

# LINKS TRAVEL & TOURS



Small Group Tours and Tailor-Made Journeys

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# Welcome to Links Travel & Tours!

As always, our brochure is filled with inspirational small group tours for those who prefer to travel with like-minded people, and suggested itineraries, for those who prefer a tailor-made option. We also have a variety of suggestions for those who love sport, including golf in Vietnam and Japan, hiking and mountain climbing in Japan and cycling in China and Vietnam. Our sister company, Sport Links Travel provides tours to major sporting events across the globe, including cricket, rugby and Formula 1.

At Links Travel & Tours we care about our destinations, and this year we continue to commit to responsible travel wherever we can. When possible, we have changed our domestic flights into intercity train journeys, made easier by the development of the rail network across Asia. Our continued partnership with local hotels and businesses contribute to the local economy and we encourage holidaymakers to support local initiatives. We are committed to reducing our eco impact when introducing you to Asia.

Finally, please feel free to get in touch with our dedicated team of Personal Travel Advisers who are on hand to listen, understand and help you arrange your holiday of a lifetime!

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Helen Li - (Owner, Links Travel & Tours)

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# WHY TRAVEL WITH LINKS TRAVEL & TOURS



## Remarkable Value

Our offices in London, Beijing and Tokyo, ensure we have direct contact with hotels, transport providers and guides, assuring you receive the best value for money.

## No Hidden Costs

We believe in transparency, so our quotations include a comprehensive list of tour inclusions, and we proudly guarantee the price will not change once the holiday has been booked.

## Small Group Tours

We provide small group tours up to a maximum of 20 people (unless otherwise specified) to ensure that you are well looked after and get the most from your holiday.

## Tailor-Made Journeys

For the very best tailor-made journey, we will have a conversation with you to understand what you want, and then design an itinerary that truly matches your wishes.

## Private Tours

Private tours are based on group tour itineraries but with your own guide in each location, who will look after you and you alone. These are ideal for those looking for a more personal service such as couples, families and groups of friends.

## Highly Respected Local Knowledge

Along with Helen Li, we have a dedicated product team who were born in, or have a passion for the destinations we serve, providing the best options for your holiday.

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The Triangle Trip was to Japan. We took 20 customers on a 15 day tour of Japan. Links Travel were superb from start to finish. The hotels used were all well situated allowing our clients to experience real Japan. I cannot thank Links Travel enough for their attention to detail and for making our trip a success.  
Rob Kenton, Triangle Travel

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### Award Winning Guides

We carefully select our fully qualified guides, many of whom have won awards for their committed service, to ensure your travels are informative and enjoyable.

### Excellent Customer Service

Our friendly, efficient and dedicated experts, work extensively to ensure your holiday is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

### Named High Quality Hotels

All our group tours offer standard hotels in Japan, and 4★ hotels elsewhere, all in prime locations. We look carefully at the service, food and amenities before booking.

### Carefully Selected Local Restaurants

We appreciate the importance of a good meal, and on our group tours, have selected a range of restaurants providing tasty food for all, including vegetarians and those with other dietary requirements.

### Families

We offer a selection of family-friendly itineraries, where the accommodation and included excursions have been selected to appeal to all ages.

### Solo Travellers

We look forward to welcoming you on our tours to join like-minded travellers on your journey. All our named hotels offer great value when looking for single occupancy rates.

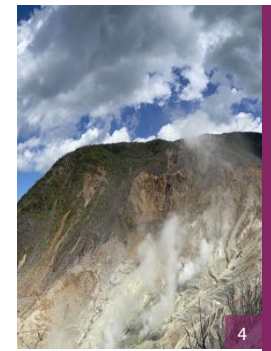
## Sustainable Travel

Travelling in small groups and employing local guides, ensures a more genuine exchange with local people and their environment. While travelling in Asia we also provide recommendations for locally owned restaurants and shops. Community projects, home stays, traditional arts and crafts and supporting local causes all have a positive impact to the local communities you encounter along your journey.

# JAPAN



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**1 TOKYO** - The capital of Japan, Tokyo encapsulates Japan's modernity and eccentricity at its finest. Some of the unmissable attractions include the Imperial Palace and Sensoji Temple.

**2 KYOTO** - Home to a plethora of UNESCO-listed temples and shrines, and famous for its flavourful green tea. You may meet some 'Maiko', apprentice Geisha, in the Gion district.

**3 MOUNT FUJI** - Known as 'Fuji-san', Japan's iconic mountain, has provided the spiritual basis for the country since ancient times. The mountain is officially open for climbing during July and August.

**4 HAKONE** - One of Japan's most popular hot spring resorts situated less than two hours from Tokyo and an ideal place to stay in a ryokan with onsen, enjoying Hakone National Park and views of Mt Fuji.

**5 HIROSHIMA AND MIYAJIMA** - Home to two World Heritage Sites, including the Atomic-Bomb Dome at the Hiroshima Peace Park, and Miyajima, famed for its giant 'floating' Torii Gate.

**6 TAKAYAMA** - The beautifully preserved old town of Hida-Takayama is filled with Edo-style streets, sake breweries and craft shops. The twice-yearly Takayama Festival, is one of Japan's best.

**7 SHIRAKAWAGO AND GOKAYAMA** - These tranquil, UNESCO-listed, mountain villages are famous for their traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses with steep thatched roofs, and picturesque setting.

**8 KANAZAWA** - Kanazawa is home to historic residences, modern museums, fresh food markets and Kenrokuen, one of the most beautiful gardens.

**9 MATSUMOTO** - Home to the majestic Matsumoto Castle, and is also the perfect base for exploring the Japanese Alps. The Taiko Festival and the Takigi-Noh are held at the castle in the summer.

**10 YUDANAKA** - This traditional hot spring resort is the ideal location when visiting the famous Snow Monkeys just 10 minutes away by bus. We recommend an overnight stay in a ryokan with onsen.

**11 HOKKAIDO** - Home to vast expanses of unspoiled mountain scenery and abundant wildlife, and a nature lover's paradise. The world-class ski resorts make it a great winter destination.

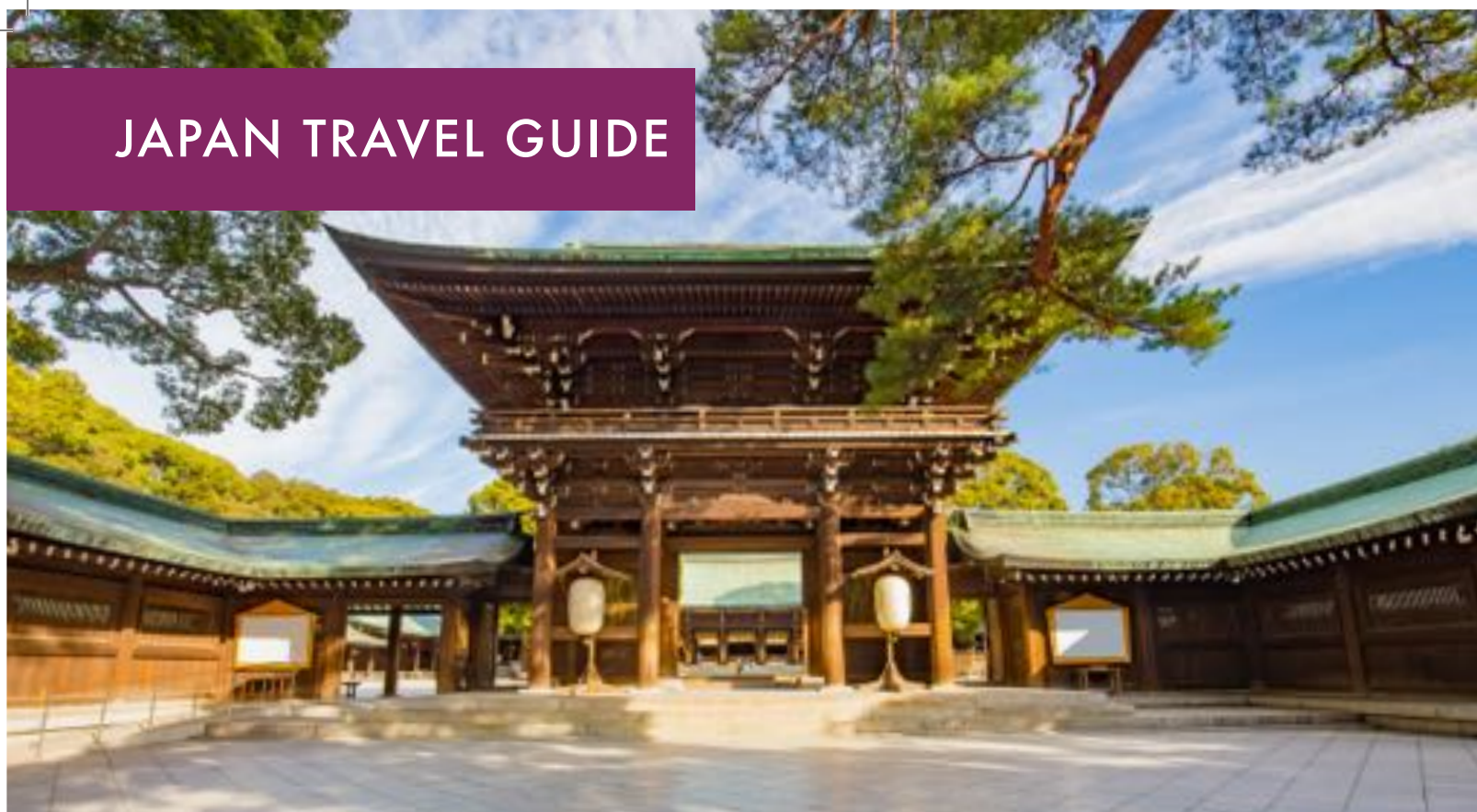
**12 OKINAWA** - The tropical island chain of Okinawa boasts amazing coral reefs, white sand beaches and a fascinating cultural heritage that is a mix of Japan and Southeast Asia.

**13 NIKKO** - Located along Japan's Romantic Road, north of Tokyo, and home to the Nikko National Park, the Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Tokugawa Ieyasu's mausoleum, the Kegon Falls and Lake Chuzenji.

**14 NAKSENDO WAY** - The Nakasendo Way, an ancient walking trail that linked Kyoto and Tokyo during Japan's Edo period, has many historic post towns, including Tsumago, which has been preserved to look as it did when it originally served travellers of the Nakasendo.

**15 KUMANO KODO** - Kumano Kodo is a network of pilgrimage trails, through the southern Kansai region, linking sacred areas on the Kii Peninsula; Hongu Taisha, Hayatama Taisha and Nachi Taisha.

# JAPAN TRAVEL GUIDE



## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

We work with a wide range of airlines including British Airways, Emirates, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, KLM, Air France Finnair, and JAL. Domestic departures and stopovers can also be included. Simply provide us with your preferred UK departure airport and we will arrange your ideal holiday to suit your wishes.

## JAPAN RAIL PASS

Only available to visitors to Japan, and must be pre booked, the Japan Rail Pass (JR Pass) offers excellent value for money if you are planning to visit several cities during your time here. The JR Pass is issued by Japan Railway (JR), is valid for 7, 14 or 21 day durations and provides you with unlimited travel on Japan's extensive travel network. This includes the world famous Shinkansen Bullet Train (excluding Nozomi class trains), the entire Japan Railways service, a selection of buses and ferries including to Hiroshima and Miyajima Island. Based on your travel preferences, further details about your JR Pass are provided at the time of quotation.

## PUBLIC BUSES AND CHARTERED COACHES

Travelling by public bus or by chartered coaches are convenient and comfortable ways of travelling in Japan, especially in the mountainous regions. Your quote will highlight how best to see the area and the mode of transport that works best for your tour.

## TAXIS

Taxis are widely available and can deliver customers to addresses written in Japanese or on business cards. If the red light in the lower left corner of the windshield is lit, then the cab is free and it can be flagged down.

## CAR HIRE

With the convenience of driving on the left, renting a car in Japan offers a new type of adventure, allowing you to visit the more remote locations. Many road signs are in English and cars have SAT NAV as standard. Please visit our Self-Drive Holidays for further details on car hire in Japan.

## LUGGAGE FORWARDING

This reliable service is common practice in Japan whereby you can forward your luggage to your next accommodation or to any of Japan's main airports, giving you the convenience of travelling to more remote locations with just an overnight bag. Please enquire for further details.

## WALKING AND CYCLING

Many of our tours involve walking as it is the most suitable and more authentic way to see attractions. Japan's excellent public transport is used on select days during some of the tours so walking is needed to get from hotels, stations and places of interest. Guided cycling tours are available in most cities. These leisurely rides provide excellent viewing opportunities not found with other modes of transportation. For the more adventurous try some of the cycling routes found in the more remote and mountainous regions.

## VISA

Nationals of many countries are eligible to enter Japan without a visa unless the purpose of the visit is to reside in Japan, to obtain employment or to otherwise engage in remunerative activities.





### MONEY

The unit of Japanese currency is the yen. Coins are available in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 yen, and bank notes in denominations of 1,000, 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 yen.

### TIPPING

Tipping is not a way of life and is not expected in Japan. However, if you feel that your guide has performed exceptionally well, a tip is considered appropriate and will always be gratefully received. We recommend around 3000 yen (£ 20) per person for a 1-day tour.

### WEATHER

Japan is a unique destination on many different fronts including the vast range of temperatures on offer throughout the year. From the powder snow found on the ski slopes in Hokkaido during the winter period, to the subtropical climates in the southern islands including Okinawa and Ishigaki. Japan is truly an all-year round destination and has something special to offer at any one time. To witness spectacular colour, a favourite is the celebrated cherry blossom season in April and koyo leaf viewing from October to early December (regions vary). These are very popular times to travel so it is advised to book early to avoid disappointment.



### LANGUAGE

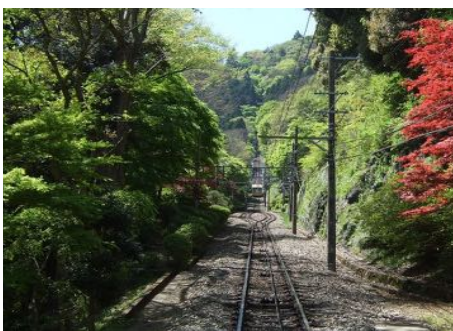
The national language is Japanese which is spoken by everyone. Many, but not all, service staff in hotels and tourist areas can speak English. If you explore by yourself, take a copy of the hotel business card to assist the driver with directions.

### CUISINE

Japan is known for its delicious cuisine. Some Japanese specialties include: noodles, Sushi and Sashimi, Tempura, Yakitori, Kaiseki, Donburi, Teppanyaki, salads and Japanese curries. Bento boxes, which offer a selection of different dishes including rice, meat or fish and pickled vegetables, are also popular.

The Average Temperatures

Temp °C	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hakone	9	9	12	17	22	24	28	30	26	21	16	11
Hiroshima	4	5	8	13	18	21	26	17	23	17	11	7
Kanazawa	3	3	6	12	17	21	25	27	22	16	11	6
Kyoto	5	6	9	14	19	23	27	29	24	18	13	7
Okinawa	16	16	18	21	24	26	28	28	27	25	21	18
Osaka	6	6	10	15	20	24	28	29	25	19	14	9
Sapporo	-5	-4	0	6	12	16	20	22	17	11	4	-2
Tokyo	5	6	9	14	18	21	25	26	23	18	12	8
Yudanaka	10	10	14	18	24	26	31	32	29	23	18	13



Visit your local travel agent, or call 020 8543 8133

# JAPAN GROUP TOURS



We have devised a range of group and semi-escorted tours, as well as tailor-made journeys to make the planning of your holiday to Japan simple and easy to follow. If you are unsure which type of itinerary is right for you, please speak to one of our Personal Travel Advisors who are here to discuss your plans and offer their expert guidance. We have set out below, information about our group tours, how they work and what makes them special.

## EXCELLENT VALUE

Our fully escorted group tours are led by English speaking guides who have a passion for Japan. Our selection of group tours enable you to the country's many wonders, with like-minded travellers, on a range of itineraries that last from 9 days to 15 days. Breakfast is included, along with a selection of lunches and dinners along with iconic sights and locations. These group tours will incorporate many of the highlights Japan has to offer, discovering some truly memorable places, and offer great value.

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*The whole holiday was fantastic and we thoroughly enjoyed it. The cherry blossom was fully out and was stunning. The guide was very knowledgeable and well organised and spoke very good English. He was Japanese which enabled him to give us some interesting background to Japanese culture, beliefs and traditions.*

Mike and Janet

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## YOUR GROUP

We cater for all ages, solo travellers, couples, families and small groups of friends. Our group tours normally operate with a maximum of 25 people, and run at a leisurely pace. Your English speaking guides escort you through Japan's history and culture, whilst you sample a variety of amazing cuisine and experiences. Some of the included day excursions involve flights of stairs and an amount of walking, so to get the most out of your group tour, a moderate level of fitness is preferred. These fixed itineraries have set departure dates that will not change.

## ACCOMMODATION

We select from a range of accommodation for our tours, the style of which can vary from one destination to the next, and each of our itineraries uses carefully selected standard accommodation, a sample of which can be found on the individual tour pages. Some tours include the unique experience of an overnight stay in traditional Japanese accommodation (Ryokan / Minshuku / Shukubo see page 51), along with the opportunity to experience a Japanese hot spring (onsen). When staying in traditional Japanese accommodation, beds will usually be futon-style. If you would like to upgrade to superior or deluxe accommodation, then please call our experts for further details. It is also worth noting that room sizes in Japan tend to be more compact, especially in the larger cities.

## TRANSPORTATION

Depending on the nature of the tour, transportation will include air-conditioned coaches, public transport and trains, offering you the chance to experience the 'real Japan'.

## GUIDES

All of our guides speak English and are fully qualified, allowing you to benefit from their knowledge and experience, whilst introducing you to local cultures. They will be on hand to help where necessary, and ensure your introduction to Japan is a truly memorable one.

## EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY

You can add extra nights at the beginning or end of the tour to experience another region or destination. You may wish to spend a few days in Hong Kong, relax on the beach in Okinawa, or walk the Nakasendo Way.

## INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Our tour rates include international flights from London or your nearest regional airport. We only work with reputable airlines and offer both direct and stopover options, whichever best suits your requirements. Please speak to one of our experienced Personal Travel Advisors for more information on the options available.



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## ESSENTIAL JAPAN 9 DAY TOUR from £3,599

Osaka Castle

The Essential Japan tour is perfect for the first time traveller to Japan. Enjoy spending time in the vibrant capital, Tokyo. Take a journey to Hakone the National Park to view Mt. Fuji, marvel at Japan's highest mountain with its single, volcanic snowy peak. The cultural city of Kyoto is where you will discover beautiful gardens, ancient temples and traditional town-houses. Learn about Hiroshima and its past and present. Visit Itsukushima Shrine, said to be one of the three most beautiful sights in Japan, and try delicious Japanese cuisine, Takoyaki (octopus balls) and Okonomiyaki (savory pancake) in Osaka, your final destination.

“ I just got back from the Japanese Essential 9 day tour which was a fantastic experience.  
Kevin ”

### Your Sample Accommodation

**Tokyo:** Sunshine City Prince  
**Hiroshima:** Hotel Mystays Hiroshima Peace Park  
**Kyoto:** Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kyoto Ekimae PREMIER  
**Osaka:** Herton Hotel Nishi Umeda  
 Accommodation will be as named above or similar



**Day 1 Fly to Tokyo**  
 Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

**Day 2 Arrive Tokyo**  
 On arrival at the airport in Tokyo, you will be met by a guide. You will be escorted to your hotel in Tokyo city centre. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

**Day 3 Tokyo Full Day Tour (BL)**  
 Start the day with breakfast at the hotel. Meet with our representative in the reception area. Enjoy the Tokyo Full Day Tour. This group tour will take you to some Must-See spots in Tokyo by public transportation. Visit Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, and Shibuya Crossing.

**Day 4 Hakone Full Day Tour (B)**

Meet with our guide and enjoy Hakone tour by local transportation using Hakone Free Pass. Take the limited train to Hakone Area.

Enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi to marvel at the beauty of Mt Fuji and continue to the Owakudani Ropeway and Hakone Ropeway. Back to Tokyo with our representative in the evening.

**Day 5 Bullet Train to Hiroshima (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, meet our representative in the reception area. We will take the bullet train to Hiroshima, which is 4 hours journey time. We arrive into Hiroshima in the afternoon.

Enjoy sightseeing in Hiroshima city. Visit Genbaku – Museum The Atomic Bomb Dome designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996 and Peace Memorial Park.

**Day 6 Miyajima and Bullet Train to Kyoto (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, meet with our representative in the reception area. Take the ferry to Miyajima Island. Visit Itsukushima shrine and Big Torii Gate. Try some street food in Miyajima, for example oyster croquette etc. Back to Hiroshima and we take the bullet train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, check in the hotel.

**Day 7 Kyoto Full Day Tour (B)**

Meet the representative at the hotel's reception and enjoy sightseeing in Kyoto. Take the local train to Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, home to thousands of torii gates and the Buddhist Sanjusangendo Temple, filled with 1001 statues of Kannon, the Goddess of mercy. Enjoy the tea ceremony at Kyoto. You will visit Kinkakuji, the Golden Temple. The tour ends at Gion area, should you prefer to continue your sightseeing by yourself.



**Day 8 Nara and Osaka Full Day Tour (BL)**

This morning starts with a walking tour of Nara. We take the train to Nara, the imperial capital of Japan in the 8th century, and visit the Todaiji Temple where an enormous bronze Buddha image is exhibited in the Daibutsuden Hall. We then continue to Nara Park, where over 1,200 wild shika deer roam freely. Visitors can feed with Shika-senbei, a special snack for the deer sold in the park grounds. Travel to Osaka visit Osaka Castle and Back to the hotel.

