured during WWII to build it. After lunch, we embark on a thrilling train ride across wooden viaducts, skirting the winding waters of the Kwai River. We’ll disembark and see the wooden viaducts first-hand walking across one. This evening, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, L, R)

6 KANCHANABURI - AYUTTHAYA - SUKHOTHAI (2 NIGHTS) We travel to the UNESCO listed Ayutthaya, once the second most important ancient capital of Old Siem. Lunch is at a local restaurant, then we’ll return to Bangkok for our flight to Sukhothai, Thailand’s first capital. (B, L, D) Hotel: Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort and Spa

7 SUKHOTHAI SIGHTSEEING Start the day with a visit to the UNESCO-listed Sukhothai Historical Park. Your choice of exploring will see you engage with the historic complex by bicycle or on the internal tram. This afternoon, visit the home of a local family and learn how to make amulets which are thought to protect the owner from harm. (B, L)

8 SUKHOTHAI - CHIANG MAI (3 NIGHTS) Our day begins with a visit to village of Natonchan, where we ‘Make A Difference’ with our visit by supporting the community’s eco-tourism project. We make a brief visit to the ‘Friends of the Asian Elephant’ Hospital before arriving in Chiang Mai. Our hotel tonight is located in the Old Town of Chiang Mai. (B, L, D) Hotel: The Rim Resort

9 CHIANG MAI SIGHTSEEING Admire the delicate hand-painted fans and colourful paper umbrellas of Sankamphaeng district before meeting the children and teachers at a local school. ‘Connect With Locals’ next, joining a family in their typical stilt house for a northern Thai-style ‘Be My Guest’ lunch. Meet a local monk at the temple of Wat Suan Dok later, to learn about Buddhism. (B, BMG, FD)

10 CHIANG MAI Enjoy a morning at leisure or join an Optional Experience to the Ban Tong Lueang Hill Tribe Village, before a visit Wat Doi Suthep, one of Thailand’s most sacred temples. This evening, we indulge in a Farewell Dinner at a traditional Thai restaurant. (B, FD)

11 DEPART CHIANG MAI Take a transfer to Chiang Mai International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Flights: Prices include internal airfare and taxes for flight: Bangkok to Sukhothai and are accurate as of 1 June 2019.

Visas are generally not required for Thailand but please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.

Trip code: CSOT

WHY NOT EXPLORE FURTHER?

Thailand and the Temples of Angkor: Delve deeper into the culture of this region by extending your trip to see the unmissable sights of Angkor and Siem Reap. See details of our 15 day itinerary on page 44.

Thailand and Cambodia Uncovered: For a further insight into Cambodia’s history and to learn more about the Khmer Rouge, take our 17 day trip to include both Siem Reap and Phnom Penh in your journey. See details of our Siem Reap programme on page 44 and Phnom Penh on page 48.

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

My top travel tip is to visit the tea and coffee plantations in northern Thailand. Our guests will learn about the past of this area, why it was part of the famous ‘Golden Triangle’ and how the hill tribes live a sustainable life. The mountain scenery is fabulous and it’s a great place for taking photographs.

Anu, Thailand Travel Director

PAY EARLY SAVINGS

SWEET UP TO AS472 SS

OTHER GREAT SAVINGS

1. Young Traveller Savings SAVE AS220

2. Multi Trip Savings SAVE UP TO AS118

3. Triple Share Savings SAVE UP TO AS500 PP

4. VIT (Very Important Traveller) Benefits for past guests

HANDBRAKE HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

CONNECT WITH LOCALS

Join the Sawasatiti family who live in a wooden Thai stilt house for a traditional northern Thai-style meal. (Day 9)

DIVE INTO CULTURE

Visit Lumpini Park in Bangkok and join the locals in their daily T’ai Chi practice, enjoy a traditional Thai massage in the grounds of Wat Pho (Day 2). Learn the secrets of Thai cooking and visit a local market to buy fresh ingredients (Day 3)

STAYS WITH STORIES

Relax at your charming hotel with its exotic Lamna Burmese style architecture, perfectly positioned in Chiang Mai’s Old Town. (Day 8)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Visit the village of Natonchan and the ‘Friends of the Asian Elephants’, a Thai registered foundation looking after the welfare of elephants throughout Thailand. (Day 9)

Visit a local primary school. (Day 9)