**Day 9 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer you to Kansai Airport for your flight to the UK.



EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY



3 days in Hong Kong from £399

4 days in Okinawa from £868

4 days in Dubai from £450

Includes: transfers, 4★ accommodation and daily breakfast

Departures and Prices

2024 and 2025

Depart	Return	Price
04/03/24	12/03/24	from £3,599
15/04/24	23/04/24	from £3,799
06/05/24	14/05/24	from £3,599
02/09/24	10/09/24	from £3,699
07/10/24	15/10/24	from £3,799
04/11/24	12/11/24	from £3,699
03/03/25	11/03/25	from £3,749
14/04/25	22/04/25	from £3,949
05/05/25	13/05/25	from £3,749
01/09/25	09/09/25	from £3,849
06/10/25	14/10/25	from £3,949
03/11/25	11/11/25	from £3,849

Single supplement from £499  
Land Price from £2,649

Price includes:

International flights, accommodation, English speaking guides, transfers, bullet trains, baggage transfers for one piece, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

Price excludes:

Local tips, personal spending and travel insurance.

ALSO AVAILABLE AS A PRIVATE TOUR

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## DISCOVER JAPAN BY RAIL 14 DAY TOUR from £4,899

Train Station in Japan

A comprehensive 14 day tour exploring the very best of Japan's cultural, natural and UNESCO locations, making use of the country's efficient railways. Journey on the famous bullet train, marvel at Mt. Fuji, stroll around cultural Kyoto, and discover the renowned Golden Pavilion. Other highlights include the 250 year old historic gassho-zukuri farmhouses in Shirakawago, a magnificent traditional Japanese garden in Kanazawa, the friendly deer in Nara, and the "floating" Itsukushi-ma Shrine in Miyajima. All this and more.

Note: This tour involves a lot of walking, so a good level of fitness is required.

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**Kanazawa:** Hotel Mystays Premier Kanazawa  
 Accommodation will be as named above or similar

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#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival at the Tokyo airport, a representative will be waiting for you at the arrival hall. Take the shared shuttle van and transfer to the hotel in Tokyo.

#### Day 3 Tokyo Full Day Tour (BL)

After breakfast at the hotel, meet with the guide at the hotel's lobby. Enjoy the Tokyo Full Day Tour. This group tour will take you to some must-see spots in Tokyo by public transportation. You will be visiting the Imperial Palace (Niju-bridge), Asakusa area (Kaminari gate, Nakamise Shopping Street, Senso Temple), Shibuya Crossing and Hachi statue.

#### Day 4 Hakone Full Day Tour (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, meet with the guide at the hotel's lobby. Enjoy a full day excursion in the Hakone area by public transportation.

You will be visiting Hakone Ropeway and Owaku Valley. Enjoy a cruise in Lake Ashi and marvel at the beauty of Mt. Fuji. The tour ends at the hotel.

**Day 5 Bullet Train to Hiroshima (B)**

Meet with the guide at the hotel's lobby after breakfast. Today, you will take a bullet train to the Hiroshima area. Upon arrival, you will meet with a local tour guide and start your half day tour in Hiroshima city by public transportation. In this area, you will be visiting the Atomic Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Park and Peace Memorial Museum. Today you will stay close to the Peace Memorial Park.

\*Luggage transfer service included (TOKYO to KYOTO)

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**Day 9 Train to Takayama (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, meet with the guide at the hotel's lobby. Take a bullet train and an express train to Takayama station. Upon arrival at Takayama, enjoy a half day tour with the tour guide. You will be visiting Takayama Jinya, Old Town and Sake Tasting Experience. There is a free big communal bath in the hotel. This is free of charge for all the guests who stay in the hotel. Enjoy the natural hot spring and relax after walking a lot for the day tour.

**Day 10 Bus to Kanazawa via Shirakawago (B)**

Enjoy your free time this morning in Takayama after your breakfast at the hotel. Why not visit the Takayama Morning Market held in the city center? Meet with the guide at the hotel's lobby and travel by local bus to the world heritage listed Shirakawago, famous for the traditional Gassho-zukuri farmhouses which are more than 250 years old. Continue the journey by local bus to Kanazawa and check-in at your accommodation.

\*Luggage transfer service included (TAKAYAMA to TOKYO)

**Day 11 Kanazawa Full Day Tour (B)**

After breakfast, enjoy a Kanazawa full day tour where you will be visiting the Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa Castle, Higashi Chaya District and have a Tea Ceremony Experience.

**Day 12 Bullet Train to Tokyo (B)**

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. Meet with the guide and the group at the hotel's lobby and walk to JR Kanazawa station. Take a bullet train to JR Tokyo station. Take a local train to Ikebukuro and walk to the hotel. After check out, the day is free at leisure.

**Day 13 Tokyo (B)**

Free at leisure.

**Day 14 Fly to UK (B)**

Free until departure. Take a scheduled limousine bus and transfer to the airport and return to UK.



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01/09/25	14/09/25	from £4,999
06/10/25	19/10/25	from £5,099
03/11/25	16/11/25	from £4,999

Single supplement from £755  
 Land Price from £3,899

Price includes:

International flights, accommodation, English speaking guides, transfers, bullet trains, baggage transfers for one piece, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

Price excludes:

Airport taxes, local tips, personal spending and travel insurance.





## CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR 13 DAY TOUR from £5,159

Cherry Blossom, Tokyo

A 13 day tour that explores the very best of Japan's culture and nature, during the popular cherry blossom season. Journey on the famous bullet train, stay in some traditional accommodation, and sample the local specialties including fresh sushi and Hida Beef. Witness Mt. Fuji, spend time in the cultural city of Kyoto and visit the beautiful Japanese Alps region. Other tour highlights include a visit to a wasabi farm and a sake brewery, as well as the famous Himeji Castle.



### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional UK airport to Tokyo.

### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

On arrival, you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to your hotel by shared shuttle bus. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 3 Tokyo Sightseeing (B)

This morning, after breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Tokyo by coach. Visit Ueno Park, a great spot for cherry blossom. Continue to drive to the Asakusa area. We will walk in the Sensoji Temple and Nakamise Shopping Street. There is the opportunity for sightseeing from the window view of the Imperial Palace, National Parliament Building and Japan National Stadium. Then continue to Shinjuku Gyoen Park, one of the

### Your Sample Accommodation

**Tokyo:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel  
**Kawaguchiko:** Mifujien  
**Takayama:** WAT Hotel & Spa  
**Kanazawa:** Hotel Kanazawa  
**Kyoto:** Almont Hotel  
**Hiroshima:** ANA Corwne Plaza Hiroshima  
**Osaka:** Elserine Osaka

Accommodation will be as named above or similar



best cherry blossom viewing spots in the city. Leave from the park and drive through the "Shibuya Crossing" by coach. The last stop of the day will be the Tokyo Tower, for breathtaking views of the city.

**Day 4 Tokyo to Hakone and Mt Fuji (BLD)**

Depart for Hakone by coach. Visit the Owakudani Valley. Then enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi and continue to the Hakone Ropeway for views of iconic Mt. Fuji. Spend the night in the Fuji area.

**Day 5 Mt. Fuji to Takayama (B)**

Start your trip to Mt. Fuji, by coach to the 5th station, about 2300 meters above sea level, and continue to Takayama stopping en-route to visit the Daio Wasabi Farm, to see how this famous Japanese ingredient is grown. After leaving the farm, stop at Matsumoto Castle (Outside Only). The tour will end at the hotel.

**Day 6 Takayama to Kanazawa via Shirakawago Village (B)**

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of Takayama including visits to Takayama- Jinya, Kamisannomachi Street and the Folk Craft Museum. Leave Takayama and drive to the World Heritage listed "Shirakawago village", famous for the traditional Gasshou-zukuri farmhouses which are more than 250 years old. Drive to Kanazawa and enjoy an overnight stay in Kanazawa.

**Day 7 Kanazawa Full Day Tour (B)**

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of Kanazawa by coach. Drive to explore the Old Samurai district. Then visit the Kanazawa Craft Center and walk to Kenrokuen Garden and visit Kanazawa Castle. Next destination is Higashi Chaya Street. Today you will experience the Tea Ceremony. Learn the Japanese beauty and what the tea ceremony is for. The tour ends at JR Kanazawa station. The guide will tell you the good place to have dinner in Kanazawa tonight!

**Day 8 Kanazawa to Hiroshima (B)**

Meet with others at JR Kanazawa station. Catch an Express Train THUNDERBIRD from Kanazawa to the Osaka area and change to the Bullet train NOZOMI to Hiroshima. We recommend trying a bento box for your lunch on the train (called "Ekiben")! Japanese really like this Ekiben and drink on the bullet train! The tour guide will explain the place where you can buy the Ekiben box. On arrival at Hiroshima station, take the pretty tram and visit the Peace Memorial Park & Museum and the Genbaku-dome (The Atomic Bomb Dome), which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996. Walk to the hotel and end the tour at the hotel.

**Day 9 Miyajima & Train to Kyoto (B)**

After breakfast, leave the hotel and take the tram to get to JR Hiroshima station. We will take the local JR train to Miyajimaguchi station. Then we will take a ferry ride to get to Miyajima Island. You will have a guided sightseeing at Itsukushima Shrine. Enjoy a walk to Omotesando Street, Cherry Blossom Street, relaxing at the seaside. We go back to JR Hiroshima station and you will try the Hiroshima soul food Hiroshima Okonomiyaki in a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, take a bullet train to Kyoto and walk to the hotel. The tour ends at the hotel.

**Day 10 Nara and Kyoto Full Day Tour (B)**

After breakfast, leave the hotel by coach for a sightseeing tour of Kyoto and Nara. Start with a visit to the Daibutsuden (Great Buddha Hall) at the Todai-ji Temple, enshrining a gigantic bronze statue of Buddha. Next is Nara Deer Park, where the deer roam freely, and you can feed or pet them (special food is sold in the park grounds). Take a local bus and enjoy walking Naramachi Street. Return to Kyoto in the afternoon. Drive to the celebrated Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion), and the tour ends at the hotel.

**Day 11 Kyoto and Osaka Full Day Tour (B)**

After breakfast, leave from the hotel by coach and visit Nijo Castle. After that, drive to Kiyomizu Temple, which will be followed by a stop at Maruyama Park, known for its Cherry Blossom. Continue to the Gion district. Drive from Kyoto to Osaka in the afternoon. On arrival, you will visit Osaka Castle (outside only) for a photo opportunity full of cherry blossoms. Drive to the Dotonbori area, famous for the street food! The tour ends at the hotel.

**Day 12 Himeji and Sake Experience (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, leave by the coach for visiting Himeji Castle and Hakutsuru Sake Brewery in the Nada District. The tour ends at the hotel.

**Day 13 Fly to UK (B)**

Day at leisure until your transfer to Kansai International Airport by airport shuttle bus. Fly to your regional airport in the UK.



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24/03/25	05/04/25	from £5,259
31/03/25	12/04/25	from £5,259
23/03/26	04/04/26	from £5,359
30/03/26	11/04/26	from £5,359

Single supplement from £915  
Land only £3,899

**Price includes:**  
International flights, accommodation, English speaking guides, transfers, bullet train, baggage transfers for one piece, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

**Price excludes:**  
Local tips, personal spending and travel insurance.



## JAPAN GOLDEN ROUTE 10 DAY TOUR from £3,749

Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima

As its name suggests, Japan's Golden Route visits a range of destinations from the exciting, bustling capital city of Tokyo, the picturesque and ancient capital of Kyoto, and Japan's most renowned city, Hiroshima. Tokyo, host to the 2020 Olympic Games, offers the most modern shopping experience while still being home to historic, elegant buildings and temples. Mt. Fuji, with its single snowy peak, is another impressive, breathtaking location. On a clear day, the views are simply incredible. The cities of Kyoto, famous for its serene, charming vistas, and Hiroshima, where you can learn about its momentous history at the Peace Museum, provide much interest and enjoyment. Finally, the island of Miyajima will offer you a wonderful insight into Japan's natural life.

### Your Sample Accommodation

**Tokyo:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel

**Hakone:** Pax Yoshino

**Hiroshima:** Hotel Mystays Peace Park

**Kyoto:** Daiwa Roynet Kyoto Ekimae

**Osaka:** Herton Hotel Nishi Umeda

Accommodation upgrades available  
Accommodation will be as named above or similar



#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival at the airport in Tokyo, you will be met by a representative. You will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo city centre. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

#### Day 3 Tokyo Full Day Tour (BL)

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel. Meet with our guide in the reception area. Enjoy the Tokyo Full Day tour. This tour will take you to some must-see spots in Tokyo by public transportation. Visit Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, Shibuya Crossing, and more.

**Day 4 Hakone Full Day Tour (BD)**

Meet with our guide and enjoy Hakone tour by train and local transportation using Hakone Free Pass. Take the limited express train to Hakone Area. Enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi and continue to the Owakudani Ropeway and Hakone Ropeway. Transfer to the Ryokan. Enjoy dinner and hot spring at the hotel.

**Day 5 Bullet Train to Hiroshima (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, the driver will pick you up from hotel and drive you to Odawara. Take the bullet train to Hiroshima. You will arrive in Hiroshima in the afternoon. Enjoy sightseeing in Hiroshima city. Visit Genbaku – Museum The Atomic Bomb Dome designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996 and Peace Memorial Park.

**Day 6 Miyajima and Bullet Train to Kyoto (B)**

After breakfast at the hotel, meet with our representative in the reception area. Take the ferry to Miyajima Island. Visit Itsukushima shrine and Big Torii Gate. Try some street food in Miyajima, for example oyster croquette etc. Back to Hiroshima and we take the bullet train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, check in the hotel.

**Day 7 Kyoto Full Day Tour (B)**

Meet the representative at the hotel's reception and enjoy sightseeing in Kyoto. Take the local train to Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, home to thousands of torii gates and the Buddhist Sanjusangendo Temple, filled with 1001 statues of Kannon, the Goddess of mercy. Enjoy the tea ceremony at Kyoto.

You will visit Kinkakuji, the Golden Temple. The tour ends at Gion area, should you prefer to continue your sightseeing by yourself.



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**Day 9 Osaka (B)**

Day free at leisure to explore Osaka.

**Day 10 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to Kansai Airport for your flight to the UK.

Note: Please note this tour is based on joining day tours with other travellers and group sizes may vary.



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5 days in Hokkaido from £525

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2024 and 2025

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15/04/24	24/04/24	from £3,949
06/05/24	15/05/24	from £3,749
02/09/24	11/09/24	from £3,849
07/10/24	16/10/24	from £3,949
04/11/24	13/11/24	from £3,849
03/03/25	12/03/25	from £3,899
14/04/25	23/04/25	from £4,099
05/05/25	14/05/25	from £3,899
01/09/25	10/09/25	from £3,999
06/10/25	15/10/25	from £4,099
03/11/25	12/11/25	from £3,999

Single supplement from £615  
Land only from £2,769

**Price includes:**

International flights, accommodation, English speaking guides, transfers, transportation, baggage transfers for one piece, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

**Price excludes:**

Local tips, personal spending and travel insurance.

Torii Gate, Miyajima, Japan



Taekwondo, Korea



# ESSENTIAL JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA 12 DAY TOUR from £4,554



The Essential Japan and South Korea tour is perfect for the first time traveller to these two beguiling countries. Enjoy spending time in the vibrant capital of Japan, Tokyo. Take a journey to Mt. Fuji, marvel at Japan’s highest mountain with its single, volcanic snowy peak. The cultural city of Kyoto is where you will discover beautiful gardens, ancient temples and traditional townhouses. Learn about Hiroshima, its past and present, and visit Itsukushima Shrine, said to be one of the three most beautiful sights in Japan. Explore delicious Japanese cuisine in Osaka, before flying to Seoul, the fascinating capital of South Korea, an intriguing combination of ancient and modern.

### Your Sample Accommodation

- Tokyo: Sunshine City Prince Hotel
  - Hiroshima: Hotel Mystays Peace Park
  - Kyoto: Daiwa Roynet Kyoto Ekimae
  - Osaka: Herton Hotel Nishi Umeda
  - Seoul: Lotte City Myeongdong
- Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival at the airport in Tokyo, you will be met by a representative. You will be transferred to your hotel in Tokyo city centre. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

#### Day 3 Tokyo Full Day Tour (BL)

Start the day with breakfast at the hotel. Meet with our guide in the reception area. Enjoy the Tokyo Full Day tour. This tour will take you to some must-see spots in Tokyo by public transportation. Visit Asakusa, the Imperial Palace, Shibuya Crossing, and more.

#### Day 4 Hakone Full Day Tour (B)

Meet with our guide and enjoy the Hakone tour by train and local transportation using the Hakone Free Pass. Take the limited express train to Hakone Area. Enjoy a short cruise on Lake Ashi and continue to the Owakudani Ropeway and Hakone Ropeway. We go back to Tokyo in the evening.

#### Day 5 Bullet Train to Hiroshima (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, meet our representative in the reception area. We will take the bullet train to Hiroshima, which is 4 hours journey time. We arrive in Hiroshima in the afternoon. Enjoy sightseeing in Hiroshima city. Visit Genbaku – Museum The Atomic Bomb Dome designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996 and Peace Memorial Park.

**Day 6 Miyajima and Bullet Train to Kyoto (B)**  
 After breakfast at the hotel, meet with our representative in the reception area. Take the ferry to Miyajima Island. Visit Itsukushima shrine and Big Torii Gate. Try some street food in Miyajima, for example oyster croquette etc. Back to Hiroshima and we take the bullet train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, check in the hotel.

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**Day 9 Fly to Seoul (B)**  
 You will be transferred to Kansai International Airport for your flight to Seoul. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel.

**Day 10 Seoul City Tour (BL)**  
 Join the city tour of this bustling city. Pass by the Blue House, explore Gyeongbokgung Palace and see the changing of the Royal Guard ceremony. Visit the National Folk



Museum and the Insadong shopping district. After lunch, visit the traditional Korean village and N Seoul Tower.

**Day 11 DMZ Tour (B)**  
 You will start the day with a fascinating morning tour to the DMZ, one of the most unusual tourist destinations in the world. This visit is a real eye-opening experience and will leave you with a dramatic sense of the tremendous tragedy of separated families, the division of the peninsula and the hopes for reunification. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 12 Fly to UK (B)**  
 Take a shared transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

Note: Please note that the tours in Seoul are based on seat in coach tours, joining with travellers from other companies.



**EXTEND YOUR HOLIDAY**



Extend your holiday in South Korea by spending more time in Seoul including a visit to the Korean Folk Village. Travel south to the historical city of Gyeongju and Busan, a large port city known for its beaches, temples and mountain.

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03/03/25	14/03/25	from £4,704
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06/10/25	17/10/25	from £4,904
03/11/25	14/11/25	from £4,804

Single supplement from £695  
 Land only from £3,575

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Kinkakuji Temple, Kyoto



Great Wall of China



## JAPAN AND CHINA

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An incredible twin-centre tour that takes you from the breathtaking views of Mt. Fuji to the incredible Great Wall of China. Experience the cultures and traditions of two nations that boast a fascinating history. Start the tour in Japan's capital, Tokyo and enjoy five days exploring the essential attractions of Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto and Nara. Visit the illustrious capital of China, Beijing, and the vibrant city of Xian, giving you a wonderful taste of China's most historic attractions. This 17 day tour provides a wonderful insight into the culture and history of both Japan and China.

### Your Sample Accommodation

Tokyo: Sunshine City Prince Hotel  
 Hiroshima: Hotel Mystays Peace Park  
 Kyoto: Daiwa Roynet Kyoto Ekimae  
 Osaka: Herton Hotel Nishi Umeda  
 Beijing: Xinqiao Hotel  
 Xian: Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel  
 Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express

Accommodation upgrades available in Japan  
 Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo (B)

Take your scheduled flight from the UK to Tokyo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo (B)

Upon arrival you will be met by our representative and transferred by shuttle bus to your accommodation. The rest of the day is at leisure.

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**Day 9 Fly to Beijing (B)**  
After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Beijing. Upon arrival, our representative will meet and arrange your transfer to your hotel for a three night stay. In the afternoon, there is time to relax, or explore the surrounding area.

**Day 10 Beijing City Tour (BL)**  
Your tour begins after breakfast, with a visit to the Temple of Heaven – where the Ming and Qing emperors worshipped the god of heaven and prayed for good harvests for the year. Here you can witness the tradition of Tai Chi being practiced in the courtyard, which is followed by a stroll through Tiananmen Square, and continues to the Forbidden City which served as the grand imperial palace for centuries. Your final stop of the day will be at the Hutongs. Here, you will gain a personal insight into the everyday life of traditional Beijing citizens.

**Day 11 Great Wall (BLD)**  
Enjoy a good breakfast at the hotel before your visit to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a part of the wall with breathtaking views in a less crowded atmosphere. Mutianyu was built in the mid-6th century and its rich history can

be observed in its unique construction. Go back to the city and grab an opportunity for photographs at the Birds Nest Stadium and Water Cube, venues for the memorable 2008 Olympics and 2015 World Championships. In the evening, enjoy a fabulous Peking Duck Dinner, in the place that gave it its name!



**Day 12 Beijing to Xian (BL)**  
This morning starts with a visit to the Summer Palace, which includes a grand collection of lakes, gardens, palaces and scenic views. Followed by a relaxing boat ride on the beautiful Kunming Lake, before catching your bullet train to Xian (approx. 5 hours 30 minutes) and checking into your hotel.

**Day 13 Terracotta Warriors (BLD)**  
Today your guide will take you to visit the Terracotta Warriors, a stunning collection of 10,000 life size statues of the Chinese army, made over 2,000 years ago, yet preserved almost perfectly. This will be followed, in the afternoon, with a visit to Xian's ancient city wall, best enjoyed as a peaceful stroll or leisurely bike ride. This evening you will sample a delicious dumpling dinner while enjoying the Tang Dynasty Show, a colourful performance of traditional music and dance.

**Day 14 Xian City Tour to Shanghai (BL)**  
Following breakfast, visit China's unique architectural style at the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, before your last stop in Xian in the Muslim Quarter, and your chance to witness local life in the community. Finally, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, check into your hotel for a three night stay.

**Day 15 Shanghai City Tour (BLD)**  
The first attraction of the day will be the Yu Yuan Gardens, first constructed in 1559 during the Ming Dynasty by Pan Yunduan. The gardens occupy an area of 5 acres and are home to beautiful pavilions, walkways, rockeries, streams, ponds, courtyards and flowers. A horticulturist's heaven. Next stop, the Jade Buddha Temple, where you can marvel at impressive temples, both ancient and modern, housing large, intricate sculptures of Buddha. Afterwards you will spend time at the Shanghai Museum, followed by the opportunity to visit the

impressive waterfront attraction of the Bund to admire Shanghai as a modern metropolis.

**Day 15 Zhujiyajiao Tour (B)**  
Today will start with a visit to Zhujiyajiao, an ancient water town dating back over 1,700 years, known as the Pearl Stream. You can expect to see Ming and Qing Dynasty bridges, two ancient and historic buildings and the Ma Family Garden before heading back to Shanghai for an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 17 Fly to UK (B)**  
You will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to UK.

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03/03/25	19/03/25	from £6,099
05/05/25	21/05/25	from £6,099
01/09/25	17/09/25	from £6,249
06/10/25	22/10/25	from £6,249

Single supplement from £998  
Land only from £4,999

Price includes:

International and domestic flights in economy class, bullet train, 3★ and 4★ accommodation, transfers, English speaking guides, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), entrance fees to the sites listed and airport taxes.

Price excludes:

Local tips in China: RMB585 (approx £65) per person, personal spending, China visa and travel insurance.



## JAPAN SEMI-ESCORTED TOURS

Our semi-escorted tours are ideal for the traveller who is looking to see Japan at their own pace. They allow you the freedom to choose what to see, when, and how long to spend in each location. They provide total independence along with support and advice from the experts at Links Travel & Tours, plus you will still have the services of guides and assistants on certain days for arrival transfers and city tours. A complete travel pack with maps, tourist information and detailed itinerary is provided, allowing you to get the very most out of your semi-escorted tour. You will also be given an emergency local contact number to offer additional support.

To provide you with ideas we have listed a selection of semi-escorted tours to highlight just a small selection of the options available to you. If you can't find a tour that fits your requirements let us tailor-make your entire holiday designed around your requirements. Equipped with our specialist knowledge and first-hand experience of Japan, we can create the perfect personal, independent itinerary for you.

### MEET AND GREET SERVICE WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDES

You can include an English speaking guide to meet you at your location. For example, they can meet you at your hotel reception and take you to the train station to board the train for your journey to your next destination. You can also arrange for a guide to meet you on arrival at a station and to take you to the hotel. Please call us for further details about this service.



### DAY TOURS WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDES

To get the most from the destinations you are staying in, you can include day tours with an English speaking guide. These day tours can be pre-booked either as part of a group or a private tour. Please visit our Cultural Experiences (pages 88 - 91) to see a small selection of these pre-bookable tours. On all Semi-Escorted Tours we are happy to include an English speaking guide as and when required. Please call for details.

### SELF-DRIVE HOLIDAYS

Renting a car in Japan is a wonderful way to see this beautiful country at your own pace, especially as they drive on the left! Travel is at your own pace, allowing you to explore the more rural parts of Japan that are not accessible by train. We work closely with the leading car rental companies in Japan, providing a wide selection of modern vehicles with built in English speaking GPS navigation systems.

### ACCOMMODATION

Each tour featured in the brochure is based on carefully selected standard accommodation. These offer both comfort and value. Based on your personal preferences, you can upgrade to superior and deluxe accommodation. A holiday to Japan is not complete without the unique experience of an overnight stay in a traditional Japanese accommodation (ryokan / Minshuku / Shokubo see pages 92 - 95) along with the opportunity to experience a Japanese hot spring.

### INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Some of our tour rates include international flights. Where the prices are shown separately, please call for latest availability, price and most suitable flight schedule from your preferred regional airport.

### LINKS TRAVEL & TOURS INFORMATION PACK

You will receive a detailed travel pack which will enable you to get the very most out of your semi-escorted tour. This will include a detailed itinerary, directions to all accommodations, maps that relate to your itinerary, tourist information, travel tips including getting the most from each destination, local information and a Japan Rail Pass with information of how to activate it on arrival. You will also be provided with an emergency local contact number to offer additional support if required.

### WIFI RENTAL SERVICE IN JAPAN

You may wish to take advantage of a pocket WiFi rental service to stay connected during your time in Japan. This will enable you to use Google Maps to help you to navigate your way around. The devices can be collected and dropped off at the airport upon arrival and departure and cost from as little as £8 per day.

### LUGGAGE TRANSFER SERVICES

For your ease and convenience, luggage transfer services can be arranged throughout Japan between main cities and places of interest. Please ask for further details and we will be happy to advise.



Visit your local travel agent, or call 020 8543 8133

## SELF – DRIVE HOLIDAYS 15 DAY TOUR from £3,899

Scenic drive in Japan

Hiring a car to get around Japan is a fantastic way to explore the country, especially as they drive on the left. All major road signs are in English, the well-kept roads are comfortable and easy to drive on, and when refueling your car, you will receive first class service at petrol stations. By taking to the road, you have the freedom to explore the country at your own pace, seeing the diverse scenery and witnessing local life you wouldn't encounter by other modes of transport. We have put together this sample self-drive itinerary to give you an idea of one of the many routes available. Please contact us now for your own self-drive holiday of Japan, tailored to suit your specific requirements.



### Your Sample Accommodation

**Tokyo:** Shiba Park Hotel  
**Hakone:** Nanpuso  
**Hamamatsu:** Hotel Concorde  
**Nagoya:** Nagoya Ekimae Montblanc Hotel  
**Yunomine Onsen:** Sansuikan Kawayu Midoriya  
**Shirahama:** Kisyu Shirahama Onsen Musashi Ryokan  
**Osaka:** Osaka Castle Hotel  
**Kyoto:** New Miyako Hotel  
**Matsumoto:** Matsumoto Tokyu REI Hotel

Accommodation upgrades available  
Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Arrive at Tokyo International Airport, where you will be met and assisted to board an airport bus for the transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 3 Tokyo (B)

Day at leisure to explore Tokyo.

#### Day 4 Tokyo to Hakone (BD)

Make your way to the car rental office to pick up your hire car. From there, travel to the Mt. Fuji area using the expressways, which should take approx. 2 ½ hours. Discover Mt. Fuji and the

surrounding area, such as Kawaguchi Lake, and in the evening, continue to Hakone for a night at a ryokan, where your dinner will be served.

**Day 5 Hakone to Hamamatsu (B)**

From Hakone, drive to Hamamatsu, approx. 2 ½ hours, and marvel at the Hamana Lake and Nakatajima Sakyu, sand dunes.

**Day 6 Hamamatsu to Nagoya (B)**

Your next destination is Nagoya and a day there at your leisure. There are many sites to see, for instance Nagoya Castle, the aquarium, Tokugawa Art Museum, Osu Kannon Temple and Korankei Valley. Stay in Nagoya for one night.

**Day 7 Nagoya, Hongu and Yunomine Onsen (BD)**

After a night in Nagoya, travel to Hongu to walk some of the Kumano Kodo and visit the Hongu Taisha, Kumano Nachi Taisha and Seigantoji. Once you are done, continue onto Yunomine onsen for an overnight stay in a ryokan.



**Day 8 Yunomine Onsen to Shirahama (BD)**

The next day sees you make your way to Shirahama. Once you have arrived, check into your accommodation for a night, and spend the rest of the day discovering Shirahama and its onsens.

**Day 9 Shirahama to Osaka (B)**

From Shirahama, travel to Osaka using the expressways, and check into your hotel for a two night stay. Osaka, is a large port city and commercial powerhouse, is known for



its modern architecture, boisterous nightlife and hearty street food. In the heart of the city is the perfectly restored, and impressive, Osaka-jo Castle. Osaka's north gate, Umeda, has a gigantic stretch of underground mall that houses many restaurants, fashion and general stores. It is also widely known as the Nation's Kitchen, offering an incredible array of tasty Japanese cuisine.

**Day 10 Osaka (B)**

Explore Osaka at your leisure, visiting places such as the Sky Observatory, Osaka Castle, the Namba area, Dotonbori and more. Maybe visit Mt. Koya to see the cemetery and temples.

**Day 11 Osaka to Kyoto (B)**

Travel from Osaka to Kyoto in the afternoon, which should take under an hour. Arrive at your accommodation and check in for two nights.

**Day 12 Kyoto (B)**

Explore Kyoto at your leisure. Visit places such as Ryoanji, Fushimi Inari shrine, Kinkakuji Temple, Nijo Castle and more.

You can travel to Nara or even Arashiyama by car or public transport.

**Day 13 Kyoto to Matsumoto (B)**

From Kyoto, travel to Matsumoto by car, which takes approximately 4 ½ hours. Once you arrive, check into your accommodation to stay for a night.

**Day 14 Matsumoto to Tokyo (B)**

Leave your accommodation in the afternoon and travel back to Tokyo. Return your car to the Car Hire Office and check into your accommodation for one night.

**Day 15 Fly to UK (B)**

Day at leisure until your shuttle bus to the airport and your flight back to the UK.

Note: Self-drive itineraries are also available for the islands of Hokkaido and Kyushu, where exploring by car is the best way to cover the vast distances. Please contact us for more details.



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2024**

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**Day 1 Osaka**

Arrive at Osaka, then transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day is at Leisure.

**Day 2 Osaka Street Food Tour (B)**

Free in the morning. Enjoy 3 hours food tour in the afternoon. The tour guide will take you to Namba Osaka where you can enjoy the street food.

**Day 3 Full Day Osaka and Nara Tour (B)**

After breakfast meet at the hotel's reception area with your private guide. The tour will last 8 hours. During the tour you will visit Osaka Castle. Ride a train to Nara, then visit Todai-ji Temple and Nara Deer Park. Check in your hotel in Kyoto.

**Your Sample Accommodation**

- Osaka:** Hotel Intergate Osaka Umeda
- Kyoto:** Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kyoto Terrace Hachijo Higashiguchi
- Kanazawa:** Hotel Intergate Kanazawa
- Takayama:** Nakamurakan
- Lake Kawaguchi:** Hotel Mifujien
- Tokyo:** Shiba Park Hotel
- Nikko:** Hotel Natural Garden
- Matsumoto:** Matsumoto Hotel Kagetsu
- Inuyama:** Hotel Indigo Inuyama Yurakuen
- Irako Peninsular:** Irako View Hotel
- Toba:** Hotel New Palace Shingu
- Wakayama:** Wakanoura Nature Resort EPICHARIS
- Udatsu:** Inn Largo
- Matsuyama:** Tsubakikan Honkan Hotel Matsuyama
- Okayama:** Okayama International Hotel

Accommodation upgrades available  
Accommodation will be as named above or similar



**Day 4 Kyoto Private Tour (B)**

After breakfast, enjoy a full day tour of the city by public transport with a tour guide giving you the opportunity to discover memorable moments in Kyoto. It was a prosperous city, home to the emperor of Japan and a long-standing central metropolis and culture.

**Day 5 Train to Kanazawa and Half Day Tour (B)**

Kanazawa serves as the capital of Ishikawa Prefecture, and is sometimes referred to as “little Kyoto”. Take the train to Kanazawa, the journey will take 135 minutes. Enjoy Kanazawa afternoon private tour.

**Day 6 Drive from Kanazawa to Takayama (BD)**

Pick up your car from Car Hire Office and drive to Shirokaway, where you can explore the village. From here you drive to Takayama, explore the local area then onto Oku-Hida Hirayu area, where you will find your hotel.

**Day 7 Drive to Lake Kawaguchi (B)**

A morning drive from the Hotel to Lake Kawaguchi. Spend the afternoon exploring Lake Kawaguchi.

**Day 8 Drive to Tokyo via Hakone (B)**

Leave Kawagochiko and drive to Hakone. Today, you get a chance to explore Hakone yourself. Then drive to Tokyo and return the car to rental office.

**Day 9 Tokyo Private Tour (B)**

A full day tour of the city by public transport with a tour guide. It gives you the opportunity to discover memorable moments in Tokyo. The itinerary is flexible and can be tailored to your preferences.

**Day 10 Drive to Nikko (B)**

Pick-up the car from car hire office. Drive to Nikko. Upon arrival, explore Nikko yourself. visit Kirifuri Waterfall, Lake Chuzenji, Toshogu Shrine etc.

**Day 11 Drive to Matsumoto**

Drive from Nikko to Matsumoto. Self explore Matsumoto yourself. Visit: Matsumoto Castle, Daio Wasabi Farm in Azumino.

**Day 12 Drive to Narai - Tsumago - Magmome - Inuyama (B)**

After breakfast, drive from Matsumoto to Narai then on to Tsumago. In the afternoon, drive from Tsumago to Magome then on to Inuyama.



**Day 13 Drive to Tokoname - Irako Peninsular (BD)**

Drive from Inuyama to Tokoname. Explore Tokoname yourself. In the afternoon, drive from Tokoname to Irako Peninsular (no ferry needed).

**Day 14 Drive to Irako Pier ~ Take Ferry to Toba (BD)**

Drive to Irako Pier then take Ferry to Toba. In the afternoon, drive from Toba to Shingu Taisya. Visit Nachi Falls and Niikura Shrine.

**Day 15 Drive to Wakayama (B)**

Drive from Shingu to Wakayama.

**Day 16 Ferry to Tokushima to Udatsu (BD)**

Take Ferry to Tokushima. Visit Japanese Indigo Experience. In the afternoon, drive from Tokushima to Udatsu. Visit the Umbrella making experience.

**Day 17 Drive to Iya Valley to Matsuyama (B)**

After breakfast, drive to Iya Valley. Enjoy a River Boat Cruise. In the afternoon, drive from Iya valley to Matsuyama

**Day 18 Drive to Kurashiki to Okayama (B)**

Drive to Kurashiki. Kurashiki is located in Okayama Prefecture, not far from the prefectural capital of Okayama City. Kurashiki has a preserved canal area that dates back to the Edo Period. Explore this beautiful town yourself. Lastly, drive to Okayama.

**Day 19 Drive to Kansai (B)**

Drive to Kansai where you drop off your hire car.



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#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Depart the UK on your scheduled flight to Tokyo. Flights from regional airports can be arranged on request.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival, an English speaking assistant will meet and assist you in exchanging your Japan Rail Passes, so you can take the train to your hotel. Once there, check-in and the rest of the day is at leisure to relax, or explore the local area.

#### Day 3 Tokyo Half Day Tour (B)

This morning, after breakfast, you will join a Tokyo Morning Tour. Marvel at the city panorama from the main observation platform at the Tokyo Tower, a 332.9m tall communications and observation tower. Visit the Meiji Shrine, a Shinto shrine located in Shibuya and drive past the Akasaka Guest House and

### Your Sample Accommodation

**Tokyo:** Shiba Park  
**Kanazawa:** Kanazawa New Grand  
**Kyoto:** New Miyako  
**Hiroshima:** Tokyu REI  
**Osaka:** Granvia

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 Accommodation will be as named above or similar

the National Diet Building. Continue to the Imperial Palace East Garden (or Imperial Palace Plaza and Double Bridge, Monday, Friday and when the garden is closed) and drive through the Ginza shopping district, where the tour ends. In the afternoon, you could join an optional, and intriguing, Kembu Samurai experience.

#### Day 4 Mt. Fuji and Hakone (B)

Travel to Mt. Fuji and Hakone to marvel at one of the most iconic sights of Japan. Use your Hakone Pass to visit some of the main attractions including the Hakone Sky Gondola, and enjoy a Pirate Boat cruise on Lake Ashi. Return to Tokyo by bullet train.

#### Day 5 Tokyo Disneyland or Disney Sea (B)

Catch a train from Shinagawa to Maihama Station and make your way to Tokyo Disneyland or Disney Sea. Spend a day at the park enjoying the rides, attractions, entertainment, shops and parades. At the end of the day return to your hotel.



#### Day 6 Tokyo to Kanazawa (B)

Travel to the station for your Limited Express train to Kanazawa, where you should make your own way to the accommodation. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the neighbourhood.

#### Day 7 Day Trip to Shirakawago (B)

Take a Nohi Bus to Shirakawago (travel time approx 75 mins), and explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for the 250 year old, traditional gasshou-zukuri farmhouses. Return to Kanazawa by bus.

#### Day 8 Kanazawa to Kyoto, Afternoon Tour (B)

After breakfast, go to the station for your Limited Express train to Kyoto, and make your way to your accommodation. This afternoon, join the Kyoto Afternoon Tour, to the Heian Jingu Shrine, Sanjusangendo Hall and the impressive Kiyomizudera Temple with fantastic views of Kyoto.

#### Day 9 Nara Half Day Tour (B)

This morning starts with a walking tour of Nara. Take the train to Nara, the imperial capital of Japan in the 8th century, and visit the Todaiji Temple where an enormous bronze Buddha image is exhibited in the Daibutsuden Hall. Continue to Nara Park,



where over 1,200 wild shika deer freely roam. Visitors can feed them Shika-senbei, a special snack for the deer sold in the park grounds. Visit the Kofuku-ji Temple, which was transferred from Kyoto in AD710 and has a five-story pagoda, the second highest in Japan, before returning to Kyoto, for the rest of your day at leisure.

#### Day 10 Kyoto (B)

Day at leisure. You may wish to spend the morning enjoying a cultural experience at a unique Machiya Townhouse, where a guide will explain about the traditions and history of the house and its antique furniture. You will have the opportunity to learn more about the traditional Japanese Kimono. Select your favourite from one of many choices of finest silk kimonos and learn the secrets of how to wear and move in a kimono with grace and beauty. (Additional cost for this experience £70 per person, must be pre-booked).

#### Day 11 Kyoto to Hiroshima (B)

Catch a Bullet Train to Hiroshima, and upon arrival make your own way to your accommodation. The rest of the day is at leisure, with an opportunity to explore Hiroshima independently. Perhaps visit the Peace Memorial Park and the Genbaku-Dome (The Atomic Bomb Dome), the symbol of Hiroshima, a city that advocates world Peace. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

While all structures were decimated by the atomic bomb explosion, only this building miraculously remained standing! Perhaps take the ferry across to Miyajima Island and see the Itsukushima Shrine, the great Torii gate that stands in the sea.

#### Day 12 Hiroshima (B)

Day at leisure. For car enthusiasts, maybe visit the fascinating Mazda Museum, a short train journey from Hiroshima Station. Alternatively, for a truly Zen experience you could explore the Shinsyo Temple.

#### Day 13 Hiroshima to Osaka (B)

From Hiroshima take a bullet train to Osaka,

and in the afternoon join a half-day tour of Osaka. Visit Osaka's famous sightseeing spots and learn about the city's history. Explore Osaka Castle, built in 1583 and one of the most important castles in Japan, and enjoy the scenery of the city, from the boat the Aqua Liner, also known as "Aqua Metropolis Osaka" on an hour long cruise.

#### Day 14 Universal Studios Japan (B)

Today, experience a trip to Universal Studios for a fun-filled day enjoying all the rides, attractions and entertainment that this theme park has to offer. Take the short train journey between Osaka Station and Universal City.

#### Day 15 Fly to UK (B)

From Osaka Station, take the train to Kansai Airport for your flight to the UK.

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## JAPAN HERITAGE 15 DAY TOUR from £4,999

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Explore Japan's classic sights, starting in the exciting capital city of Tokyo, famous for its fresh sushi, and journey on the famous bullet train through scenic central Japan. Visit Takayama, a mountainside town, filled with authentic markets, culture and traditional Japanese wooden houses. Enjoy time at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawago, and see classic landscape designs, gardens, castle and art museums in Kanazawa. Explore the Gion district in Kyoto, spend time in the historic city of Hiroshima, and finish your tour in the vibrant city of Osaka.



### Your Sample Accommodation

**Tokyo:** Sunshine City Prince Hotel  
**Kanazawa:** Hotel Mystays Premier Kanazawa  
**Takayama:** WAT Hotel & Spa Hida Takayama  
**Kyoto:** Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kyoto Ekimae Premier  
**Mt. Koya:** Sekisyoin  
**Hiroshima:** Daiwa Roynet Hotel Hiroshima Ekimae  
**Osaka:** Hotel Intergate Osaka Umeda

Accommodation upgrades available

#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Arrive at Narita or Haneda Airport, where you will be met by your guide and taken to the shuttle bus for your transfer.

#### Day 3 Tokyo Morning City Tour (B)

Today, you will be picked up from your accommodation to join a Tokyo Morning City Tour, with an English speaking guide. Visit the Meiji Shrine, a famous Shinto shrine nestled in a peaceful area in Shibuya. Continue to the Imperial Palace East Garden and Asakusa. Afternoon is at leisure.



**Day 4 Mt. Fuji and Hakone (BL)**

After breakfast, you will be picked up from your accommodation to join a Mt. Fuji and Hakone Day tour by coach. The tour includes a trip to Mt. Fuji's 5th station, a Japanese style lunch, Hakone Ropeway and a cruise across tranquil Lake Ashi. Arrive back to Tokyo in the evening.

**Day 5 Tokyo to Takayama (B)**

Keep the luggage you need for your nights in Takayama, Shirakawago and Kanazawa. Make your own way to the station for your bullet train to Nagoya and onward train to Takayama. Upon arrival, make your own way to your accommodation.