TRAVEL STYLE

COUNTRY EXPLORER
THAILAND AND THE Temples OF ANGKOR

15 DAYS | 2 COUNTRIES | 28 MEALS | FROM A$6325 PP*
YOUR HOLIDAY

**DAY**

**DAYS 1 - 10 THAILAND** These days will operate as per days 1-10 of the Treasures of Thailand itinerary on pages 42-43.

**11** CHIANG MAI - PHUKET (3 NIGHTS) We leave Chiang Mai bound for Phuket, Thailand’s largest island. On arrival, we’ll check into our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. **(B)** Hotel: Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort

**12** PHUKET SIGHTSEEING There’s more to Phuket than its glorious beaches and dazzling nightlife. The island is a captivating fusion of Thai, Chinese, Indian, Arabic and even Portuguese influences, which you’ll have an opportunity to encounter first-hand during your walking tour of Phuket Town with a ‘Local Specialist’. Visit the early morning fresh food market, rubbing shoulders with the locals who stop by daily to shop and enjoy a quick breakfast. Continue to the amulet market and learn how these metal charms are worn to protect the wearer from harm or bring good luck. Discover the trading history of the island, admiring the beautifully restored shop-houses along your route. You’ll visit the beautiful Sino-Portuguese-style colonial mansion of Baan Chinpracha and the Thai Hua Museum, which reveals the history of Phuket, before sampling some of the region’s local snacks in a restored coffee house. The walking tour ends with lunch in one of Phuket Town’s restaurants where you’ll have the opportunity to sample local flavours after which you’ll return to your hotel for a relaxing afternoon. **(B, L, D)**

**13** PHUKET FREE DAY Enjoy a full day to indulge in whatever your heart delights. Take advantage of your tropical surroundings and spend the day relaxing at your beachfront hotel or consider joining one of our Optional Experiences. You could, for example, try your hand at making some classic Thai dishes during a cooking class on Koh Yao Noi island, with time afterwards relaxing on its beaches. Alternatively opt to take a cruise to Phang Nga Bay and spend the day on board a traditional junk style schooner boat sailing around the archipelago, swimming in crystal clear waters and enjoying the dramatic beauty of the islands as they pass you by. **(B)**

**14** DEPART PHUKET Transfer to Phuket International Airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

**ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS**

- As per the Treasures of Thailand itinerary plus:
  - **CITY TOUR** of Phuket Town
  - **VISIT** Baan Chinpracha, Thai Hua Museum

**HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS**

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip. As per Treasures of Thailand plus:

- **DIVE INTO CULTURE** Visit an early morning fresh market. (Day 12)

**YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER**

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Single Supplement (add to price above):
- 12 Jan to 05 Apr: **AS1820 PP**
- 15 Nov to 20 Dec: **AS2880 PP**

**MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP**

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**Trip code:** CSOP
JOURNEY FROM THE BEAUTY OF HALONG BAY TO A SPINE-TINGLING ENCOUNTER WITH THE ABANDONED CAPITAL OF ANGKOR THOM, LEFT TO RUIN IN THE DEPTHS OF THE DENSE CAMBODIAN JUNGLE AND ON TO PHNOM PENH - A CITY THAT HAS EMERGED FROM THE PAST TO RECAPTURE ITS REPUTATION AS THE ‘PEARL OF ASIA’.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
- **CITY TOUR** of Hanoi, Hoi An, Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, Phnom Penh
- **SEE** Red Beach in Da Nang
- **VIEW** the Opera House, Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office in Ho Chi Minh City

FROM A$6495 PP
YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1. ARRIVE HANOI (2 NIGHTS) Relish the warm embrace of Vietnam. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel before meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception with drinks and local appetisers. (WR) Hotel: Melia Hanoi

2. HANOI SIGHTSEEING This morning is dedicated to the revolutionary leader who fanned the flames of Vietnam’s independence. We begin our day with a visit to the final resting place of “Uncle Ho”, the imposing Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Next, ‘Dive into Culture’ exploring the grounds of Ho Chi Minh’s house on stilts. Continue to the Temple of Literature to gain insights into Hanoian culture followed by a cyclo tour, weaving through the lively Old Quarter past colourful shopfronts and street food vendors. This evening is free or consider an Optional Experience to taste some delicious local flavours on a foodie tour. (B, L, D, C) Hotel: Jasmine Cruise