**Day 6 Takayama to Shirakawago (BD)**

Morning at leisure. Why not explore the morning market along the Miya-gawa River, Takayama Jinya, the Yatai Kaikan Hall, Kusakabe Folk Craft Museum and the streets of Kami Sannomachi, where you can see traditional Japanese wooden houses. In the afternoon, take a Nohi bus to Shirakawago, and upon arrival, make your way to your accommodation for an overnight stay with dinner. The historic village of Shirakawago was registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995, and is famous for preserving the traditional gassho-zukuri style houses with their iconic thatched roofs, some of which are more than 300 years old. Continue take bus to Kanazawa and check in the hotel.

**Day 7 Kanazawa (B)**

Explore Kanazawa by yourself. Kenrokuen Garden is an old private garden. Along with Kairaku-en and Koraku-en, Kenroku-en is one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Walk along Higashi Chaya Street. See old Japanese houses and enjoy tea at one of tea houses.

**Day 8 Kanazawa to Kyoto and Nara (B)**

The day is free at leisure before catching your express train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, you will be met by a representative and transferred to your accommodation. In the afternoon, join the tour to Nara to visit the Todaiji Temple with Great Buddha, Nara Park, home to over 1,200 wild shika deer, and the Kofuku-ji Temple, before returning to Kyoto.

**Day 9 Kyoto and Full Day Tour (BL)**

Join the full day tour of Kyoto after breakfast, and enjoy the panoramic views of the city from the impressive Kiyomizu-dera Temple. Continue to the Buddhist Sanjusangendo Temple, home to 1001 statues of Kannon, and the intriguing Fushimi Inari Shrine with its brightly coloured Torii gates. At Arashiyama, visit the Tenryu-ji



Temple, and marvel at the beautiful Zen garden. Stroll through the scenic Sagano Bamboo Grove, as the atmospheric bamboo towers above you, and gaze in awe at the stunning Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion), where the top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**Day 10 Kyoto (B)**

Day at leisure. Should you want to, there are many optional tours available to pre-book. Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Kyoto was the centre of politics for 1,100 years, and this culturally rich city offers many interesting places to visit including museums, art galleries, shrines and temples. During your time in Kyoto you may come across a Geisha and Maiko (apprentice Geisha) wearing traditional kimono in Gion, one of the main downtown districts in Kyoto.

**Day 11 Kyoto to Mt. Koya (BD)**

Your main suitcase will be transferred directly from Kyoto to Osaka. With your overnight bag you will be met by an English speaking assistant at your accommodation who will take you to the station for your train to Mt. Koya, followed by cable car via Gokurakubashi. Tonight you will stay in a temple lodging. Afternoon at leisure. Dinner will be served at your lodging.

**Day 12 Mt. Koya to Hiroshima (B)**

Leave Mt. Koya for Hiroshima via Osaka, and on arrival, make your way to your accommodation. Afternoon at leisure.

**Day 13 Hiroshima (B)**

Day free at leisure to explore Hiroshima and Miyajima, with optional tours available to pre-book. Discover Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome, Peace Memorial Park and Itsuku-shima-jinja, located on Miya-jima Island, which is said to be one of the three most beautiful sights in Japan.

**Day 14 Hiroshima to Osaka (B)**

Leave Hiroshima for Osaka by train and make your own way to your hotel. The rest of the day at leisure. You can enjoy an Osaka food tour.

**Day 15 Fly to UK (B)**

Day at leisure, until your transfer to Kansai International Airport by airport shuttle bus and your regional flight to the UK.

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### Your Sample Accommodation

Tokyo: Shiba Park  
 Yudanaka: Issa no komichi Biyu no Yado  
 Matsumoto: Alpico Plaza Hotel  
 Takayama: Hida Plaza Hotel  
 Kanazawa: Hotel Mystay Premier Kanazawa  
 Kyoto: Hotel Keihan Kyoto Grande  
 Mt Koya: Shukubo Fukuchi-in  
 Hiroshima: Hotel Hiroshima Garden Palace  
 Osaka: Hearton Hotel Nishi Umeda

Accommodation upgrades available  
 Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Tokyo

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Tokyo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Tokyo

Arrive at Narita International Airport where you will be met by our representative and board an airport bus transfer to your accommodation, and check in for a three night stay.

#### Day 3 Tokyo Morning City Tour (B)

Today, join the Tokyo Morning Tour, and an English speaking guide will lead you to the Meiji Shrine, Tokyo Tower, Imperial Palace East Garden and Ginza, where the tour ends. Afternoon is free at leisure.

**Day 4 Mt. Fuji and Hakone (BL)**

Your day trip to Mt. Fuji and Hakone starts after breakfast. This includes an excursion to Mt. Fuji's 5th station, a Japanese style lunch, the Hakone Ropeway, and a relaxing boat cruise on Lake Ashi.

**Day 5 Tokyo to Nagano and Yudanaka (BD)**

Your main suitcase will be transferred directly from Tokyo to Takayama, and you will need to keep an overnight bag for your nights in Yudanaka and Matsumoto. Make your way to the station for your bullet train to Nagano, where the representative will meet you at the platform and assist with boarding a local train to Yudanaka. Upon arrival, check in at your accommodation, and make your way to the Snow Monkey Park (Jigokudani Yaenkoen) and an exhilarating mountain walk. Return to your accommodation for dinner.

**Day 6 Yudanaka to Nagano and Matsumoto (BD)**

Catch a train to Nagano, where you will have some time to discover the local area before continuing to Matsumoto for an overnight stay.

**Day 7 Matsumoto to Takayama (B)**

Maybe explore the city's imposing Matsumoto Castle, or a former Samurai residence. Your tour continues to Takayama, home to a twice-yearly festival celebrating spring and autumn.

**Day 8 Takayama to Shirakawago and Kanazawa (B)**

Uncover the fascinating history of the Edo period on view in the wooden merchants' houses in the Sanmachi Suji district. Keep an overnight bag for your nights in your next destination, as your main luggage will be transferred directly to Kyoto. Make your way to Kanazawa via the traditional thatched houses of Shirakawago.

**Day 9 Kanazawa (B)**

Day at leisure. Enjoy your day by visiting the fabulous Kenrokuen Garden. Also enjoy tea at Kikantei.

**Day 10 Kanazawa to Kyoto (B)**

Free time to admire the gardens and museums, until your express train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, make your way to your accommodation to check in.

**Day 11 Kyoto and Nara Day tour (B)**

Today, you have a full day walking tour of Nara and Kyoto. In Nara, you will visit the Todaiji Temple with Great Buddha, Nara Park and the Kofuku-ji Temple, and in Kyoto, you should see the Tenryuji Temple, Sagano Bamboo Grove, Jojakkoji Temple and Togetsu Bridge, before finishing at Kyoto Station.

**Day 12 Kyoto (B)**

Day is at leisure, with optional tours available to pre-book. Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Kyoto was the centre of politics for 1,100 years. This culturally rich city offers many interesting places to visit including museums, art galleries, shrines and temples. You will also discover an exciting food culture with a variety of deliciously tempting dishes on offer including Sushi, Kaiseki-ryori, tempura and noodles. During your time in Kyoto you may spot Geisha and Maiko (apprentice Geisha) wearing traditional kimono.

**Day 13 Kyoto to Mt. Koya (BD)**

Once again, your main suitcase will be transferred on and you will need to keep an overnight bag for your nights in Mt.Koya and Hiroshima. Make your way to Mt.Koya by train and cable car via Gokurakubashi. This is one of Japan's most sacred mountain's, where you will stay and dine in the temple lodgings.

**Day 14 Mt. Koya to Hiroshima (B)**

Leave Mt. Koya by cable car and train via Gokurakubashi. Today's travelling ends with a bullet train to Hiroshima and an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 15 Hiroshima (B)**

Another day at leisure. Perhaps spend time at the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome (Genbaku Dome) located in the Peace Memorial Park, or the Itsuku-shima-jinja on Miyajima Island, said to be one of the most beautiful sights in Japan. Enjoy your free day using your 1-Day Tour voucher, which includes a night cruise.

**Day 16 Hiroshima to Osaka (B)**

Following breakfast, catch a bullet train to Osaka and an afternoon free at leisure. Osaka is known for its modern architecture, boisterous nightlife and tasty street food. There are many sites to see and shops to visit including the Osaka-jo Castle and a gigantic underground shopping centre beneath Umeda, that houses many restaurants, fashion and general goods stores. Osaka is also widely known as the Nation's Kitchen, offering an incredible array of tasty Japanese dishes. So you can have a food tour here.

**Day 17 Fly to UK (B)**

Day at leisure until your shuttle bus transfer to the airport. Fly to your regional airport in the UK.

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## TOKYO

Japan's dazzling capital, Tokyo has an intriguing mix of historic and modern, with skyscrapers and neon-lit streets side-by-side with ancient temples and shrines. This breathtaking city has so much to offer, there really is something for everyone. Tokyo is made up of several districts:

### Asakusa

The spiritual heart of Tokyo, Asakusa is home to the city's most popular Buddhist temple, Senso-ji. This is where the people of Tokyo come to worship, ponder and make a wish at the Asakusa-jinja Shrine.

### Shinjuku

Shinjuku embodies everything that is modern Japan, a busy neon-lit district with a bustling nightlife and towering skyscrapers.

### Tokyo Bay and Odaiba

Set on a man-made island in Tokyo Bay, Odaiba is where to go for general seaside fun and a relaxed atmosphere.

### Ginza

This elegant area of Tokyo is renowned for being home of some of the city's original department stores, and backstreets with unique boutiques and small eateries.

### Akihabara

Akihabara is jam-packed with shops selling all kinds of electronics and is now the cultural home to diehard fans of gaming, manga and anime, known as otaku!

## TOKYO 4 Day

### Day 1 Tokyo

On arrival at the airport in Tokyo, transfer to the Shiba Park Hotel by shuttle bus. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 2 Tokyo Full Day Tour (B)

A Tokyo Full Day Tour takes you to the Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace East Garden, Tokyo Skytree and on an enjoyable cruise of Tokyo Bay.

### Day 3 Tokyo (B)

Day at leisure to explore Tokyo. Optional day tours to Nikko UNESCO World Heritage Site or Mt. Fuji and Hakone.

### Day 4 Depart (B)

Day at leisure until your transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

## Prices

### Price from £595

Based on twin share including return airport transfers, 3 nights standard accommodation, daily breakfast, Full Day Tokyo City Tour, English speaking guide on arrival.



## KYOTO

A holiday to Japan is not complete without spending time in this former capital. Home to 17 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Kyoto is brimming with museums, art galleries, shrines, temples, and an exciting food culture with a variety of amazing dishes on offer.

### Gion District

Known as Kyoto's most famous geisha district, Gion is packed with traditional teahouses, and is at its most atmospheric in the early evening, when the Maiko rush to their appointments.



### Nara

Nara is home to some of the country's best temples and shrines, along with several fine gardens, museums, eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and the almost-tame deer at the Nara-koen Park!



## KYOTO 4 Day

### Day 1 Kyoto

On arrival at the airport in Osaka, you will be met and shown to the shuttle bus transfer to the New Miyako Hotel to check in. The rest of the day is at leisure, to relax or explore the local area. You may wish to dine in one of the hotel's many restaurants, or have a relaxing drink at the hotel bar.

### Day 2 Kyoto Day Tour (BL)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before joining your Kyoto Day Tour. This comprehensive tour visits the city's main sites, including the impressive Nijo Castle, the 'Golden' Kinkakuji Temple where the top two floors are covered in gold leaf, and the majestic Kyoto Imperial Palace, or the ancient Kitano-tenmangu Shrine. After a lunch of Japanese tasty treats, continue to the Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine with its 5,000 torii gates, the impressive Sanjusangendo Temple and the celebrated Kiyomizu-dera Temple.

### Day 3 Kyoto (B)

Day at leisure to explore Kyoto. Suggested tours include Real Kyoto Back Street Guided Cycling Tour, Tea Ceremony and Ginkau-ji Temple Walking Tour, Sagano Bamboo Grove and Arashiyama Walking Tour.

### Day 4 Depart (B)

Day at leisure until your transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

## Prices

### Price from £688

Including return airport transfers, 3 nights standard accommodation, daily breakfast, Full Day Kyoto City Tour, English-speaking guide on arrival, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch)



**OSAKA**

Osaka is a large port, known for its modern architecture, boisterous nightlife, tasty street food, and the impressive, Osaka-jo Castle. Known as the Nation's Kitchen, the city offers an incredible array of delicious dishes.

**OSAKA 3 Day**

**Day 1 Osaka**

Arrive Kansai Airport, and transfer to the Hotel Elserine. Rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2 Osaka Afternoon Walking Tour (B)**

Join an afternoon walking tour of Osaka's famous sightseeing spots and see the city from the water aboard the Aqua Liner.

**Day 3 Depart (B)**

Day at leisure until your transfer to the airport and your onward journey.



**HIROSHIMA**

This modern city was rebuilt post-war, and is home to the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome, situated in the Peace Memorial Park. The Itsuku-shima-jinja shrine, located on Miyajima Island, is said to be one of Japan's three most beautiful sights.

**HIROSHIMA AND MIYAJIMA 3 Day**

**Day 1 Hiroshima**

Take the Bullet train to Hiroshima, and check-in to the Hotel Granvia Hiroshima. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 2 Full Day Tour (B)**

This full day tour visits the popular World Heritage Sites of the Itsukushima Shrine, the Atomic Bomb Dome, and Hiroshima Peace and Memorial Park.

**Day 3 Depart (B)**

Take the Bullet train from Hiroshima to Kyoto or Osaka.



**MOUNT KOYA**

Mount Koya is the name of the mountains in Wakayama Prefecture to the south of Osaka. It is the centre of Shingon Buddhism, an important Buddhist sect which was introduced to Japan in 805.

**MOUNT KOYA 3 Day**

**Day 1 Mount Koya (D)**

Travel by train and cable car from Osaka to Mount Koya via Gokurakubashi, and make your way to your temple lodging for a two night stay with dinner.

**Day 2 Mount Koya (BD)**

Spend the day exploring around Mount Koya, one of Japan's most sacred mountains. A vegetarian, Buddhist dinner will be served at your accommodation.

**Day 3 Depart (B)**

Travel by cable car and train to Osaka, for your onward journey.



**Prices**

**Price from £445**

Including 2 nights standard accommodation, return airport transfers, English speaking guide on arrival, meals as specified (B=Breakfast)

**Prices**

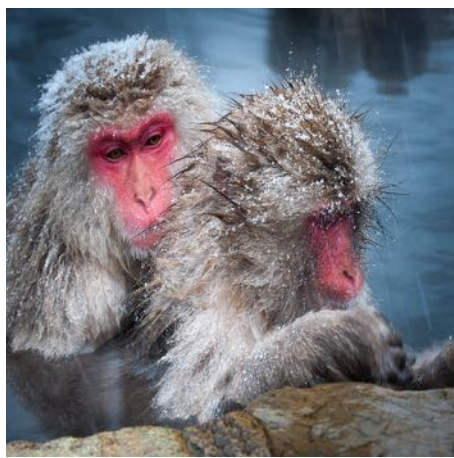
**Price from £460**

Including 2 nights standard accommodation, full Day Hiroshima and Miyajima Tour, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch)

**Prices**

**Price from £425**

Including transportation as specified, 2 nights temple lodging, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, D=Dinner)



## HOKKAIDO

Hokkaido is an island at Japan's far north, where low humidity makes the summers pleasant, and the winter's ideal for snow sports. This beautiful island is a haven for wildlife, making it popular throughout the year. It also boasts over 1,200 festivals and events each year!

### HOKKAIDO 4 Day

#### Day 1 Sapporo

On arrival at the airport in Sapporo, take the shuttle bus transfer to the Monterey Sapporo Hotel and check in. The remainder of the day is at leisure, to relax after your journey, or explore the local area.

#### Day 2 Full Day City Tour (B)

Enjoy a full day city tour of Sapporo including visits to the Hokkaido Jingu Shrine, Shiroi Koibito Park Factory, Sapporo Central Wholesale Market, Okuramaya Ski Jump and Hitsujigaoka Observatory (tour will be changed according to season).

#### Day 3 Sapporo (B)

A full day at leisure to explore this fascinating city further. You could treat yourself to a trip to the Sapporo Beer Museum, and maybe sample a few glasses before moving on. Perhaps take a relaxing stroll through Odori Park, or take the Mount Moiwa Ropeway on your way to the top of the mountain, to admire the spectacular city views.

#### Day 4 Depart (B)

Day at leisure until your transfer to the airport by shuttle bus for your onward journey.

#### Prices

Price from £525

Including return airport transfers, English speaking guide on arrival, 3 nights standard accommodation, Full Day Sapporo City tour, meals as specified (B=Breakfast)

## YUDANAKA

A popular hot springs resort, Yudanaka is famous for the Snow Monkeys that live in the area. A special outdoor bath was built for the monkeys, who have become one of the most photographed sights in Japan. Yudanaka also has many temples and historic buildings for you to explore.

### ZENKOJI and SNOW MONKEY TOUR 3 Day

#### Day 1 Tokyo to Zenkoji (D)

Catch a bullet train to Nagano, where you will be met and taken to Zenkoji Temple for a one night stay. After settling into your accommodation, you will be treated to a typical monk's dinner.

#### Day 2 Zenkoji to Obuse and Yudanaka (BD)

Travel to the charming town of Obuse, the final home of the famous Japanese artist Hokusai, for some sightseeing. Continue by train to Yudanaka and check in at the ryokan, where dinner will be served.

#### Day 3 Snow Monkeys (B)

After breakfast, take the bus from your accommodation to the Snow Monkey Park (Yaen Koen). Created in 1964, the park is a conservation area where the monkeys are free to do as they please, including bathing in onsens. Return to the station for your onward train journey.

#### Prices

Price from £999

Including English speaking guide on arrival, 1 night temple lodging, 1 night at ryokan, return bullet train Tokyo - Nagano, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

## HAKUBA

Hakuba, host to the 1998 Winter Olympics, is a highland resort at the foot of the Hakuba-Sanzan Mountains. Hakuba Valley is renowned for its dry, deep and consistent powder snow quality, and huge variety of terrain. The village has a lively après-ski scene and hot springs for you to try.

### HAKUBA SKI RESORT 5 Day

#### Day 1 Hakuba

Depart Tokyo for Hakuba by express bus, and on arrival, make your way to the Hakuba Tokyu Hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure, maybe relax in the hotel spa, or perhaps enjoy a meal in one of the hotel's restaurants.

#### Days 2-4 Hakuba Ski Resort (B)

Enjoy the skiing in the winter, and the relaxing onsen all year round, at Hakuba Happo-one Winter Resort. You may also wish to learn about the 1,400 year old Taiko Drum culture, or don a kimono for a traditional Japanese tea ceremony.

#### Day 5 Depart (B)

Following breakfast at your hotel, check out and leave Hakuba for your return journey back to Tokyo.

#### Prices

Price from £1,295

Including 4 nights superior accommodation, meals as specified (B=Breakfast), 3 day Hakuba Happo-one ski pass, 3 day ski, ski boots and stock set, Express bus Tokyo - Hakuba - Tokyo

# KYUSHU

Embark on a tour to Kyushu, where ancient traditions seamlessly intertwine with modern innovation. Roam the vibrant streets of Beppu, soak in the rejuvenating hot springs, and explore the mystical landscapes of Mount Aso and Takachiho, all while experiencing the island's rich history, breathtaking natural beauty, and the genuine warmth of its people.



## KYUSHU SELF DRIVE CAR 4 DAY

Embark on an unforgettable self-drive adventure through Kyushu, Japan's southern gem. Discover diverse landscapes, soak in rejuvenating hot springs, and savor exquisite cuisine as you navigate this picturesque island at your own pace.

### Day 1 Beppu

On arrival in Beppu, make your way to your overnight accommodation (Hotel Shiragiku) or similar and check in. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore Beppu.

### Day 2 Takachiho (B)

After breakfast make your way to the car rental office and pick up your chosen hire car. From there, travel to Takachiho which is approximately 2 hours 30 mins drive. Discover the Takachiho Shrine (1 hour performance), Takachino Gorge (Boat tickets reserved), Takachiho Kagura where you will be able to watch the Traditional Dance (Tickets reserved).

Accommodation is in Takachino for overnight stay.

### Day 3 Mount Aso (B)

After breakfast, drive through Kusanenri with its wonderful scenery and you are able to park freely then drive to Mount Aso, the largest active volcano in Japan.

Accommodation is in Mount Aso for your overnight stay.

### Day 4 Kumamoto (B)

After breakfast, drive to Kumamoto. Visit the hilltop Kumamoto Castle, located in Chuo-Ku. Drop off the car at the Car Hire Office.

#### Prices

Price from £795

Including 3 night standard accommodation, car hire, tours as per itinerary, meals as specified (B=Breakfast)

## KYUSHU SELF GUIDED TOUR 4 DAY

Prepare for an immersive self-guided tour of Kyushu, where you'll chart your own path through ancient temples, vibrant markets, and tranquil countryside. Explore at your leisure, unlocking the island's hidden treasures and creating unforgettable memories along the way.

### Day 1 Beppu

Make your own way to Kokura arriving at Beppu Station, where you will join the tour. The Sightseeing Tour Bus departs early afternoon and will visit the following:

Umi-Jigoku (Hell of Sea), Oniishi Bozu-Jigoku, Kamado-Jigoku, Oniyama-Jigoku, Shiraike-Jigoku, Chinoike-Jigoku, Tatsumaki-Jigoku

Your overnight stay will be at the Hotel Shiragiku or similar.

### Day 2 Mt. Aso (B)

After breakfast, check out of the hotel. The Kyushu bus will depart Beppu Station to Aso Station the journey time will be approx 3 ½ Hours. Take the local Bus from Aso Ekimae to Mt Aso Terminal approx 35 mins.

Take the shuttle bus from Aso Terminal to visit the famous Mount Aso and view the Nakadake Crater. From the Nakadake crater return on the Shuttle to the Aso Terminal.

On arrival at the Aso Terminal take the early afternoon Local bus to Kusanenri approx 5 mins. From Kusanenri take the local bus to Ekimae. If you like walking or hiking why not visit Mt Eboshi or Mt Kijima. Overnight in Aso is at the Aso Plaza Hotel or similar.

### Day 3 Kumamoto (B)

After Breakfast, take the free transfer Aso Station. Take The Express Train to Kumamoto journey time approx 90 mins. Whilst in Kumamoto why not visit Kumamoto Castle.

From Kumamoto to Hakata you have a choice to travel on the JR Bullet Train Sakura (approx 40 mins) to Hakata or travel by a scenic Express Bus (4 hours) to Nagasaki. Accommodation for the night can be at Hakata Green Hotel 1 or JR Kyushu Hotel Nagasaki.

### Day 4 Kyoto (B)

After breakfast, enjoy a self sightseeing in Nagasaki.

We would suggest a visit to the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum, Peace Park, Urakami Cathedral and Shinchi China Town.

#### Prices

Price from £755

Including 3 night standard accommodation, tours as per itinerary, meals as specified (B=Breakfast)





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Busan, South Korea	17JUN2024	MON
At Sea	18JUN2024	TUE
Akita, Japan	15JUN2024	WED
Aomori, Japan	16JUN2024	THU
At Sea	15JUN2024	FRI
Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan	16JUN2024	SAT

Contact us for more details.

## OSAKA, KANSAI, JAPAN EXPO 2025



Advance tickets will go sale on October 2024.

The World Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai aims to be a participatory, experiential, solutions-oriented exposition based on the concept of a "People's Living Lab," where experiences provide a starting point for people to live their lives more fully, enjoyably and healthily. The World Exposition is an international event held every five years in only one place in the world.

In Expo 2025 Osaka, Kansai, Japan, for 184 days from Sunday, April 13, 2025, more than 150 Official Participants will participate under the theme "Designing Future Society for Our Lives" and, exhibitions, events and various exchanges will be held. The Expo site on Yumeshima, Osaka, is surrounded by the sea on all sides. The approximately 155-hectare site will include pavilions for Official Participants, signature pavilions created by the eight thematic project Producers, 13 pavilions for private sectors, Japan Pavilion, Osaka Healthcare Pavilion, Kansai Pavilion, Women's Pavilion, Future Life Experience, restaurants and sales facilities, and more.

**THEME:** Designing Future Society for Our Lives

**SUBTHEME:** Saving lives. Empowering Lives. Connecting Lives.

**Schedule:** 184 days from April 13 to October 13, 2025

**Venue:** Yumeshima, Osaka

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## THE JAPANESE ALPS

The Japan Alps, also known as the "Chubu Sangaku National Park" is home to world-famous ski resorts and fascinating sightseeing opportunities. Excellent transport links allow visitors to move from one site to another, making for a truly memorable holiday.



### TAKAYAMA, SHIRAKAWAGO AND KANAZAWA 6 Day

Enjoy a tour of the Japanese Alps, exploring Takayama's historic Edo-period streets, discovering the traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses of Shirakawago, and admiring the exquisite gardens in Kanazawa.

#### Day 1 Takayama

On arrival in Takayama, make your way to your accommodation and check in. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax after your journey, or explore the local area.

#### Day 2 Takayama (B)

Day at leisure to explore this delightful city. Perhaps visit Takayama-Jinya, a former government headquarters from the Edo period, Matsuri no Mori, a unique museum filled with highly decorated festival floats. Maybe explore the charming, traditional houses in Kamisannomachi Street, part of the old town.

#### Day 3 Takayama to Shirakawago (B)

Take a bus to enchanting Shirakawago. Afternoon at leisure to discover the famous gasshou-zukuri farmhouses, which are more than 250 years old.

#### Day 4 Shirakawago to Kanazawa (B)

Catch a bus to Kanazawa, and make your way to the hotel to check in. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### Day 5 Kanazawa (B)

Day at leisure to uncover Kanazawa. Perhaps visit the renowned Kenrokuen Garden, marvel at the exhibits in the museum and experience the old Samurai houses.

#### Day 6 Depart (B)

Check out of your hotel for your onward journey.

#### Prices

Price from £675

Including 5 nights standard accommodation, transportation as specified, meals as specified (B=Breakfast)



### NAKASENDO WAY 4 Day

Discover the Nakasendo Way, one of Japan's ancient highways, connecting Kyoto and Tokyo during the Edo period. Explore the route along the Kiso Valley, uncovering some of the ancient post stations such as Tsumago and Magome.

#### Day 1 Matsumoto

Arrive Matsumoto and make your way to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### Day 2 Nakasendo Walking Trail (BD)

Take the train from Matsumoto to Yabuhara and walk from Yabuharajuku to Naraijuku, about 6km. Overnight stay at a Minshuku in Naraijuku.

#### Day 3 Nakasendo Walking Trail (BD)

Take the train from Narai to Nakatsugawa, and walk from Magomejyuku to Tsumagojyuku, about 9km, for an overnight stay at a Minshuku.

#### Day 4 Kyoto (B)

From Nagiso take the train to Nakatsugawa and on to Nagoya, for a bullet train to Kyoto.



#### Prices

Price from £699

Including 1 night standard accommodation, 2 nights in traditional Minshuku, meals as specified (B = Breakfast, D = Dinner), transportation by train and Nakasendo Way walking map.



### MOUNT FUJI CLIMB 2 Day

This two day programme provides a fully guided climb of Mt. Fuji, with meals included. After a long hike on the first day, you can enjoy a hot meal and a few hours rest at a mountain hut, before continuing to climb to the summit of Mt. Fuji, arriving in time to see the sun rise over this magical land.

#### Day 1 Ascent of Mt. Fuji (D)

Travel to Tochomae Station, where you will be met, briefed and transferred to Mt. Fuji's 5th Station. This is where your climb starts and continues to the 8th Station, arriving in the early evening for a hot meal and a few hours much needed rest.

#### Day 2 Descent of Mt. Fuji (B)

The climb sets off again around 1.30am, after a few hours rest, and continues to the summit, arriving in time to marvel at the spectacular sunrise and tuck in to a welcome breakfast. After taking in the magnificent views, it is time to descend this stunning mountain and return to Mt. Fuji's 5th Station. From here, there will be a bus transfer to Shinjuku Station, where the tour ends.

Note: Mt. Fuji is only open to climb during the summer months of July and August. This tour is not available at other times.



#### Prices

Price from £489

Including 1 night accommodation at a Japanese style mountain hut, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, D=Dinner), English speaking guide, transportation as specified



### KUMANO KODO PILGRIMAGE ROUTE 4 Day

This journey takes you along one of Japan's ancient pilgrimage routes, the Kumano Kodo. Staying in Minshuku, visiting sacred sites and remote villages.

#### Day 1 Kawayu Onsen (D)

Take the train to Kii-Tanabe; receive an orientation briefing and catch a bus to Kawayu Onsen, for an overnight stay and dinner.

#### Day 2 Yunomine Onsen (BLD)

Your luggage will be transferred separately. Walk across Kumano Kodo Hosshinmon-oji as far as Kumano Hongu Taisha, visiting the heritage centre and Oyunohara. Continue from Hongu to Yunomine Onsen-Daichi-Goe, and an overnight stay with dinner, at Kosakaya.

#### Day 3 Katsura Onsen (BD)

Your luggage will be transferred separately. Catch the bus to Hitari and a boat across the Kumano River. Visit Kumano Hayatama Taisha, move on to Shingu-Nachi-Daimonzaka Chusajo and walk to Kumano Nachi Taisha, visiting Seiganto-ji and Nachi Falls. Take the bus to Katsuura and check-in at Katsura Onsen.

#### Day 4 Osaka (B)

Take the train from Katsuura to Shin-Osaka, for your onward journey.



#### Prices

Price from £1,599

Including 3 nights traditional Minshuku accommodation, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), transportation as specified, English speaking guide.

# Okinawa and Ishigaki

## Okinawa

Okinawa prefecture can be divided into three major groups, the Okinawa Shoto, the Miyako Retto, and the Yaeyama Retto. The seas surrounding Okinawa's islands are considered among the world's most beautiful, filled with coral reefs and marine wildlife, so snorkelling and scuba diving are extremely popular activities.

### Okinawa Main Island

Okinawa Main Island can be more or less split into three different zones, north, central and south. The North is brimming with verdant forests, the Central area is home to a wide variety of cultures, while the South is brimming with historic temples.



### OKINAWA 4 Day

#### Day 1 Arrive Okinawa (D)

Arrive at the airport, where you will be met and transferred to either the Rizzan Sea Park Hotel Tancha Bay or the Laguna Garden Hotel, for a three-night stay with dinner each night. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### Days 2-3 Okinawa (BD)

Days at leisure to relax by the beach and enjoy your hotel facilities. You may also wish to explore the nature in the north, the temples in the south, or snorkel in the crystal clear waters.

#### Day 4 Depart (B)

Day at leisure until your transfer to the airport.

#### Accommodation

##### Rizzan Sea Park

Located in the central part of Okinawa Main Island, on the west coast, right beside the dazzling white-sand beach. There are various dining options available and the resort has an indoor and outdoor swimming pool.

##### Laguna Garden Hotel

The hotel is located on the west coast of the main island, a short walk from the beach. There is a large freeform outdoor swimming pool. Comfortable guestrooms have modern amenities.

#### Prices

### Price from £868

Including return airport transfers, English speaking guide on arrival, 3 nights superior accommodation, daily breakfast and dinner. (Domestic flight cost not included).

## Ishigaki

The beautiful coastlines which surround Ishigaki are filled with glorious white-sand beaches, some net-protected and ideal for families. Others more secluded and just metres from coral reefs, are perfect for snorkelling.



### ISHIGAKI 5 Day

#### Day 1 Arrive Ishigaki

Arrive at Ishigaki Airport where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation by taxi. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### Days 2-4 Ishigaki (B)

Days at leisure to relax on the beach or perhaps take an optional excursion to Taketomi Island.

#### Day 5 Depart (B)

Take the transfer from your accommodation to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Accommodation

##### Ishigaki Seaside Hotel

Located a short drive from Kabira Bay, the Ishigaki Seaside Hotel enjoys a beautiful beachfront location and offers comfortable guestrooms with modern amenities. There is a restaurant and outdoor pool.

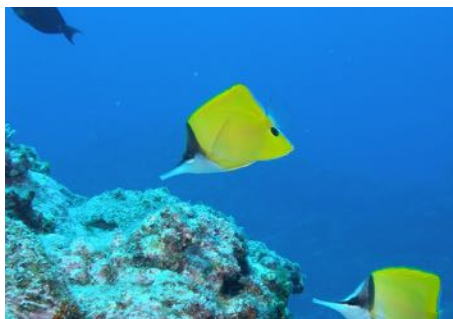
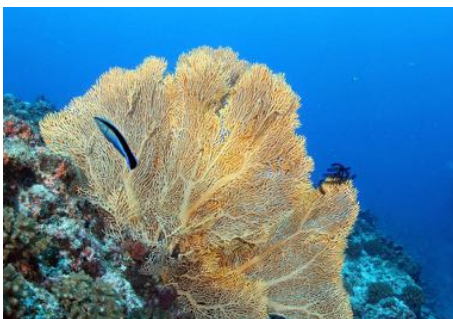
##### Fusaki Resort & Village

Located on Fusaki Beach, the resort has an outdoor swimming pool, a spa, several dining options, and is just a 15-minute walk from the Harbour.

#### Prices

### Price from £895

Including: 4 nights superior accommodation on twin share basis, daily breakfast, return airport transfers. (Domestic flight cost not included).



## JAPAN RAIL PASS

The Japan Rail Pass offers excellent value for money, especially if you are planning to visit several destinations during your stay, as it is valid for travel on the entire Japan Railways network, including the famous Shinkansen bullet trains (except for the Nozomi and Mizuho trains) and a selection of buses and ferries too!

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The process is simple; you will be issued with an Exchange Order in the UK to exchange for your Rail Pass once you arrive in Japan. Once you have received it, the Pass makes it possible for you to make seat reservations locally at no extra charge. The JR Pass offers endless possibilities for travelling around Japan in any season and there are also various regional passes available. Below are some sample itineraries for making the most of your travel experiences with a JR Pass.

### Highlights of Honshu

Explore Japan's main island of Honshu by rail, visiting many of the country's major cities and cultural sites, from Tokyo to Osaka. With wonderful memories made along the way!

Day 1 Tokyo  
 Day 2 Tokyo – Nikko - Tokyo  
 Day 3 Tokyo – Kamakura - Tokyo  
 Day 4 Tokyo – Hakone  
 Day 5 Hakone – Nagano  
 Day 6 Nagano – Takayama  
 Day 7 Takayama  
 Day 8 Takayama – Kanazawa  
 Day 9 Kanazawa – Kyoto  
 Day 10 Kyoto  
 Day 11 Kyoto – Nara – Kyoto  
 Day 12 Kyoto – Hiroshima  
 Day 13 Hiroshima – Miyajima – Hiroshima  
 Day 14 Hiroshima – Osaka  
 Day 15 Depart



### Hokkaido Trail

Japan's northern island of Hokkaido is vast, but many of the main cities can effectively be explored by train. This round trip from Sapporo, visits the fascinating towns of Asahikawa, Abashiri and Kushiro.

Day 1 Hakodate – Sapporo  
 Day 2 Sapporo  
 Day 3 Sapporo – Asahikawa  
 Day 4 Asahikawa  
 Day 5 Asahikawa – Abashiri  
 Day 6 Abashiri  
 Day 7 Abashiri – Kushiro  
 Day 8 Kushiro  
 Day 9 Kushiro – Sapporo  
 Day 10 Depart



### Kyushu Explored

Kyushu is Japan's third largest island, it is located southwest of the main island of Honshu and has a superb network of Limited Express trains allowing for exploration of most of the main cities on the island.

Day 1 Fukuoka  
 Day 2 Fukuoka  
 Day 3 Fukuoka – Nagasaki  
 Day 4 Nagasaki  
 Day 5 Nagasaki – Kumamoto  
 Day 6 Kumamoto  
 Day 7 Kumamoto – Kagoshima  
 Day 8 Kagoshima  
 Day 9 Kagoshima – Oita  
 Day 10 Oita  
 Day 11 Oita – Fukuoka  
 Day 12 Depart

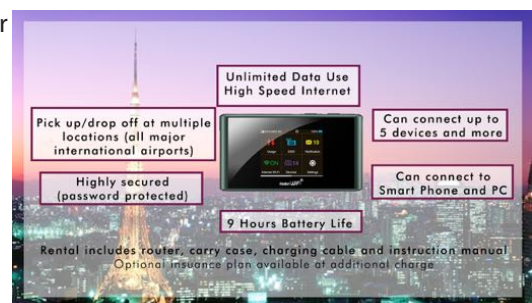


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# JAPAN CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

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## Golf in Japan

Japan has over 2,500 golf courses, more than the rest of Asia put together! The sport is extremely popular in Japan, with the country being home to some of the world's best courses, suitable for every budget and skill level. Please contact us for further details.

## Tokyo Sumo Experience & Chanko Lunch

Experience a sumo wrestlers' daily life and lunch. Witness demonstrations by retired Sumo wrestlers with stories on its history, practice and tournaments. You can also try on a Sumo costume and challenge a Sumo wrestler to a match. Enjoy the great taste of Chanko-nabe, their symbolic, and traditional meal.

## Tokyo Toyosu Outer Fish Market

A wholesale fish market in Tokyo, Toyosu is known as one of the world's largest fish markets handling over 2,000 tons of marine products per day. The market has become a tourist spot in its own right and the fascinating tuna auctions are immensely popular. Perhaps take a morning visit to the Toyosu market and enjoy a fresh sushi breakfast from one of the many restaurants or food stands.

## Sushi Workshop Morning Tour

Experience a hand-shaping and sushi rolling lesson from a Tsukiji sushi chef, and taste your own work of art for lunch. Your guide will lead the tour around Tsukiji Outer Fish Market and through the many bustling shops.



## Kyoto Gion Kimono Tour

Wear an authentic Kimono or Yukata (light cotton kimono worn in summer months), and experience a guided walking tour around the Gion district. Includes hairstyling and tabi (traditional socks). Available for people up to 185cm tall and waist sizes up to 100cm.

## Kyoto Sagano Bamboo Grove and Arashiyama Walking Tour

Visit Arashiyama, famous for its bamboo grove and Tenryu-ji Temple, one of Kyoto's best Zen temples. Enjoy the beautiful landscaped garden and stroll through the scenic Sagano Bamboo Grove. Visit the Jojako-ji Temple and the Togetsu Bridge that straddles the Katsura River. Enjoy a Japanese style lunch on a Yakatabune Boat trip through Arashiyama. Train tickets back to Kyoto will be distributed before lunch when the tour ends.

## Kyoto Tea Ceremony & Ginkau-ji Temple Walking Tour

Visit the Ginkauji Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and wander along the Philosopher's Path. This is followed by a traditional tea ceremony for a taste of Japanese culture.

## Kyoto Dinner with Maiko

Enjoy a dinner at the traditional Ohara Gyozenen, with a Maiko (apprentice Geisha). The restaurant is situated in a quiet location away from downtown Kyoto, near the Ohara-sanzenin Temple. After dinner, a Maiko will perform two traditional dances, and you can ask questions and take photos.

## Kobe Sightseeing and Nada Sake Brewery Walking Tour

Visit the Kitano-Ijinkan District and Meriken Park. After a buffet-style lunch, visit the Hakutsuru Sake Brewery Museum in Nada, a town famous for its sake breweries.





### Osaka Samurai Experience

Step back to ancient times and learn about the Samurai. Hear about Samurai etiquette, their outfit, sword training, using the sword in fighting and witness a short Samurai play. You will also wear a Kimono or Ninja costume.

### Calligraphy and Meditation

Stay overnight at a Buddhist temple where you can try your hand at the ancient writing technique of Calligraphy. The following morning you can join the monks for meditation.

### Traditional Japanese Crafts

There are many different traditional crafts that can be seen or attempted to give a further insight into Japan's culture. These include Ikebana Flower Arranging, which is considered a disciplined art form, where nature and humanity are brought together. Origami, the well-known art of Japanese paper folding, calligraphy, Japanese sweet making and Japanese pottery. Arrangements can be made to see these crafts in action or to take part in a workshop or lesson.



### Tokyo Disney Resort

Located around 50 minutes by train from Shinjuku Station, Tokyo Disney Resort is comprised of Tokyo Disneyland and DisneySea. Both parks have their own attractions, parades and characters and a choice of tickets are available from 1 Day up to 4 Days. There is a range of accommodation within close proximity to the Resort and a monorail operates linking up many of the hotels with the parks.

### Universal Studios Japan

A short journey from Osaka Station, Universal Studios is conveniently located and easy to get to. The park offers a huge range of attractions, rides, shows and dining outlets with 1-Day or 2-Day Studio Passes available. Explore the World of Harry Potter, enjoy the Jurassic Park ride and come face to face with a dinosaur, or discover Snoopy Studios and Sesame Street fun world. A fantastic day for all the family!



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## TAILOR - MADE

### Karaoke Bars

Karaoke is a hugely popular pastime in Japan. There are a large number of karaoke bars available, especially in the larger cities such as Tokyo and Osaka.



### Robot Restaurant

Located in the Shinjuku area of Tokyo, this themed restaurant features a lively pop-culture show with robots, dancers and lasers to amaze you.



### Maid Cafes

The unusual phenomenon of maid cafes in Japan, where the waitresses dress in maid costumes, has become so popular that there are now over 200 maid cafes in Tokyo alone.

### Cat Cafes

Extremely popular in Japan, there are over 150 cat cafes throughout the country, mostly in the larger cities of Tokyo and Osaka. Enjoy a drink and interact with the furry residents.

### Anime Cafes

There are many cafes celebrating anime in Japan, including the Pokeman Café, and the Good Smile Café, which has a themed menu and décor. The Animate Café has multiple locations throughout the country.

## Pop Culture – Manga and Anime

### Tokyo Ghibli Museum Mitaka

Spirited Away, Howl's Moving Castle, and Porco Rosso are just some of the animated films celebrated at the museum created by Hayao Miyazaki. Exhibits include animation techniques and a recreation of an animation artist's workshop. The museum is child friendly and is well worth a 2-3 hour visit.

### Fairs and conventions

- Comic Market, or Comiket, is one of the largest manga and anime fairs. It is held twice a year in Tokyo during August and December.
- Animelo Summer Live is the world's largest anime live concert, usually held during August and featuring live performances of anime songs.
- Anime Japan was established in 2014 and is held annually in Tokyo during March. Exhibitors sell merchandise and there are also various performances and events.

## Famous Festivals and Celebrations

You may wish to combine your holiday dates with one or more of the many colourful local festivals (matsuri) held in Japan throughout the year. Popular ones include:

- Snow Festival - Yuki Matsuri, Sapporo (February)
- Month Long Festival - Gion Matsuri, Kyoto (July)
- River Procession - Tenjin Matsuri, Osaka (July)
- Traditional Dance Festival Awa Odori, Tokushima City (August)
- Huge Lantern Floats - Nebuta Matsuri, Aomori City (August)
- Spectacular Float Racing - Kishiwada Danjiri Matsuri, Kishiwada City (September)
- Historical Parade - Jidai Matsuri, Kyoto (October)
- Night Festival - Chichibu Yomatsuri, Saitama (December)





# ONSENS IN JAPAN

## Onsen – Hot Spring Baths

Discover the centuries old tradition of these thermal hot baths that play a large part in Japanese culture. There are over 20,000 sources of hot springs in Japan and over 3,000 accommodations that have onsen attached. Located all over the country, many onsen are part of the traditional Japanese Inns called ryokan (see page 51). Others are found in public bathhouses. Depending on the onsen they can be private or segregated, so please check at the time of enquiry.