3. HALONG BAY CRUISE Travel to Halong Bay, where we’ll board a traditional style Vietnamese Junk boat and cruise among the limestone karsts and tropical islets. After lunch on board, take a small boat transfer to visit the Tien Ong Cave and Cua Van Fishing Village, whose residents live in traditional floating houses. Return to the Junk boat for a cooking demonstration or enjoy a mesmerising sunset on the top deck before dinner. (B, L, D, C) Hotel: Sofitel Saigon Plaza

4. HANOI - HALONG BAY - DANANG - HOI AN (3 NIGHTS) The graceful practice of Tai Chi eases you into your day as is the local custom. You’ll have some time for one last sample of Halong Bay on your terms, before driving to Hanoi Airport bound for Danang. On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. (B) Hotel: Royal Hoi An

5. HOI AN SIGHTSEEING ‘Dive Into Culture’ this morning, embarking on a walking tour around the ancient town of Hoi An. Next, you’ll visit Thanh Dong Organic Village spending some time helping local farmers and learning about their daily working routines. Enjoy a relaxing foot massage before the rest of the day and evening at leisure. (B, D, C)

6. HOI AN After a leisurely morning, your choice of activities this afternoon could see you learn how to craft your own colourful lantern or gain insights into life as a local fisherman (subject to weather conditions). (B, C)

7. HOI AN - HUE (2 NIGHTS) The healthy flavours of Vietnamese cuisine take centre stage as we travel by boat to the Red Bridge Cooking School to learn about the traditional ways of preparing and cooking Vietnamese food. We’ll have an opportunity to savour the dishes we’ve prepared for lunch. This afternoon, our journey takes us over Hai Van Pass on route to Red Beach, where the American Marines first landed in Vietnam during the war. Then, travel to Danang for a visit to the Cham Museum before arriving in Hue, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. (B, L) Hotel: Imperial

8. HUE SIGHTSEEING Navigate the busy streets of Hue on the back of a cyclo, en route to the UNESCO-listed Imperial Citadel. Drive to Thien Mu Pagoda, Hue’s best-preserved religious monument, then board a local dragon boat cruise along the Perfume River to the house of the former Princess Ngoc Son.

9. HUE - HO CHI MINH CITY (3 NIGHTS) A short flight this morning brings you to Ho Chi Minh City, where you’ll enjoy some time at leisure before lunch at KOTO restaurant. Your visit will ‘Make A Difference’ to this non-profit social enterprise that provides training to disadvantaged young people in the hospitality industry. This afternoon take a walking tour of Dong Khoi Street, to see the Opera House, former Hotel de Ville and Central Post Office, designed by Gustave Eiffel. Gain insights into the war through the eyes of locals at the War Remnants Museum, then continue to Ben Thanh market. (B, L, D) Hotel: Sofitel Saigon Plaza

10. MEKONG DELTA Take a day trip to My Tho, a nearby Delta market town. Here, you’ll transfer to a small sampan boat and navigate the maze of small canals before stopping for a lunch of Mekong Delta specialties. Visit the house of a former soldier, a ‘Local Specialist’ who survived fighting the Khmer Rouge and learn about his life before returning to Ho Chi Minh City. (B, L)

11. HO CHI MINH CITY Delve into Vietnam’s turbulent history with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels, an immense network of connecting underground tunnels built to protect the Viet Cong guerrillas. Explore the underground compounds with a VC veteran and gain an understanding of the history of the tunnels, which once served as living quarters and housed hospitals, food and weapons caches, then return to Ho Chi Minh City by private speedboat. ‘Dive into Culture’ later, during a visit to the home of the former American Ambassador to South Vietnam, followed by a Farewell Dinner to say goodbye to your Vietnam Travel Director and those guests not continuing on to Cambodia. (B, D, C)

12. HO CHI MINH CITY - SIEM REAP (4 NIGHTS) Transfer to the airport for the short international flight to Siem Reap, Cambodia. On arrival meet your Cambodia Travel Director and check in to your hotel. (B) Hotel: Le Meridien

13. ANGKOR WAT AND SIEM REAP SIGHTSEEING Today, we venture deep into the Cambodian jungle, through a pyramid-shaped gateway into an ancient world. Serene stone faces watch over us as we cross the causeway suspended over a moat into the spiritual heart of the ancient lost city of Angkor. A ‘Local Specialist’ and renowned Khmer scholar brings to life the stories behind the intricate carvings and murals of celestial nymphs and mythical serpents along the abandoned hallways of Angkor Wat. Our next stop are the terracotta-hued walls of Banteay Srei Temple – the “Citadel of Women” dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva. We’ll have time to admire the 10th-century carvings of women, said to have been too delicate to have been carved by a man, by its name. We’ll return to Siem Reap for some free time and this afternoon, embark on a walking tour of the Old Town. We ‘Make A Difference’ to the lives of rural youths during our visit to Artsians d’Angkor, where we’ll witness the revival of Khmer arts and crafts. Later we’ll visit Wat Damnak and participate in a private blessing ceremony during which a sacred thread will be tied around our wrists to protect against evil spirits. Our final stop today is to the labyrinthine

Continued...
YOUR HOLIDAY CONTINUED

Old Market, where the locals spend their early mornings shopping for fresh fruit, vegetables and spices. Wander past the busy stalls and smell freshly baked baguettes, a remnant of the country’s French heritage. (B, X)

ANGKOR AND SIEM REAP Our intimate encounter with a lost empire continues today, as we uncover other iconic sites of the ancient abandoned city of Angkor that have been devoured by the Cambodian jungle. We explore its ancient ruins in the company of saffron-clad monks and monkeys that clamber up and over the roots of centuries-old trees that have carved their way deep into the Great City’s walls.

Our first stop today is a visit to the fortified Angkor Thom, where we’ll see such iconic sites as the Terrace of Elephants, the Royal Enclosure and the Temple of Bayon with its giant smiling faces of Buddha. We venture underneath the dense tree canopy to the crumbling, moss-covered ruins of the Buddhist temple of Ta Prohm, which featured as the location for the film ‘Tomb Raider’, exploring its towers courtyards and corridors to uncover the intricate stone reliefs that are shielded by the surrounding foliage. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to learn the secrets of Khmer cuisine. (B)

PEAK SNENG VILLAGE We begin the day in the company of local Khmer villagers and ‘Make A Difference’ with a visit to their local school for an opportunity to chat to some of the children who will join us on our walk through the village to see how they spend their day-to-day lives. We’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’, gaining insights into their time-honoured craft traditions, such as weaving Cambodia’s national hats made from palm leaves, or folding Lotus flowers into delicate works of art. After the rest of the day at leisure, this evening to say farewell to those not continuing on to Phnom Penh tomorrow, we’ll join our Travel Director and fellow expeditioners for a Farewell Dinner with Apsara dance show. (B, FD, X)

SIEM REAP - PHNOM PENH (2 NIGHTS) This morning we fly to Phnom Penh, once known as the ‘Pearl of Asia’ it is one of the loveliest French built cities in Indochina. Later we’ll embark on a cyclo tour, exploring the city, which boasts a rich blend of Khmer and French colonial architecture. We’ll discover the history and catch glimpses of churches and Chinese temples hidden down narrow alleyways. (B, X)

Hotel: La Rose Suites

PHNOM PENH SIGHTSEEING Indulge in the exotic flavours of Phnom Penh this morning, joining a ‘Local Specialist’ for an in-depth city tour. Our first stop is Wat Phnom temple where we’ll delve into the legend of Lady Penh who discovered the four statues of Buddha deposited on this tree- covered hill. We’ll continue to the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda before visiting the National Museum showcasing centuries- old Khmer art and sculptures. Delving deep into the turbulent, terrifying history of the Khmer Rouge years, we’ll travel along a dusty road to the outskirts of the city to visit the former school turned torture, interrogation and execution centre of Tuol Sleng. The history of that time is depicted in the thousands of 5-21 portraits of victims that are on display at the Museum of Genocide, providing insights into the horrors of Cambodia under Pol Pot’s rule. Finally, we’ll take a journey back in time to the Cheung Ek Killing Fields, a memorial built to commemorate the 17,000 victims who died under the reign of the Khmer Rouge. The rest of the evening is spent at leisure. (B, X)

DEPART PHNOM PENH Transfer to the airport for your onward flight (B)

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

A special surprise I like to share with guests is a visit to a local house to learn about daily life in Vietnam and engage with a former member of the Vietcong who’ll share his deeply moving war stories. Guests often tell me it’s the highlight of their trip.