There are many areas in Japan that are well-known for their onsen, and some of our favourites are listed below:

### Beppu Onsen

Oita Prefecture, Kyushu

The city of Beppu, on the south-western island of Kyushu has eight different hot springs, each with ryokan and public baths with bathing facilities. Together they produce more hot spring water than any other onsen resort in the country.

### Kinosaki Onsen

Hyogo Prefecture, Honshu

Kinosaki Onsen can be reached in an hour and a half from Osaka. Hidden in the mountains, away from the crowds of the cities, Kinosaki has quiet temples, moss covered forests and soft sandy beaches.

### Shibu Onsen

Nagano Prefecture, Honshu

A charming little town with a 1,300 year history, it has ancient cobblestone paths with traditional wooden ryokan, where visitors can often be seen strolling through the lanes in their yukata. Shibu Onsen can be combined with a visit to Yudanaka to see the famous Snow Monkeys.

### Dogo Onsen

Ehime Prefecture, Shikoku

Situated around 3 hours from Okayama, or 4 ½ hours from Osaka, Dogo Onsen is on one of the smallest of Japan's main islands, Shikoku. It is one of the earliest known hot spring spa towns and is famous for being an inspiration for the Japanese anime film, Spirited Away, a Ghibli film.



## Japan's Three Best Onsen

### Gero Onsen

Gifu Prefecture, Honshu

Located around 45 minutes by train from Takayama, it has been known as a hot spring resort since the 10th century. The waters here are said to help relieve certain medical conditions as well as relieving fatigue, aiding skin tone and complexion.

### Kusatsu Onsen

Gunma Prefecture, Honshu

Located around 3 hours from Tokyo by train and bus, the town has been known as a hot spring resort for many centuries. The source of the hot spring water is the nearby Mount Kusatsu-Shirane and it is said to have fantastic health benefits.

### Arima Onsen

Hyogo Prefecture, Honshu

A hidden treasure, this hot spring resort is located around 40 minutes by train from Kobe and around 1½ hours from Kyoto. With more than 1,000 years of history, the oldest onsen town in Japan, Arima Onsen has become a well-known hot spring retreat where the waters are said to have unique healing properties.



# JAPAN ACCOMMODATION

We offer a wide range of accommodation in Japan, allowing you to find the holiday most suitable to your budget and preferred experiences, encompassing what Japan has to offer. The western style hotels range from standard, superior and deluxe, and are located in the areas that are suitable for your tour.

A holiday to Japan is not complete without a stay in an authentic and traditional Japanese accommodation called a ryokan with a hot spring (onsen). Depending on your location, other authentic accommodation we can include are Minshuku (traditional guest house) and Shokubo (temple) lodging. We can accommodate solo travellers, couples and families alike, with the option to stay in standard, superior or deluxe accommodation.



## Group Tour Accommodation

Most of our group tours are based on standard accommodation, a sample of which can be found on the individual tour pages. We select from a range of accommodation for our tours, the style of which can vary from one destination to the next. It is also worth noting that room sizes in Japan tend to be more compact, especially in the larger cities. Room upgrades can be requested at time of quotation. When staying in traditional Japanese ryokan, beds will usually be futon-style.

## Western Style Hotels

A selection of standard, superior and deluxe hotels are offered with our tailor-made journeys. We provide western style hotels that are part of recognised hotel chains, boutique properties, with their own individual character, and comfortable smaller lodgings. These recommended properties will have an en-suite bath, provide western beds and have good links with public transport.

## Standard (equivalent 3\*)

Most of our tours are based on standard accommodation with the option to upgrade to Superior or Deluxe. Standard hotels, ideal for the leisure and business traveller, provide comfort with rooms being smaller than the superior and deluxe hotels.

## Superior (equivalent 4\*)

Depending on budget and personal requirements, most tour itineraries provide you with the opportunity to upgrade to this higher grade of hotel. Superior hotels offer additional facilities with rooms being larger than standard hotels.

## Deluxe (equivalent 5\*)

These are the very best hotels that Japan has to offer, with many being part of well known international chains. A selection of boutique properties, some that are unique to Japan, may also be available.





### Ryokan

Discover Japanese style hospitality during your time at a traditional Japanese Inn called a ryokan. During your stay at a ryokan you will learn about traditional Japanese culture including garden design, architecture and cooking. Many ryokans include a relaxing hot spring, and at night you will get the chance to sleep on a futon. Modern beds may be an option in some ryokans. Board basis can be taken as breakfast only or with dinner, with different local cuisine served daily. To get the most from your experience during your stay at a ryokan we recommend including dinner with your first night's stay. The exterior of the ryokan may look modern, but the service is always traditional. To get a real flavour of the local culture an overnight stay in a ryokan is highly recommended during your holiday in Japan.

### Minshuku

The Japanese equivalent of guest house type lodgings, Minshukus are family-run bed and breakfast farmhouses, with the rented rooms being part of the owners' own home. They are often found in resorts like Kanazawa and Shirakawago, providing the ideal form of accommodation to get the true atmosphere from these picturesque locations. These comfortable and clean homes offer a unique cultural experience in a rustic atmosphere. Guest rooms come with tatami mat floors and a low table with a futon spread out to sleep on at night. The shared baths and toilets are all modern.

### Shokubo

A truly unique experience staying at a Buddhist temple, with Buddhist vegetarian cuisine for dinner and breakfast. Food is served in a Japanese-style dining room. In the morning you are free to attend Buddhist morning services, the Goma fire ritual and meditation. Guests can also write Buddhist texts with a brush and ink on scrolls. Areas popular for temple stays include Nagano and Mount Koya.

### Machiya

These traditional wooden townhouses are found throughout Japan and are typical in the historic capital of Kyoto. They are ideal for couples and families looking for that traditional experience with additional home comforts, and for those seeking luxury and personal space.

### Capsule

Capsule hotels are also known as pod hotels. They were first developed in Osaka, in 1979 and are intended to provide basic accommodation at a low price. Space is limited but they offer a unique and fun experience. Capsule hotels can be found throughout Japan, but especially in larger cities such as Tokyo and Osaka. Sleeping arrangements are in same-sex corridors in compact single beds, usually without a window. Luggage has to be stored in a locker and cannot be kept in the capsule due to space constraints.



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# SOUTH KOREA



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**1** **SEOUL** - Seoul, the capital of South Korea, seamlessly blends ancient traditions with modern innovation. It boasts historic palaces like Gyeongbokgung and a dynamic cityscape showcasing skyscrapers and a thriving pop culture scene.

**2** **DAEGU** - Daegu, known as the "Apple City" for its apple orchards, is a major economic and cultural hub. It features museums, parks, and a vibrant fashion scene, making it a great place to explore South Korean craftsmanship.

**3** **GYEONGJU** - Gyeongju, the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, is a city steeped in history. Visitors can explore well-preserved Buddhist temples like Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, immersing themselves in South Korea's rich cultural heritage.

**4** **BUSAN** - Busan, South Korea's second-largest city, is famous for its stunning coastline, vibrant beaches, and bustling seafood markets. Haeundae Beach and the annual Busan International Film Festival are among its top attractions.

**5** **JEJU ISLAND** - Jeju Island, located off South Korea's southern coast, is a picturesque paradise famous for its natural beauty. It offers serene escapes with beautiful beaches, volcanic landscapes, and unique cultural practices like haenyeo (female divers).

**6** **NAMI ISLAND** - Nami Island is a serene oasis near Seoul, renowned for its tree-lined pathways, picturesque lakes, and stunning natural beauty. It gained fame as a filming location for the popular Korean drama "Winter Sonata."

**7** **MOUNT SEORAK** - Mount Seorak, located in Seoraksan National Park, is South Korea's third-highest peak and a hiker's paradise. It offers breathtaking views, lush forests, and numerous hiking trails, making it a must-visit for nature enthusiasts.

**8** **GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE** - Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul is an iconic symbol of South Korea's royal history, featuring grand architecture, beautiful gardens, and the famous changing of the guard ceremony. It's a captivating glimpse into the country's ancient dynastic past.

**9** **NAMSAN SEOUL TOWER** - Namsan Seoul Tower stands atop Namsan Mountain and is an iconic landmark offering panoramic views of the city. Visitors can reach the tower by cable car and enjoy its observation decks, making it a romantic and picturesque spot in Seoul.

**10** **BUKCHON HANOK VILLAGE** - Bukchon Hanok Village is a historic district in Seoul, where traditional hanok houses have been preserved. It offers a glimpse into the past amidst the bustling city.

**11** **MYEONGDONG** - Myeongdong is a bustling shopping district in Seoul, famous for its trendy boutiques, cosmetics shops, and street food stalls. It's a hub for fashion enthusiasts and foodies, offering a taste of modern Korean urban life.

**12** **INSADONG** - Insadong is a vibrant neighborhood in Seoul, known for its rich cultural heritage and traditional art galleries.

**13** **DMZ** - The DMZ is a unique and historically significant area that separates North and South Korea. Visitors can gain insight into the complex history and current situation of the Korean Peninsula.

## SOUTH KOREA PRIVATE 8 DAY TOUR

Take a Private tour to South Korea, and you will meet a fascinating country where the old and the new are in perfect harmony.

### Day 1 Arrive Seoul

Arrive at Hotel LOTTE City Hotel Myeongdong or similar. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

### Days 2 DMZ Tour (B/D)

Today, we visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that lies on the border between North and South Korea. You will explore the DMZ with your guide and gain insight into Korean War history, and visit the Tunnel and Dora Observatory. The day ends at the hotel.

### Day 3 Seoul

Day at leisure.

### Day 4 Seoul City Tour

The Seoul Full day tour starts after breakfast. This morning, pass by the Blue House. Explore Gyeongbokgung Palace and see the changing of the Guard ceremony.

We then visit the National Folk Museum. After Lunch we make a visit to the Insadong shopping district. Followed, by the incredible views of the city from the N Seoul Tower. Lastly, we explore the enchanting Namsan Hanok Village.

This evening you visit a Nanta show, before returning to your Hotel.

### Day 5 Gyeongju (B)

After breakfast, we drive you to An Dong. Here you will visit Hahoe Village and Woljeonggyo Bridge. Then you will travel to Gyeongju for overnight stay. Known as 'the museum without walls', Gyeongju has tombs, temples, rock carvings, pagodas and more.

### Day 6 Busan (B)

Following breakfast, we will explore Gyeongju to visit Cheomseongdae, Bulguksa Temple and Donggung and Wolji. Then drive to Busan for overnight stay. Busan is home to majestic mountains, glistening beaches and hot springs.

### Day 7 Busan City Tour (B)

After Breakfast, we will visit Gamcheon Village. The area is known for its layered streets, twisted labyrinth-like alleys, and brightly painted houses. We will also visit Songdo Beach Taejongdae Natural Park of Busan and the southernmost tip of island of Yeongdo-gu. Haedong yonggungsa temple and lastly The Bay 101 - Chic waterfront complex.

### Day 8 Departure South Korea

Check out of Hotel after Breakfast and take the ferry to your onward journey.

### Accommodation

Hotel LOTTE City Hotel Myeongdong or similar  
Wiyonjae Hanok Hotel or similar  
Fairfield by Marriott Busan or similar



## SEOUL 5 DAY TOUR

Seoul the fascinating capital of South Korea, an intriguing combination of ancient and modern.

### Day 1 Arrive Seoul

Arrive at Hotel LOTTE City Hotel Myeongdong or similar. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

### Days 2 Seoul City Tour (B)

The Seoul Full day tour starts after breakfast. This morning, pass by the Blue House. Explore Gyeongbokgung Palace and see the changing of the Guard ceremony.

We then visit the National Folk Museum. After Lunch, we make a visit to the Insadong shopping district. Followed by the incredible views of the city from the N Seoul Tower.

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### Day 3 Seoul (B)

Day at leisure.

### Day 4 DMZ Tour (B)

After breakfast, we take an exciting private tour to the Korean Demilitarized Zone. We start the tour at Imjingak Park. We will then visit the Freedom Bridge and the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel. We will also visit the DMZ Theater/ Exhibition Hall. We finish the tour by passing by the Unification Village before being dropped off at the City Hall.

### Day 5 Onward Journey (B)

After breakfast, check out from the hotel.

### Accommodation

Hotel LOTTE City Hotel Myeongdong or similar

### Prices

Price from £1499 (Single supplement on request)

Accommodation on twin share basis, English speaking drivers and guides, Meals as specified (B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner), Tours on the list

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# SOUTH KOREA CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

South Korea is a developed country and is known for its technological advances, boasts a thriving economy, and is one of the largest exporters in the world. There are still many cultural differences between the East and West, you may find that certain ways and traditions are very different from home. In South Korea, there is a deep culture of harmony, peace, respect and comfort. South Korea makes for a fascinating country to discover, we hope you will enjoy the colourful culture and historical sites of this intriguing country.

## Try Out Authentic Korean Barbecue

Immerse yourself in Korea's culinary traditions by indulging in authentic Korean barbecue. At local restaurants, you'll have the chance to grill a variety of marinated meats, such as succulent bulgogi (thinly sliced beef) and flavourful galbi (short ribs), right at your table. This interactive dining experience is a beloved tradition, allowing you to savour the rich and savoury flavours of Korean cuisine.



## Jagalchi Fish Market

Immerse yourself in Busan's maritime heritage at the Jagalchi Fish Market, one of Korea's largest seafood markets. Wander through a bustling maze of stalls brimming with a remarkable variety of freshly caught seafood, from vibrant and iridescent fish to exotic shellfish. For a memorable experience, sample local delicacies like hoe (raw fish) or enjoy freshly grilled seafood dishes prepared by skilled local chefs.



## Shop and Eat at Dongseongno Street

Take a leisurely stroll down Daegu's lively Dongseongno Street, a hub of shopping, dining, and entertainment. Along this bustling thoroughfare, you can peruse an array of boutiques offering fashion items, electronics, and traditional Korean goods. As you shop, tantalise your taste buds with delectable street food offerings, from crispy fried snacks to mouth-watering local specialities, creating a delightful fusion of shopping and culinary exploration.

## Explore the DMZ

Exploring the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ) in South Korea offers a unique cultural experience steeped in history and geopolitical significance. As a buffer zone between North and South Korea, the DMZ represents the enduring legacy of the Korean War, making it a captivating destination for those interested in understanding the complex dynamics of the region. Excursions there provide valuable insights into the ongoing tensions and reconciliation efforts on the Korean Peninsula, fostering a deeper appreciation for the resilience and aspirations of the South Korean people. A visit to the DMZ is an unforgettable cultural journey that sheds light on a divided Korean identity and the quest for peace.



## Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Gyeongbokgung Palace

Transport yourself to the bygone era of the Joseon Dynasty as you witness the Changing of the Guard Ceremony at Gyeongbokgung Palace in Seoul. Adorned in splendid period uniforms, the guards perform an intricate and captivating ritual, complete with traditional music and precise movements. This cultural spectacle offers a fascinating glimpse into Korea's royal history and the meticulous customs of the past, creating a memorable and educational experience.

## Sunrise at Seongsan Ilchulbong (Sunrise Peak)

Witness a breathtaking natural spectacle by ascending Seongsan Ilchulbong, also known as Sunrise Peak, on Jeju Island. Wake up early to catch the first light of day breaking over the horizon, casting a warm and ethereal glow over the volcanic landscape and the surrounding ocean. This awe-inspiring sunrise vista offers a spiritual and serene moment, making it a must-see destination for nature enthusiasts and photographers alike.



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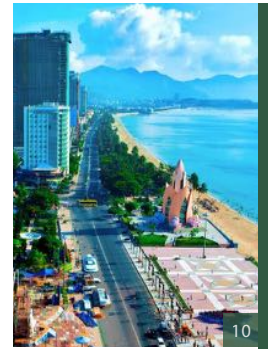
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**VIETNAM** - An exotic land filled with diverse scenery, from green rice fields in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south, with a rich and fascinating culture.

- 1 **HANOI** - Those looking for ancient history, colonial legacy and a modern outlook can find it all in Hanoi. The Old Quarter is a great place to soak up the unique atmosphere of this bustling city.
- 2 **HALONG BAY** - A UNESCO World Heritage Site, where thousands of small islands dotted with beaches and grottoes, rise from turquoise waters.
- 3 **MEKONG DELTA** - Lined with lush rice paddies and fish farms, the Delta's main attractions are the colourful river life, floating markets and sleepy villages.
- 4 **SAPA** - Established as a hill station by the French in 1922. Sapa is home to a multitude of ethnic minorities and stunning natural beauty.
- 5 **HOI AN** - This charming town retains a sense of history in its narrow streets, filled with former merchants' houses, vibrant markets and the famous 400 year old Japanese Covered Bridge.
- 6 **HO CHI MINH CITY** - A vibrant city with a colonial charm, where you can find everything from designer shops to markets, and fine dining to street food. Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels and sail the Mekong Delta.

- 7 **PHAN THIET - MUI NE** - These traditional fishing villages offer a range of accommodation and white sandy beaches.
- 8 **CON DAO ISLANDS** - Located off the south-east coast of Vietnam, the Con Dao archipelago offers natural beauty with more than 80% of the islands forming part of a marine and national park.
- 9 **PHU QUOC** - Located off the west coast of the Mekong Delta, made up of national forest land and beautiful white sand beaches. This is the ideal place to relax at the end of your holiday.
- 10 **NHA TRANG** - A bustling seaside town with a sweeping crescent beach of pristine sand. The hilltop Po Nagar Cham Towers provide fascinating insight into Vietnam's history.

**CAMBODIA** - Probably most famous for 'Angkor Wat', Cambodia offers an insight into ancient civilizations. With golden beaches, unspoilt forests and old colonial cities, it is an exciting holiday destination.

- 11 **SIEM REAP** - The temples of Angkor are the epicentre of Khmer civilisation. Angkor Wat is the perfect fusion of creative ambition and spiritual devotion, representing heaven on earth.
- 12 **PHNOM PENH** - Set on the banks of the Mekong River, this is one of Asia's undiscovered gems. It's not just another city, it is an older Asia that many dreamed of when planning their overseas trips.

**LAOS** - A thickly forested landscape and rugged mountains, combine with spectacular natural attractions for the chance to experience the 'Real Laos'.

- 13 **LUANG PRABANG** - Perched on the banks of the Mekong and encircled by mountains, it was the country's former capital. Do not miss the Khoung Si Waterfalls and the Pak Ou Caves.
- 14 **VIENTIANE** - This delightfully friendly capital, studded with French mansions, bougainvillea-blooming streets and steaming noodle stalls, has a unique atmosphere to enjoy.

**THAILAND** - One of Southeast Asia's most popular destinations. You can find almost anything here: thick green jungles, crystal blue waters and incredible food.

- 15 **BANGKOK** - A cultural and food heaven. Cruise on the Chao Phraya River, explore Buddhist Temples, ride a tuk-tuk, and enjoy a Muay Thai match.
- 16 **CHIANG MAI** - A great base for trekking and rafting trips to hill tribe villages. Besides its historic temples, you can take delicious cooking classes to create the best Thai Curries.
- 17 **BEACH RESORTS** - The popular beach islands of Phuket and Koh Samui, both have lively resort centres, beautiful natural scenery and first class hotels. Krabi is home to spectacular beaches and limestone cliffs.

# INDOCHINA TRAVEL GUIDE



## FLIGHTS

For your convenience international flights are included in each tour. The group tour prices are based on departing London Heathrow with Cathay Pacific via Hong Kong. It is also possible to fly direct to Vietnam from London Heathrow with Vietnam Airlines.

Regional departures from Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow and Newcastle are also popular, with Emirates, Etihad Airways, and Qatar Airways being the recommended airlines. With a wide selection of routings available, please speak to one of our Personal Travel Advisors for more information.

If you have already purchased your own international flights, we can put together a land only tour to fit in with your schedule. This will include our meet and greet service at the airport and return airport transfers.

## TRAINS

Unlike China and Japan, there isn't a modern high-speed network in Indochina. The trains run at a more leisurely pace giving you the chance to mix with local people and relax as the glorious countryside passes by the window. Stations generally do not have porters, so sometimes you may need to carry your own luggage.

## TAXIS

Taking a taxi is a comfortable, easy and secure way of getting around in cities, big and small. Prices vary from place to place but overall they offer good value. It is recommended to carry a card with the name and address of your hotel on.

## RIVER CRUISE

Some small group tours and tailor-made journeys offer river travel in their itinerary. From the 4\* Bhaya Cruises on Halong Bay, to traditional boats on the Mekong Delta.

## BICYCLE

Hiring a bicycle is a fantastic way to get closer to the real heart of the country you are travelling in and a chance to meet some local people. We recommend taking a bike ride around the countryside near Hoi An, which provides a fascinating insight into rural life and is ideal for exploring by bicycle.

## VISA

Visa fees are not included in your group tour cost. Visas for Laos and Cambodia can be obtained upon arrival for USD35. British passport holders can enter Vietnam for up to 15 days without a visa for travel. Your passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months at the date of entry. You require a visa to enter Vietnam for periods of 15 days and longer, and for multiple entries. We can assist with visa applications through our in-house service. Please note visa policies and fees are subject to change.

## MONEY

Vietnam's currency is the Dong (VND). Banknotes come in denominations ranging from 500 to 500,000. US Dollars are widely accepted at major shops and restaurants, but smaller vendors and rural areas will only accept the Dong. Cambodia's currency is the Riel (KHR), but US Dollars are accepted almost everywhere, you may be given small change back in KHR. The Riel is non-convertible, so use them up while in the country as they cannot be exchanged outside. Laos' currency is the Lao Kip (LAK), in the larger cities and towns US Dollars and Thai Baht are readily accepted. In smaller towns and villages, LAK is preferred. The Kip is non-convertible outside of Laos. Thailand's currency is the Thai Baht (BHT). Banknotes come in denominations of: 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 Baht.