Vo Thinh Dinh, Vietnam Travel Director
HONG KONG AND MACAU EXPERIENCE

4 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 5 MEALS | FROM A$2825 PP*

INDULGE IN A MELTING POT OF BRITISH, PORTUGUESE AND CHINESE FLAVOURS ON THIS SHORT HOP THROUGH HONG KONG AND MACAU – DRAMATIC SKYSCRAPERS AND BUSTLING STREET MARKETS ARE YOURS TO EXPLORE.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARRIVE HONG KONG (3 NIGHTS) Welcome to Hong Kong’s soaring skyline and your home for the next three nights. On arrival, you’ll be transferred to your Kowloon hotel. The evening is free. Hotel: Regal Kowloon

2 HONG KONG SIGHTSEEING Our City Tour begins at Victoria Peak. We’ll board the funicular railway to the summit before travelling to Aberdeen Fishing Village where we’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’ and embark on a sampan ride. Next, we’ll indulge in a steaming Dim Sum lunch on board the famous Jumbo Floating Restaurant. Then it’s time for some bargain hunting at Stanley Market, one of Hong Kong’s oldest settlements. Enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure. (B, L, D)

3 HONG KONG - MACAU - HONG KONG The dazzling playground of Macau takes centre stage today as we board a high-speed ferry bound for its glitz and glamour. On arrival, we’ll meet our ‘Local Specialist’ who will accompany us throughout the day. We’ll drive along the Guia Circuit (Grand Prix Race Track) and see the golden statue of Kun Lam, the Goddess of Mercy before stopping at the 15th century Taoist A-Ma Temple. We continue to Macau Tower, ascending to its Observation Deck. After lunch, we’ll see the ruins of St. Paul’s, then walk through the historic Senado Square towards Monte Fort. Our final stop today will be at one of Macau’s top casinos before returning to Hong Kong by ferry. (B, L)

4 DEPART HONG KONG Take a transfer to Hong Kong International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Hong Kong and Macau
• VISIT Victoria Peak and Stanley Market in Hong Kong, and the A-Ma Temple and the Ruins of St Pauls in Macau

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

There’s nothing more magical than viewing Hong Kong’s glittering skyline by night. Every evening the city puts on a spectacular Symphony of Lights. There are several spots in the city from which to see this dazzling light display, but my favourite can be reached by taking the Star Ferry across the harbour.

Anna, Hong Kong Travel Director

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.
Flights: to and from Hong Kong are not included.
Visas: are generally not required for Hong Kong and Macau but please contact your travel agent for more information.
Trip code: HONGA

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

DIVE INTO CULTURE

During a sampan ride, observe the fishermen who live and work on their boats at Aberdeen. (Day 2)
NEPAL ADVENTURE

4 DAYS  |  1 COUNTRY  |  4 MEALS  |  FROM A$1695 PP*

A SOUL-STIRRING JOURNEY TO THE SPIRITUAL CENTRE OF NEPAL – AN ANCIENT MOUNTAIN KINGDOM WHOSE PALACES, TEMPLES AND GOLDEN ROOFS REVEAL TRADITIONS THAT HAVE REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR CENTURIES.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1 ARIVE KATHMANDU (3 NIGHTS) Travel to the Himalayan Kingdom of Nepal and its capital, Kathmandu. On arrival, transfer to your hotel and later join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner in a local restaurant. (RD) Hotel: Crowne Plaza Soaltee

2 KATHMANDU AND PATAN SIGHTSEEING

Kathmandu’s golden roofs glow brightly on your City Tour to the heart of its old town and UNESCO-listed Durbar Square. Admire the traditional pagoda-style architecture reflected in the temples and palaces that surround the square. Then, continue to nearby Patan, where you’ll visit the Krishna Temple and Golden Temple. Witness the delicate art of thangka painting, as you visit a painting school to observe students painting religious scenes on cotton and silk. Later, ‘Make A Difference’ during a visit to the Tibetan Refugee Camp which features the Jawalakhel Handicraft Centre and provides shelter to the families of Tibetan refugees who fled the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959. (B, D)

3 KATHMANDU SIGHTSEEING

Looming over Patan lies the UNESCO-listed shrine of Swyambhunath, which you will have an opportunity to visit today. Admire the galleries of prayer mills and gleaming white stupa, whose gilded spire provides the colourful eyes of Buddha a lofty vantage point from which to survey the surrounding valley. Visit a local market in the Thamel District, dominated by Japan’s UNESCO-listed Mt. Fuji, and enjoy some free time for shopping. The rest of the (downtown Tokyo) atmosphere. Then, stop in Ginza for some retail therapy or visit the famous Nakamise shopping street soaking up the shitamachi atmosphere. Then, stop in Ginza for some retail therapy or visit the famous Nakamise shopping street soaking up the shitamachi atmosphere. Then, stop in Ginza for some retail therapy or visit the famous Nakamise shopping street soaking up the shitamachi atmosphere.

4 DEPART KATHMANDU Take a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

TRIP COMBINATIONS

A three night stay in Nepal can also be booked in conjunction with our India trips. Please see pages 26-27, 28-29 and 31 for details.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

- CITY TOUR of Kathmandu, Patan
- VISIT the shrine of Swyambhunath near Patan, a local market in Kathmandu
- VIEW the temples of Kathmandu and Patan

HANDCRAFTED HIGHLIGHTS

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DIVE INTO CULTURE with a visit to a thangka painting school in Patan. (Day 2)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE with a visit to the Tibetan Refugee Centre which features the Jawalakhel Handicraft Centre. (Day 2)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Flights: to and from Kathmandu are not included.

Visas are required for Nepal, please contact your travel agent for more information.

Trip code: NEP
TRAVEL STYLE

MINI STAY

TOKYO WITH MT. FUJI

4 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 3 MEALS

FROM A$3950 PP*

A FUSION OF DAZZLING TOKYO AND JAPAN’S SERENE FIVE LAKES DISTRICT, THIS ‘URBAN-MEETS-RURAL’ TRIP MIXES THE CITY’S BRIGHT LIGHTS, SIGHTS AND SHOPS, WITH TIME AT MT. FUJI.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1

ARRIVE TOKYO (3 NIGHTS) On arrival at Tokyo Narita or Haneda International Airport, you’ll transfer by airport shuttle service to your centrally located hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day and evening at leisure. Hotel: New Otani Garden Tower

2

TOKYO SIGHTSEEING Launch your City Tour this morning with an orientation drive that will take you past the National Diet (Japanese Parliament) and Tokyo Tower. Stop at the Imperial Palace Plaza, from where you can view the two bridges that form the entrance to the inner grounds of the Imperial Palace. Continue to Tokyo’s Ameyoko Street Market, once a black market selling American goods after World War II. Watch how this thriving hub is frequented by locals seeking the best bargains, then visit the Senso-ji Buddhist temple in Asakusa, rebuilt countless times since it was founded in 628, making it Tokyo’s oldest temple site. Stroll down Nakamise shopping street soaking up the shintachimai (downtown Tokyo) atmosphere. Then, stop in Ginza and enjoy some free time for shopping. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. (B, L) (Day 2)

3

MT. FUJI After breakfast, depart Tokyo for the Five Lakes District, dominated by Japan’s UNESCO-listed Mt. Fuji, which towers over the surrounding landscape at 3,776 metres. Ascend by road to the 5th Station, a spectacular vantage point at 2,300 metres, before taking a ride on the Kakuchiyama Ropeway (both weather permitting) for views of Mt. Fuji and Lake Kawaguchi. Later, return to your hotel for a relaxing evening. (B) (Day 3)

4

DEPART TOKYO Take a transfer by airport shuttle service to Tokyo Narita or Haneda International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

TRIP COMBINATIONS

Tokyo is a convenient gateway to many destinations in Asia and it is also a convenient stopover when travelling to Europe providing a much needed break from a long haul flight. This Mini Stay can be booked on its own or in conjunction with the itinerary of your choice from any Trafalgar brochure.

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS

• CITY TOUR of Tokyo
• VISIT the Sensoji Temple, the Imperial Palace Plaza and Ginza
• VIEW Mt. Fuji
• SEE the Tokyo Tower

TRAVEL DIRECTOR TIP

I like to introduce the kimono which up until the mid 19th century was the form of dress worn by everyone in Japan. The kimono has no buttons and zips so we use strings and a sash instead. I demonstrate to guests how to put it on and also how we wrap a kimono set in furoshiki the traditional way for carrying. This is a cloth which is also used for wrapping gifts.

Mika, Japan Travel Director

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Flights: to and from Tokyo are not included.

Visas are generally not required for Japan but please contact your travel agent for more information.