**TIPPING**

While it may not be expected, tips can go a long way and are a great way to show your appreciation. It is considered proper to make a donation to temples, especially if the monks have shown you around.

**CUISINE**

Eating in Indochina is a delightful experience with spicy meat salads, sticky rice, noodles, spring rolls, curries, soups and fish providing just some of the many tasty dishes on offer.

Vietnamese cooking is a mixture of Vietnamese, Chinese and French traditions, with many regional variations. Specialities include a meaty noodle soup locally known as pho, and spring rolls. Vietnamese coffee grown in the Central Highlands is served thick, strong and black.

Traditionally, Laos food is spicy – Lao people will often add extra chillies; use heavy seasoning, with fish sauce often being used to flavour dishes. Laos cuisine blends Thai, Vietnamese and Chinese. Laap, a speciality, is a dish of minced meat, fish or vegetables tossed in lime juice, garlic, onions, powdered rice and chillies.

Khmer cuisine shares much with that of both Thailand and China, although it tends to steer clear of excessive use of spices. Quality restaurants are found in all areas that see mainstream tourism, while great value tasty food stalls are aplenty around the country. The fish curry amok is a speciality cooked in a thick coconut curry sauce, wrapped in banana leaves and steamed. Popular and refreshing drinks include fresh coconut juice and Angkor beer.

Thai food is traditionally spicy. Most Thai food is prepared with fresh ingredients such as lemon grass and coriander and rice is eaten with most meals. Popular fruits are papaya, jackfruit, rambutans and durians.

**LANGUAGE**

Vietnamese, Khmer, Lao and Thai are the national languages and they are spoken by most of the population. Like Chinese, they are

tonal languages. English is likely to be understood in the major tourist areas, some of the elders may be able to speak more French than English, a reflection of the colonial past.

**SMALL GROUP TOURS**

Journey with like minded travellers, with the added benefit of having an expert tour guide on hand throughout to introduce you to the cultural sights and the many varied experiences these countries offer. Our tours provide great value, giving you a variety of options and experiences based around the different durations and countries you wish to visit. The size of the group will be up to a maximum of 20 people sharing transport, local guides and meals with fellow passengers. There is a reasonable amount of walking involved on our tours, as well as sometimes a number of steps, so you should have good fitness levels to undertake a group tour.

**NAMED HOTELS**

Our small group tours come with carefully selected named 4\* accommodation that reflect the areas you are staying in.

**TOUR GUIDES**

These include our local guides who cover one region where they have expert local knowledge, so at each destination you will have a new guide to greet you. Groups of 10 or more will have a National Escort who will also accompany you throughout the tour in addition to the local guides.

**MEALS**

Breakfast will normally be taken at the hotel, and it is usually a buffet style with local and Western options. Meals are an important part of your holiday so you will have the assistance of your guide to advise you on the many dishes available.

**WEATHER**

**Vietnam**

The north and central regions have two seasons - winter and summer. Winters can be cool and wet (November to April), while summers are hot (May to October), when the region can be hit by typhoons. Temperatures in southern Vietnam are constant, with a rainy season (May to October), and a dry season (November to April). February, March and April are the hottest months when temperatures can reach the high 30s (Celsius).

**Thailand**

Thailand has a tropical climate and is generally very hot, particularly between March and May with April being the hottest month (30°C/86°F). The monsoon season (May/June to October), is when the climate is hot and humid with torrential rains. Rain in the south typically continues until December.

**Laos**

The south-western monsoon arrives in Laos (May to November), and is followed by a dry period (November to May). Temperatures vary according to altitude although March and April are the warmest months.

**Cambodia**

Cambodia has two monsoons a year. The cool and relatively dry north-eastern monsoon (November to February), and the south-western monsoon (May to October) is often humid and wet. April and May are the hottest months.

The Average Temperatures

Temp °C	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Halong Bay	19	21	24	23	25	25	25	26	25	23	21	19
Hanoi	17	17	20	24	25	29	29	28	27	25	21	18
Sapa	11	11	15	17	20	22	24	24	21	17	14	12
Hue	20	20	24	26	28	28	28	29	27	25	23	20
Hoi An	22	22	25	26	28	28	28	29	28	26	24	22
Nha Trang	23	25	26	27	28	28	28	28	28	27	26	24
Can Tho	25	26	27	28	28	27	27	27	27	27	27	25
Ho Chi Minh City	26	28	28	30	30	28	28	28	28	27	27	26
Dalat	17	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	18	18	17
Phu Quoc	26	26	27	29	29	28	27	27	27	27	28	27
Phan Thiet	24	24	26	27	28	28	27	27	27	26	26	24
Phnom Penh	26	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	28	28	26	25
Siem Reap	26	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	28	28	26	25
Luang Prabang	20	22	25	27	28	28	27	27	27	25	23	21
Bangkok	27	28	30	31	30	30	30	30	29	29	28	26
Phuket	27	28	29	29	29	29	28	28	27	28	27	27
Koh Samui	26	27	29	29	30	29	29	29	28	27	27	27



# VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND THAILAND TOUR

## 20 DAY TOUR from £4,545

Wat Arun, Bangkok, Thailand

Starting in the vibrant capital Bangkok before continuing to Kanchanaburi for the famous bridge over the River Kwai. Thailand offers historic palaces and temples to stunning scenery and of course delicious cuisine. Fly to the vibrant northern capital Hanoi, where you can visit the lively old quarter and the impressive Presidential Palace. The charming UNESCO town of Hoi An with its ancient streets and sights and the beautiful Halong Bay for a cruise on the turquoise waters of the beguiling Mekong Delta. Crossing the border into Cambodia for the world famous Angkor Temples in Siem Reap and the old world charms of capital city Phnom Penh.



**Day 1 Fly to Bangkok**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Bangkok.

**Day 2 Arrive Bangkok**  
Upon arrival in Bangkok, You will be met by the guide and transferred to the hotel. Rest of the day is at your leisure.

**Day 3 Bangkok Full Day Tour (BL)**  
Today you will visit the highlights of Bangkok. Start the day with a visit Royal Grand Palace. A complex of royal and religious buildings which has been the official residence of the Kings of Thailand since 1782. Continue by walk to visit Wat Pho, it has existed since the late 17th century, prior to Bangkok becoming the capital of Thailand. Wat Arun is a Buddhist temple which sits on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. Whilst you cruise down the canal, pass by old wooden stilted houses, townhouses and some unfortunate dwellings which have tilted 45 degrees to the side! You will pass lush greenery, quaint Buddhist temples and occasional graffiti.

### Your 4★ Sample Accommodation

- Bangkok: Rembrandt Hotel Bangkok
  - Hanoi: Tirant Hotel
  - Halong Bay: Syrena Cruise
  - Hue: Romance Hotel
  - Hoi An: Royal Riverside Hotel
  - Ho Chi Minh City: Lotus Central Hotel
  - Phnom Penh: Sun & Moon Urban Hotel
  - Siem Reap: Saem Siem Reap Hotel
- Accommodation will be as named above or similar

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**Day 4 Day Trip to River Kwai (BL)**

Today, we will transfer one hour southwest of Bangkok to visit the famous Mae Klong Railway Market. As you leave the urban scenery behind, enter the beautiful Thai countryside. Mae Klong where you will visit a market selling fresh fruit, vegetables, spices and other products alongside the train tracks. Next, we will continue to Damnoen Saduak Floating Market by car. En route, visit the Bang Kung Camp, used as an army camp by King Taksin the Great in 1767. We will transfer further into the town to visit the Kwai Yai Bridge. The bridge has become synonymous with the Death Railway and is a railway bridge which made up part of the rail link. Drive back to Bangkok in the evening.

**Day 5 Ayutthaya (BL)**

You will visit four sites in Ayutthaya. Begin with a visit to Wat Chai Watthanaram, a Buddhist temple which sits on the banks of the Chao Phraya River which was constructed at the beginning of the 17th century. Next, visit Wat Mahathat, another Buddhist temple complex which dates back originally to the 14th century. The temple is known to be one of the oldest temples in Ayutthaya and was said to house the Buddha's holy relic. Continue to visit Wat Phra Si Sanphet and Wat Yai Chai Mongkhon. Dine in candlelight aboard prestigious yachtlike cruise vessels, exquisite oriental and western cuisine and an exemplary service. All add up to an unforgettable experience.

**Day 6 Fly to Hanoi (B)**

After breakfast, we will transfer you to the airport for the flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

**Day 7 Hanoi City Tour (BL)**

Experience the rich culture of Hanoi. Spend time at the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. Visit the Vietnam History Museum and the Hanoi Opera House. Stroll around the Old Quarter and end the day by watching a performance of a traditional Water Puppet Show.

**Day 8 Halong Bay (BLD)**

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**Day 9 Hanoi to Hue (B)**

Start the day with Tai Chi on the sundeck before breakfast, then explore the Luon Cave and enjoy a tasty brunch as the boat winds through the limestone rocks. Disembark and take the shuttle bus back to Hanoi, where you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Hue. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your Hotel.

**Day 10 Hue City Tour (BL)**

Hue was once Vietnam's imperial capital and today you can experience its historic significance first hand. Cruise along the

Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda, visit the Citadel and ornate tombs of former emperors, and experience a local market.

**Day 11 Hue to Hoi An (BL)**

After breakfast, transfer to Hoian, on the way visit Marble Mountain, then take a three-hour drive will take you through stunning rural and coastal landscapes, including the dramatic Hai Van Pass. Upon arrival, check in hotel.

**Day 12 Hoi An (B)**

Day at leisure to discover the ancient town of Hoi An. Your options include a cooking class or cycle ride to the local beach.

**Day 13 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

This morning is free until transfer you to Danang Airport. Take schedule flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel.

**Day 14 Ho Chi Minh City Tour and Cu Chi Tunnels (BL)**

This morning, explore the network of underground tunnels at Cu Chi, on the city's outskirts. Experience the very best of Ho Chi Minh on a half day city tour. Soak up the history of Dong Khoi Street on a walking tour and visit the Reunification Palace which was originally built by the French in 1868 and the poignant War Remnants Museum.

**Day 15 Mekong Delta (BL)**

This morning travel from Ho Chi Minh City to the Mekong Delta. Upon arrival in Ben Tre, you will enjoy a boat ride on the Mekong River to explore the highlights of the Delta. Enjoy a stop at a brickwork factory to see how bricks are made in the traditional method. Afterwards, visit a coconut processing workshop located alongside the river then stop and take a short walk to a family workshop run by women making sleep mats. Here you may enjoy some local fruits and tea and chat with local people to learn more about their rural life on the delta. Afterwards take a motor cart ride past rice fields and vegetable plains. In the afternoon, take rowing boat along water palm creek. Transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 16 Fly to Phnom Penh (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Phnom Peah. Upon arrival, the guide will meet you and take you to the hotel to check in.

**Day 17 Phnom Penh City Tour (BL)**

Starting at the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda where 5,000 silver tiles cover the floor, continue to the National Museum built in traditional Khmer style. In the afternoon, tour Tuol Sleng Prison and the Killing Fields – a reminder of the Khmer Rouge regime giving an insight into how the country has developed.

**Day 18 Fly to Siem Reap (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, the guide will meet you and take you to the hotel to check in. This afternoon, enjoy a boat ride on the Tonle Sap Lake at KAMPONG PHLUCK VILLAGE. This is the largest permanent fresh-water lake in South East Asia and flows into Tonle Sap River, joining the Mekong in Phnom Penh.

**Day 19 Angkor Tour (B)**

Visit the ancient city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire. Enter the impressive South Gate flanked by stone elephants and giants. In the afternoon visit the famous Angkor Wat – the largest and best preserved temple at the site, and marvel at the spectacular sunset.

**Day 20 Fly Back to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport and fly back home.

**Departures and Prices  
2024**

Depart Return

04/04/24 -- 23/04/24	from £4,545
25/07/24 -- 13/08/24	from £4,645
12/09/24 -- 01/10/24	from £4,545
10/10/24 -- 29/10/24	from £4,645
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06/11/25 -- 25/11/25	from £4,745

**Single supplement from £815  
Land only from £3,545**

**Price includes:**

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## GRAND INDOCHINA 19 DAY TOUR from £4,495

The 19 day Grand Indochina tour starts in Cambodia, discovering the sights of Phnom Penh and Siem Reap including the famous Angkor Wat temples! Cross the border into Laos and visit the picturesque Kuang Si Waterfalls close to Luang Prabang. In Vietnam relax on a cruise aboard a traditional junk on Halong Bay and zigzag your way through the colourful markets of Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy the delightfully atmospheric town of Hoi An, and catch a glimpse of the life in the local area as you explore the Mekong Delta by boat.



### Your 4★ Sample Accommodation

Hanoi: Tirant Hotel

Halong Bay: Bhaya Classic Cruise

Hue: Eldora Hotel

Hoi An: Le Pavillon Hoi An Luxury

Ho Chi Minh City: Edenstar Saigon Hotel

Phnom Penh: King Grand Boutique Hotel

Siem Reap: Saem Siem Reap

Luang Prabang: Villa Santi Resort

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Hanoi

Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

#### Day 2 Arrive Hanoi

Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will be met by your tour guide and transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### Day 3 Hanoi City Tour (BL)

Experience the rich culture of Hanoi. Spend time at the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. Visit the Vietnam History Museum and the Hanoi Opera House. Stroll around the Old Quarter and end the day by watching a performance of a traditional Water Puppet Show.

#### Day 4 Halong Bay (BLD)

In the morning, journey through the rich farmlands passing workers in the rice fields. Arrive in Halong City and board the traditional wooden junk boat for your overnight journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Halong Bay cruising past

beautiful rock formations. Visit the Surprise Cave and enjoy swimming or hiking on Titov Island. Optional activities include a cookery class, massage, kayaking and swimming.

**Day 5 Hanoi to Hue (B)**

Start the day with Tai Chi on the sundeck before breakfast, then explore the Luon Cave and enjoy a tasty brunch as the boat winds through the limestone rocks. Disembark and take the shuttle bus back to Hanoi, where you will transfer to the airport for your flight to Hue. Upon arrival, you will be met by your local tour guide and transferred to the Hotel.

**Day 6 Hue (BL)**

Hue was once Vietnam's imperial capital and today you can experience its historic significance first hand. Cruise along the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda, visit the Citadel and ornate tombs of former emperors, and experience a local market

**Day 7 Hue to Hoi An (BL)**

A three-hour drive takes you through some stunning rural and coastal landscapes, including the dramatic Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. On arrival, check into your hotel. In the afternoon, embark on a short walking tour to explore the city by foot.

**Day 8 Hoi An (B)**

Day at leisure to discover the ancient town of Hoi An. Your options include a cooking class or cycle ride to the local beach.

**Day 9 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (BL)**

This morning is free until your guide and driver transfer you to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch head to Danang Airport, stopping en route to visit Marble Mountain and the Cham Museum. Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, and check in at your hotel.

**Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City Tour and Cu Chi Tunnels (BL)**

Experience the very best of Ho Chi Minh on a half day city tour. Soak up the history of Dong Khoi Street on a walking tour and visit the Reunification Palace which was originally built by the French in 1868 and the poignant War Remnants Museum. This afternoon, explore the network of underground tunnels at Cu Chi, on the city's outskirts

**Day 11 Mekong Delta (BL)**

Journey through the beautiful countryside of My Tho, on the way to board your boat and sail through scenic mangroves leading into the heart of the Mekong Delta. Cruise along the Mekong River, visit the orchards on the Thoi Son islet and enjoy tropical fruits of the season. Visit a honey-bee farm and a coconut candy workshop, before continuing by row-sampan along the canals. Enjoy lunch, then visit the Vinh Trang Ancient Pagoda. Return to Ho Chi Minh City for the night.

**Day 12 Fly to Siem Reap (BL)**

Spend the morning at leisure. After lunch, transfer to the airport for your flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, the guide will meet you and take you to the hotel to check in. Afternoon at leisure.

**Day 13 Angkor Temples (BL)**

Visit the ancient city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Great Khmer Empire. Enter the impressive South Gate flanked by stone elephants and giants. In the afternoon visit the famous Angkor Wat – the largest and best preserved temple at the site, and marvel at the spectacular sunset.

**Day 14 Ton Le Sap Lake and to Phnom Penh (BL)**

In the morning relax on a boat trip to Tonle Sap Lake, Southeast Asia's largest freshwater lake, to see the villages. Continue to see the Roluos Group Monuments. Visit the workshops of Artisan's d'Angkor where traditional wood and stone carving techniques are taught. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Phnom Penh.

**Day 15 Phnom Penh (BL)**

Starting at the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda where 5,000 silver tiles cover the floor, continue to the National Museum built in traditional Khmer style. In the afternoon tour Tuol Sleng Prison and the Killing Fields a reminder of the Khmer Rouge regime giving an insight into how the country has developed.

**Day 16 Fly to Luang Prabang (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Luang Prabang. Upon arrival, the guide will meet you and take you to the hotel.

**Day 17 Luang Prabang City Tour (BL)**

Following breakfast, your Luang Prabang City Tour starts at the city's oldest temple, Wat Sene, and the impressive Wat Xiengthong. Cruise along the Mekong to the Pak Ou Caves, passing spectacular views as you go. Explore the caves crammed with thousands of golden Buddha statues. Continue to Ban Xang Khong village, famed for its silk hand weaving and traditional Saa paper making, and the magnificent Stupa of Wat Visoun. Climb to the top of Mount Phousi for panoramic sunset views of the city, the surrounding countryside, and the Mekong Delta.

**Day 18 Khuang Si Falls (BL)**

Visit the local indigenous Lao villages at Ban Ouay, Hmong Village and Ban Thapene, Khmu Village, then drive to the beautiful Khuang Si Waterfall where you can cool off with a refreshing swim in the turquoise pools, or walk along the shady forest trails. Return to the city by late afternoon to observe the sunset at Wat Prabath.

**Day 19 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to UK.

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4 days in Mui Ne from £355  
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10/03/25	-- 28/03/25 from £4,595
07/04/25	-- 25/04/25 from £4,595
28/07/25	-- 15/08/25 from £4,695
15/09/25	-- 03/10/25 from £4,595
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**Single supplement from £775**  
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## ESSENTIAL VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA 16 DAY TOUR from £3,795

The Bayon, Siem Reap

This tour is inspired by the many sights, sounds and flavours of these wonderful countries. Visit the sparkling turquoise waters of Halong Bay – a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the northern capital Hanoi visit the lively Old Quarter and the impressive Presidential Palace. Discover Hue, once Vietnam’s Imperial capital, and the delightful ancient town of Hoi An. Explore the colonial architecture of Ho Chi Minh City, and the fascinating markets and daily life on the Mekong Delta. Cross the border into Cambodia for the world famous Angkor Temples in Siem Reap and the old world charms of capital city Phnom Penh.



### Your 4★ Sample Accommodation

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**Day 5 Hanoi to Hue (B Brunch)**

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14/10/24	--	29/10/24	from £3,895
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10/03/25	--	25/03/25	from £3,995
07/04/25	--	22/04/25	from £3,995
28/07/25	--	12/08/25	from £4,095
15/09/25	--	30/09/25	from £3,995
13/10/25	--	28/10/25	from £4,095
10/11/25	--	25/11/25	from £4,095

**Single supplement from £685  
Land only from £2,895**

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## CLASSIC VIETNAM 12 DAY TOUR from £2,795

Water lily harvest, Mekong

This 12 day Classic Vietnam tour is ideal if you wish to see all the highlights of Vietnam within a shorter duration. Spending time in the vibrant and bustling Ho Chi Minh City, the relaxed and charming towns of Hue and Hoi An, and a luxury cruise on the spectacular Halong Bay, this tour will be sure to cover all you need to see on a flying visit to Vietnam. If you would like to spend a little longer in this beautiful country why not extend your tour with our selection of tailor-made extensions, and unwind on the beautiful beaches of Phan Thiet, Phu Quoc or Nha Trang, see the spectacular rice fields in the northern village 'Sapa', or relax on a Mekong River Cruise.



Day 1 Fly to Hanoi

Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

Day 2 Arrive Hanoi

Upon arrival in Hanoi, your tour guide will meet you and transfer you to the hotel. Rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 3 Hanoi City Tour (BL)

Experience the rich culture of Hanoi. Spend time at the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. Visit the Vietnam History Museum and the Hanoi Opera House. Stroll around the Old Quarter and end the day watching a performance of a traditional Water Puppet Show.

### Your 4★ Sample Accommodation

Hanoi: Tirant Hotel

Halong Bay: Bhaya Classic Cruise

Hue: Eldora Hotel

Hoi An: Le Pavillon Hoi An Luxury

Ho Chi Minh City:

Edenstar Saigon Hotel

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

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**Day 4 Halong Bay (BLD)**

In the morning, journey through the rich farmlands passing the workers in the rice fields. Arrive in Halong City and board a traditional wooden junk boat for your overnight journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Halong Bay. Visit the Surprise Cave and maybe take a refreshing swim on Titov Island. Optional activities include a cookery class, massage, kayaking and swimming.



**Day 5 Hanoi to Hue (B Brunch)**

We start the day with Tai Chi on the sundeck, followed by breakfast, before exploring Luon Cave. A tasty brunch will be served as the boat winds through the limestone landscapes. Disembark and journey back to Hanoi for some free time at your leisure. Late afternoon transfer to airport and fly to Hue, and be met by your local tour guide and transferred to the hotel.

**Day 6 Hue (BL)**

Hue was once Vietnam's imperial capital and today you discover its historic significance at first hand. Cruise along the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda, visit the Citadel and ornate tombs of former emperors, and experience a local market.

**Day 7 Hue to Hoi An (BL)**

A three-hour drive takes you through some stunning rural and coastal countryside, including the dramatic Hai Van Pass, to Hoi An. On arrival, check into your hotel. Hoi An, is easily explored on foot, and in the afternoon, embark on a short walking tour.