Trip code: TOKYA

TRIP COMBINATIONS

Daily departures from Twin Share Triple share discount Single supplement
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22 JUN to 29 JUN 3950 220 800
01 JUL to 14 JUL 4185 220 870
01 AUG to 30 AUG 3950 220 800
01 SEP to 30 SEP 4185 220 870
01 OCT to 27 OCT 3950 220 800

MINI-STAYS

Handcrafted Highlights

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DIVE INTO CULTURE

Visit Ameyoko Street Market, once a black market selling American goods after World War II. (Day 2)

Handcrafted Highlights
SINGAPORE EXPLORER

4 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 3 MEALS | FROM A$1775 PP*

A STYLISH STOPOVER IN A CITY THAT BOASTS AN EFFORTLESS FUSION OF CHINESE, MALAY, INDIAN AND PERANAKAN CULTURES THAT HAVE INFUSED THE LOCAL CUISINE AND TRADITIONS.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY 1
ARRIVE SINGAPORE (3 NIGHTS) Embark on an exotic sojourn to the stylish island nation of Singapore - a multi-cultural business hub and ever-expanding green city. On arrival at Singapore Changi Airport you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Hotel: Novotel Clarke Quay

DAY 2
SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING Launch your city tour at the Raffles Landing Site, where Sir Stamford Raffles is believed to have first stepped ashore in 1819 in search of a new trading port for the British East India Company. Stroll through the heart of Singapore, admiring the landmarks that reveal the city's colonial heritage, including the former Parliament House, the Victoria Theatre, originally built as the Town Hall in 1862, and the Old Supreme Court Building. 'Dive Into Culture' next with visits to Chinatown and Little India, delving into their rich traditions and savouring the exotic smells, sights and sound that emanate from its bustling streets and shopfronts. Your final stop today will be to the UNESCO-listed Singapore Botanic Gardens where you’ll enjoy a leisurely walk through the National Orchid Garden featuring a sprawling display of 60,000 orchids. This evening perhaps consider joining our Optional Night Safari. (B, L)

DAY 3
SINGAPORE SIGHTSEEING There are few things more important to the local Singaporeans than food and you’ll discover this as you ‘Dive Into Culture’ and spend the morning sampling the city’s culinary delights that reflect its multi-cultural influences, including Chinese, Malay, Indian and Peranakan. Rub shoulders with the locals at Geylang Serai market, which lies at the heart of the Malay community. Here you can indulge in all-time Singaporean favourites like Roti Prata and ‘Char Kueh’ taken with a frothy glass of Teh Tarik. Continue to the Joey

TRIP COMBINATIONS
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ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
• CITY TOUR of Singapore
• VISIT the Singapore Botanic Gardens
• SEE the Parliament House, the Victoria Theatre, the Old Supreme Court Building

Handcrafted highlights
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Dive into culture
Visit Chinatown to learn about Chinese immigrants’ history. Visit Little India to have an insight of Indian culture and tradition. (Day 2)
Sample famous Singaporean dishes during a heritage food trail tour. (Day 3)

Handcrafted highlights
Here’s just a sample of the many special Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

Connect With Locals
Welcome Reception
Breakfast
Stay With Stories
Lunch
Dinner
Dive Into Culture
Regional Dinner
Make A Difference
FMG Be My Guest

YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNER

More about your trip
* All prices are per person, twin share.
Flights: to and from Singapore are not included.
Visas are generally not required for Singapore but please contact your travel agent for more information.
Trip code: SINGA

Trip combinations
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Iconic highlights
• City Tour of Singapore
• Visit the Singapore Botanic Gardens
• See the Parliament House, the Victoria Theatre, the Old Supreme Court Building

Handcrafted highlights
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FMG Be My Guest
SIEM REAP AND ANGKOR

5 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 5 MEALS | FROM A$875 PP*

DELVE INTO THE LAYERS OF CAMBODIA’S CAPTIVATING CULTURE, ANCIENT LOST CAPITALS AND RURAL VILLAGES, WITNESSING FIRST-HAND BEAUTIFULLY CHOREOGRAPHED PERFORMANCES, LOCAL COOKING CUSTOMS AND THE CENTURIES-OLD TRADITIONS THAT REMAIN TO THIS DAY.

YOUR HOLIDAY

DAY

1
ARRIVE SIEM REAP (4 NIGHTS) Our gateway to the magnificent temples of the lost city of Angkor Wat is Cambodia’s cultural heart, Siem Reap. On arrival, you’ll be transferred to your hotel. This evening is at leisure. Hotel: Le Meridien

2
ANGKOR WAT AND SIEM REAP SIGHTSEEING Today, we venture deep into the Cambodian jungle, through a pyramid-shaped gateway into an ancient world. A ‘Local Specialist’ and renowned Khmer scholar brings to life the stories behind the intricate carvings and murals along the abandoned hallways of Angkor Wat. Our next stop are the terracotta-hued walls of Banteay Srei Temple – the “Citadel of Women” dedicated to the Hindu God Shiva. We’ll have time to admire the 10th century carvings of women, said to have been too delicate to have been carved by a man. This afternoon, we’ll embark on a walking tour in Siem Reap and ‘Make A Difference’ with a visit to Artisans d’Angkor, where we’ll witness the revival of Khmer arts and crafts. Later we’ll visit Wat Damnak and participate in a private blessing ceremony during which a sacred thread will be tied around our wrists to protect against evil spirits. Our final stop today is to the labyrinthine Old Market, where the locals spend their early mornings shopping for fresh fruit, vegetables and spices. (B, L, D)

3
ANGKOR AND SIEM REAP Our intimate encounter with a lost empire continues today, as we uncover other iconic sites of the ancient abandoned city of Angkor that have been devoured by the Cambodian jungle. We explore its ancient ruins in the company of saffron-clad monks and monkeys that clamber up and over the roots of centuries-old trees that have carved their way deep into the Great City’s walls.

Our first stop today is a visit to the fortified Angkor Thom, where we’ll see such iconic sites as the Terrace of Elephants, the Royal Enclosure and the Temple of Bayon with its giant smiling faces of Buddha. We venture underneath the dense tree canopy to the crumbling, moss-covered ruins of the Buddhist temple of Ta Prohm, which featured as the location for the film ‘Tomb Raider’, exploring its towers courtyards and corridors to uncover the intricate stone reliefs that are shielded by the surrounding foliage. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure or consider joining an Optional Experience to learn the secrets of Khmer cuisine. (B)

Today, we begin the day in the company of local Khmer villagers and ‘Make A Difference’ with a visit to their local school for an opportunity to chat to some of the children who will join us on our walk through the village to see how they spend their day-to-day lives. We’ll ‘Dive Into Culture’, gaining insights into their time-honoured craft traditions, such as weaving Cambodia’s national hats made from palm leaves, or folding Lotus flowers into delicate works of art. After the rest of the day at leisure, we’ll join our Travel Director and fellow expeditioners for a Farewell Dinner with Apsara dance show. (B, FD, L, D)

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

ICONIC HIGHLIGHTS
• VISIT Siem Reap Old Town, the temples of Angkor Wat, Wat Damnak and Ta Prohm
• Dive Into Culture
• Regional Dinner
• Make A Difference
• BMG Be My Guest

Handcrafted Highlights
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MAKE A DIFFERENCE
At Artisans d’Angkor, our visit contributes to creating job opportunities for disadvantaged rural youths. (Day 3) At Peak Sneng village meet the locals and discover some traditional Cambodian crafts. (Day 4)

More About Your Trip
* All prices are per person, twin share.
Visas are required for Cambodia, please contact your travel agent for more information and advice.
Trip code: SRAN

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Price PP
Start End Twin Share

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Single Supplement From: A$290 PP

TRAVEL STYLE  MINI STAY
YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Victoria Jenna is the largest vessel in Victoria Cruises fleet and features five passenger decks and two restaurants with a passenger capacity of 378. It is the newest ship in the fleet and was built in 2009 and completely renovated in 2016. It boasts a modern, luxurious style and décor of American and European influences with an Asian twist and is air conditioned throughout. Buffet breakfast is American-style and lunches and dinners are authentic Chinese cuisine with a mix of Western specialities. The Captain’s Farewell Dinner on the final night is Chinese banquet-style.

YOUR SUPERIOR STATEROOM

Trafalgar guests are accommodated in Superior Staterooms on the Promenade Deck. The facilities include:

- All are outside cabins with private balconies
- Individually controlled air conditioning
- Satellite TV with CNN and HBO
- Private bathrooms with full bathtubs
- Fine bathroom products
- Tea making facilities

Shipboard services include:

- Mini Spa offering foot and body massage
- Fitness room
- Reading room
- Card/games room
- Wi-Fi access
- Onboard Doctor
- Gift shop
- Complimentary tea and coffee in the bar at certain times

Please see pages 32-33 for details of Trafalgar’s 15 day China itinerary which includes a 4 day Yangtze River Cruise.
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YOUR GUIDED HOLIDAY BOOKING
See our website for detailed terms on what's included and not included in the guided holiday price and for information on reservations and payments including your travel documents.

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ADDITIONAL NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION

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Each itinerary shows the city where your holiday starts and ends. Choose how many nights you wish to extend your stay before or after your holiday and ask your Travel Agent to make the reservations when you book. Transfers are included when you extend your stay with this offer.

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