**Day 8 Hoi An (B)**

Day at leisure to enjoy the ancient town of Hoi An. Optional tours include a cooking class or cycle ride to the local beach.

**Day 9 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (BL)**

This morning is at leisure. Lunch at a local restaurant before heading to Danang Airport, stopping en route to visit the Marble Mountain and Cham Museum. Fly to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City Tour and Cu Chi Tunnels (BL)**

Experience the very best of Ho Chi Minh on a half day city tour. Soak up the history of Dong Khoi Street on a walking tour and visit the Reunification Palace which was originally built by the French in 1868 and the poignant War Remnants Museum. This afternoon, explore the network of underground tunnels at Cu Chi, on the city's outskirts.

**Day 11 Mekong Delta (BL)**

A morning journey through the beautiful countryside of My Tho, takes you to the pier where you board a boat to sail through scenic mangroves leading into the heart of the Mekong Delta. Cruise along the Mekong River and visit the orchards on the Thoi Son islet. Enjoy tropical fruits of the season, visit a honey-bee farm and a coconut candy workshop. Continue by rowing sampan along the canals. Enjoy lunch then visit Vinh Trang

Ancient Pagoda before driving back to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 12 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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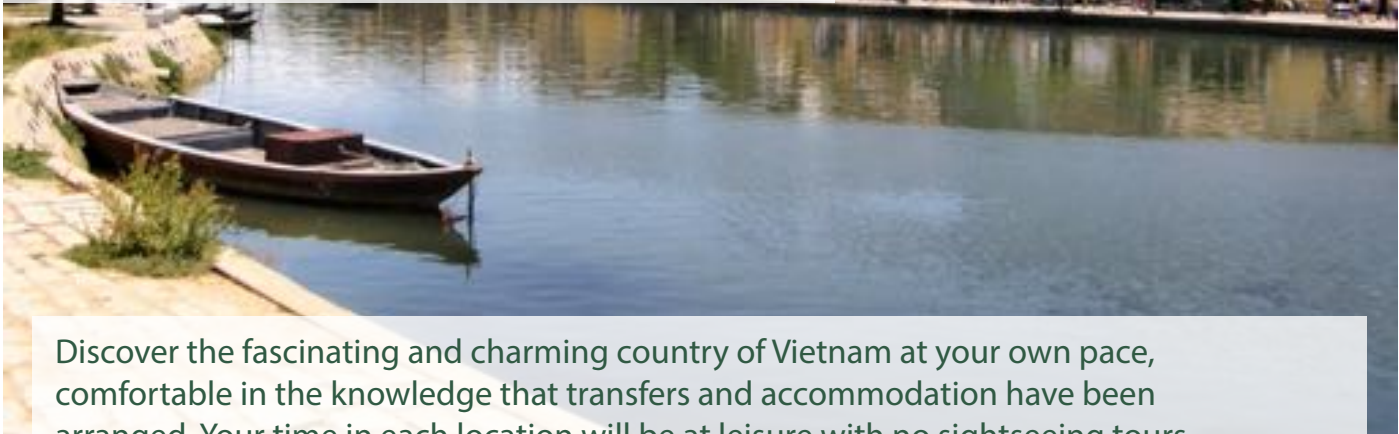


# VIETNAM EXPLORER

## 12 DAY TOUR FROM £2,195



Hoi An, Vietnam



Discover the fascinating and charming country of Vietnam at your own pace, comfortable in the knowledge that transfers and accommodation have been arranged. Your time in each location will be at leisure with no sightseeing tours, excursions or entrance fees included allowing you to see the sites and taste the foods you wish, when you wish.



**Day 9 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**  
Transfer to Danang Station for your overnight train to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City (B)**  
Arrive into Ho Chi Minh City and enjoy breakfast, and the remainder of the day is at leisure. Perhaps visit the fascinating Reunification Palace and the War Remnants Museum. You may also wish to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels.

**Day 11 Ho Chi Minh City (B)**  
Day at leisure for independent exploration. You may wish to join a tour to the Mekong Delta and explore the picturesque canals and waterways by boat.

**Day 12 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

**Day 1 Fly to Hanoi**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

**Day 2 Arrive Hanoi**  
Upon arrival in Hanoi you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 3 Hanoi at Leisure (B)**  
Enjoy a day at leisure in Hanoi. Perhaps visit the Temple of Literature, the curious One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. The Vietnam History Museum and the ornate Hanoi Opera House are also well worth visiting. Maybe take in a traditional Water Puppet Show.

**Day 4 Hanoi to Halong Bay (BLD)**  
Morning departure by shuttle bus to Halong Bay. Board your traditional wooden sailing junk to embark upon your overnight journey to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Halong Bay.

**Day 5 Halong Bay to Hanoi (B Brunch)**  
Join an early morning Tai Chi class on the sundeck, before a light breakfast. Visit one of the local caves and return for a freshly prepared brunch on board before transferring to the station for the night train to Hue.

**Day 6 Hue**  
Upon your morning arrival at the station, you will be transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

**Day 7 Hue to Hoi An**  
Transfer to Hoi An, passing the scenic Lang Co Lagoon and Hai Van Pass for breathtaking views from the top. Remainder of the day at leisure.

**Day 8 Hoi An Free Day (B)**  
Take time to discover all this characterful town has to offer. Wander through the narrow, atmospheric streets, making sure to see the famous Japanese Covered Bridge and the Phung Hung House.



### Prices

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# VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

## 14 DAY TOUR FROM £3,499

Phu Quoc, Vietnam



Discover Vietnam's highlights at a relaxed pace with stays in the vibrant capital Hanoi, the charming UNESCO town of Hoi An, and the bustling Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy two overnight cruises on beautiful Halong Bay and the beguiling Mekong Delta. The tour ends on the stunning Phu Quoc Island. This itinerary is perfect for honeymooners and those celebrating a special event.



**Day 1 Fly to Hanoi**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

**Day 2 Arrive Hanoi (D)**  
Upon arrival, be met and transferred to the hotel. In the evening enjoy a romantic dinner for two.

**Day 3 Hanoi City Tour (BL)**  
Start your day at the Temple of Literature, explore The Old Quarter by electric car, and enjoy a delicious lunch at a traditional restaurant. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 4 Hanoi to Halong Bay (BLD)**  
Transfer to the Bhaya Classic Halong Bay Cruise, for a welcome drink. Lunch will be served as you sail towards the Surprise Cave, and Titov Island. A delicious dinner is served on board.

**Day 5 Halong Bay to Hanoi (B Brunch)**  
Join an early morning Tai Chi session on deck, on the way to the Dark and Bright Cave. After a leisurely brunch, the boat continues to Tuan Chau Island,

and your transfer to Hanoi.

**Day 6 Hanoi to Hoi An (BLD)**  
Breakfast is followed by a flight and transfer to your hotel in Hoi An. Explore the ancient streets, and uncover the beautiful Japanese Bridge. In the evening dine at one of Hoi An's best eateries.

**Day 7 Hoi An (BL)**  
Travel to Tra Que, a village on the outskirts of Hoi An. Spend time with the villagers as they show you how to prepare and cook local dishes. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

**Day 8 Hoi An (B)**  
Today is free to explore Hoi An at your own pace, perhaps go shopping or relax at the beach.

**Day 9 Hoi An to Danang and Ho Chi Minh City (BD)**  
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and transfer to your hotel, before joining the Saigon After Dark Tour. The first stop is Café Zoom for a cocktail before dinner at a popular local restaurant. Finally, experience Ho Chi Minh City the way locals do, on the back of a Vespa scooter.

**Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City to Mekong Delta (BLD)**  
Transfer to your Mekong Delta Cruise, and after a refreshing welcome drink, lunch will be served. Enjoy a guided stroll through a village, meet the friendly locals and taste local produce. A tasty dinner is served on board.

**Day 11 Cai Rang Floating Market to Can Tho and Phu Quoc Island (B)**  
Set off on a sunrise cruise, and after breakfast, board a sampan to the busy Cai Rang floating market. Tour some of the local sweet factories, or sail through the remarkable floating homes. Return to shore for a private transfer to

the airport and your flight to Phu Quoc Island.

**Days 12-13 Phu Quoc Island (B)**  
Two full days free at leisure to enjoy relaxing on the white sand beach, snorkelling or diving.

**Day 14 Fly to UK (B)**  
The morning is at leisure before the flight to Ho Chi Minh City and onwards to the UK.



### Prices

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# A TASTE OF VIETNAM

## 12 DAY TOUR FROM £2,699

Mui Ne Beach, Vietnam



This tour of Vietnam offers a glimpse into the country's main highlights, combined with a few days on the beach. In Hanoi see the One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Continue to Halong Bay for a memorable cruise, before flying to bustling Ho Chi Minh City, for the Cu Chi tunnels and the lush Mekong Delta. Your tour ends at a relaxing beach resort in Mui Ne.



**Day 1 Fly to Hanoi**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

**Day 2 Arrive Hanoi**  
Arrive into Hanoi where you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

**Day 3 Hanoi City Tour (BLD)**  
Experience the rich culture of Hanoi, spending time at the Temple of Literature, the One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. Visit the Vietnam History Museum and Hanoi Opera House. Stroll around the Old Quarter and end the day watching a traditional water puppet show.

**Day 4 Hanoi to Halong Bay (BLD)**  
Journey through verdant farmlands to board your Halong Bay cruise. Stop at the Surprise

cave and Titov Island. Optional onboard activities include a cookery class, massage and kayaking.

**Day 5 Halong Bay to Ho Chi Minh City (B Brunch)**  
The day starts with Tai Chi on the sundeck, followed by breakfast. Explore the Luon Cave and enjoy brunch as you sail through the spectacular scenery. Disembark and transfer to Hanoi for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 6 Ho Chi Minh City and Cu Chi Tunnels (BL)**  
This morning, you will be taken to see the Cu Chi Tunnels, and after lunch, experience the very best of Ho Chi Minh City on a half day tour. Soak up the history on a stroll along Dong Khoi Street and visit the Reunification Palace.

**Day 7 Mekong Delta (BL)**  
After breakfast visit the beautiful countryside of Ben Tre Province and relax on a boat ride to the islands. Join a folk music performance and see locals making coconut treats. After a village lunch, transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 8 Ho Chi Minh City to Mui Ne (B)**  
After checking out of your hotel, transfer by road to Mui Ne. Upon

arrival, check in to your resort for four nights. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 9-11 Mui Ne (B)**  
Days at leisure to relax on the beach or perhaps, try some kite-surfing.

**Day 12 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



### Prices

**Price from £2,699**

**Land only from £1,699**

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# VIETNAM FAMILY TOUR

## 13 DAY TOUR FROM £2,899

Water puppet show, Hanoi



The fascinating country of Vietnam has much to offer and is an ideal destination for families to explore together. This fun-filled 13-day itinerary has been specially created with included excursions that everyone will enjoy. Accommodation has been selected for convenience and comfort, offering you the best selection of suitable family-friendly room options.



**Day 1 Fly to Hanoi**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

**Day 2 Arrive Hanoi**  
Upon arrival at Hanoi Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure. Perhaps take an evening stroll to Ly Thai To Square, where local families gather.

**Day 3 Family City Tour (B)**  
Visit the Temple of Literature, the gardens of the Presidential Palace, the outdoor games at the Reunification Park, a local market, and maybe a Cyclo tour. Meet paper mask makers and create one for yourself, stop for ice cream, and watch a water puppet show. Evening at leisure.

**Day 4 Hanoi to Suoi Mu (BLD)**  
Drive towards the Tam Diep mountain range and Ngoc Son

Ngo Luong Nature Reserve. A Mu-ong family will host you for two nights, and guide you through their wonderful culture.

**Day 5 Thac Mu Waterfall (BLD)**  
Walk the trail to the waterfall and indulge in a refreshing dip. Enjoy a picnic lunch, before returning to the lodge, and maybe join a volleyball game with the local children.

**Day 6 Suoi Mu to Hanoi (BL)**  
Depart for a less travelled Mount Tuong, and after lunch, hop on an ox cart for a short ride around the Red River Delta. Later take a sampan ride across three caves to the most scenic valley in the area, before returning to Hanoi.

**Day 7 Hanoi to Halong Bay (BLD)**  
Drive to Halong Bay, and board a wooden junk for an overnight cruise. After lunch maybe try

some kayaking and experience a cooking demonstration before dinner.

**Day 8 Halong Bay to Hoi An (B Brunch)**  
Have a tasty brunch on board before transferring to Hanoi for your flight to Da Nang, and your hotel in Hoi An.

**Day 9 Hoi An Farm and Fishing Tour (BL)**  
Start the day with a leisurely cycle ride along country roads, and later board your boat for a river cruise to meet with local fishermen.

**Day 10 Hoi An Free Day (B)**  
Day at leisure in Hoi An.

**Day 11 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**  
Free time until your transfer to the airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Upon arrival you will be met and escorted to your hotel.

**Day 12 Ho Chi Minh City Tour (BL)**  
Visit the colourful flower market before exploring the FITO Traditional Museum and Ben Thanh Market. Lunch is spent on a street food tour, followed by a trip to Notre Dame Cathedral and the Saigon Post Office.

**Day 13 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

### Prices

Price from Adult £2,899, Child £2,699

Land only from Adult £1,899, Child £1,799

(Based on a family of 2 adults and 1 child sharing a room. Pricing for other combinations on request.)

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# LUXURY VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

## 18 DAY TOUR FROM £5,069

Royal Palace, Phnom Penh



Enjoy all that Vietnam and Cambodia have to offer, in style. Experience high levels of comfort, top facilities and excellent service whilst staying in luxury hotels.



**Day 1 Fly to Hanoi**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

**Day 2 Arrive Hanoi**  
Upon arrival in Hanoi, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

**Day 3 Hanoi City Tour (BL)**  
Visit the Temple of Literature, Museum of Ethnology, Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, and the One-Pillar Pagoda. Enjoy a one-hour Cyclo tour of the Old Quarter, followed by a sunset cocktail on the roof of the Lotte Centre.

**Day 4 Hanoi to Halong Bay by Seaplane (BLD)**  
Enjoy an enthralling flight by seaplane, over scenic landscapes to Halong Bay, before boarding your luxury cruise and visit a cave.

**Day 5 Halong Bay Cruise (BLD)**  
Partake of an early morning Tai

Chi lesson, then transfer to a smaller vessel to explore further areas of Halong Bay.

**Day 6 Halong Bay to Hue (B)**  
See Cua Van floating village by bamboo boat, then transfer to the airport for your flight to Hue.

**Day 7 Tour of Hue (BL)**  
Explore the Imperial Citadel and the Cat Tuong Quan retreat. An organic lunch is followed by a short meditation walk, and cycle tour of Thuy Bieu. See Tu Duc's Imperial Tomb, before a chilled champagne aperitif.

**Day 8 Hue to Hoi An (BL)**  
Drive to Hoi An, stopping at a small fishing village for a boat ride and lunch. Continue to Lang Co Bay and over the Hai Van Pass to Hoi An.

**Day 9 Hoi An (B)**  
Free day at leisure.

**Day 10 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**  
Time at leisure until your transfer to Da Nang Airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 11 Mekong River Cruise (BLD)**  
Board your private sampan, and cruise the delightful backwaters of the Mekong Delta.

**Day 12 Mekong Delta to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**  
Visit Cai Rang Floating Market before returning to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 13 Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap (B)**  
Fly to Siem Reap, and join a short afternoon tour.

**Day 14 Siem Reap (BL)**  
Uncover Angkor Thom, continue to Ta Prohm Temple, Preah Khan and Banteay Kdei. In the afternoon visit Angkor Wat for a magnificent sunset view.

**Day 15 Siem Reap (BL)**  
Enjoy a morning cooking class learning to prepare traditional Khmer dishes. In the afternoon,

visit Les Artisans D' Angkor, a workshop teaching wood and stone carving. Afterwards, there is an easy bicycle ride to Tonle Sap Lake for a boat trip on the lake.

**Day 16 Siem Reap to Phnom Penh (B)**  
Fly to Phnom Penh, check in, and join an afternoon walking tour to the National Museum, Wat Ounalom, Phsar Kandal and Phsar Chas. Continue to the night market, the French Quarter and Wat Phnom, before a drink at the Foreign Correspondents Club.

**Day 17 Phnom Penh (BLD)**  
Explore the famous Royal Palace, and continue to the National Museum. The afternoon sees a trip to the remarkable Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. This evening enjoy dinner aboard the Golden Cruise on the Chaktomuk River.

**Day 18 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to Phnom Penh Airport for your return flight to the UK.

### Prices

Price from £5,069

Land only from £4,069

Including international & domestic flights, accommodation based on twin share at 5★ hotels, transfers, transportation, tours and meals as stated.

Prices are for minimum 2 passengers.

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# AUTHENTIC CAMBODIA

## 12 DAY TOUR FROM £2,599

Walking Monks, Cambodia



This classic tour is the perfect introduction to Cambodia, encompassing many of the country's highlights into a compact timeframe, with the option of extending your stay at the charming beach resort of Koh Rong.



**Day 1 Fly to Phnom Penh**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Phnom Penh.

**Day 2 Arrive Phnom Penh**  
Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 3 Phnom Penh (BL)**  
Start at the Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda, and continue to the National Museum. In the afternoon visit the moving Genocide Museum. End the day with a cocktail with scenic views.

**Day 4 Phnom Penh to Battambang (BL)**  
Drive to Battambang, visiting a floating village and a local pottery village en route.

**Day 5 Battambang (BLD)**  
Enjoy a half hour journey on the Bamboo Train, and in the afternoon, visit a vineyard and winery.

**Day 6 Battambang to Siem Reap (BL)**  
Travel to Siem Reap. Afternoon at leisure.

**Day 7 Siem Reap and Temples (BL)**  
Visit the impressive Angkor Wat Temple complex. Explore the temple before your picnic lunch. In the afternoon, travel around the rural countryside by vintage army Jeep. In the evening, see the renowned Phare Circus Show.

**Day 8 Siem Reap and Temples (BL)**  
Discover Banteay Srei, and meet the chef hosting today's cookery adventure. Visit the market, and cook some traditional Khmer dishes. Afternoon visit to Angkor Thom, the Bayon Temple and Ta Prohm Temple.

**Day 9 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to Siem Reap Airport for your flight to the UK, or extend your holiday to Koh Rong.

**EXTEND YOUR STAY**

**Koh Rong Extension from £365**

Includes: transfers, 4★ accommodation and daily breakfast

**Day 9 Fly to Sihanoukville**  
Fly to Sihanoukville and transfer to your hotel for overnight.

**Day 10 Sihanoukville to Koh Rong (B)**  
Transfer to the pier to take the speedboat to Koh Rong and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 11 Koh Rong (B)**  
Time at leisure.

**Day 12 Flight to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



### Prices

**Price from £2,599**

Land only £1,699

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Prices are for minimum 2 passengers.

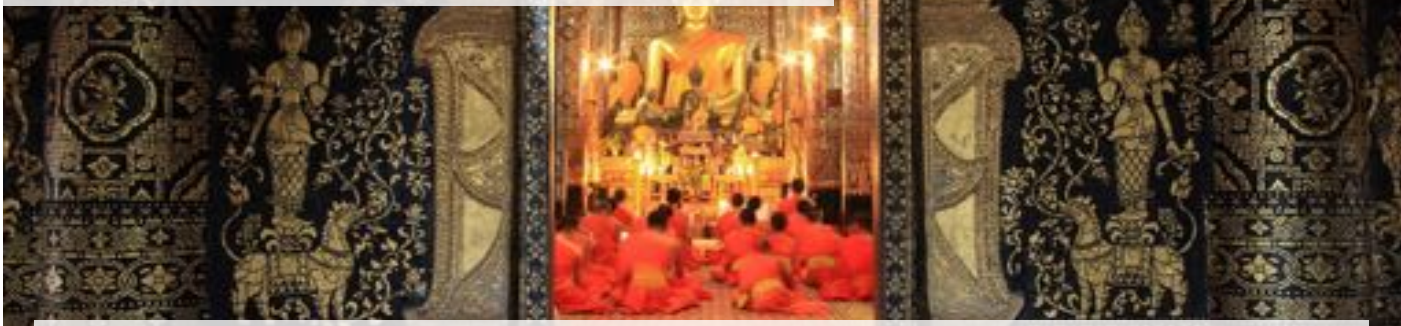
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# DISCOVER LAOS

## 11 DAY TOUR FROM £2,999

Wat Xieng Thong, Luang Prabang



Discover the intriguing, landlocked country of Laos on this fascinating journey. Explore the capital city Vientiane, scenic Vang Vieng, the mysterious Plain of Jars and Luang Prabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



**Day 1 Fly to Luang Prabang**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Luang Prabang.

**Day 2 Arrive Luang Prabang**  
Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

**Day 3 Luang Prabang City Tour (BL)**  
Visit the Traditional Art and Ethnology Centre, see the magnificent Wat Xiengthong, and continue to the Royal Palace Museum, and the famous Big

Brother Mouse bookshop. Climb the 328 steps up Phousi Hill for a sunset view, and end the day at the vibrant Night Market.

**Day 4 Pak Ou Caves (BL)**  
An early start to witness the monks collecting Alms. Cruise the Mekong River, stopping at Xiengmene Village, and continue to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves. Visit the villages of Ban Xanghai, Ban Xangkong and Ban Xienglek on your way back to Luang Prabang.

**Day 5 Khuang Si Waterfall (BL)**  
Discover the Khuang Si Waterfalls, cool off with a refreshing swim in the pool or walk along the forest trails. The journey back stops at the Kuang Si Falls Butterfly Park and Ban Na Ouane and Ban Thapene villages.

**Day 6 Luang Prabang to Xieng Khouang (BL)**  
Travel to Xieng Khouang, which is famous for the mysterious Plain of Jars. The journey takes a day, with some stops along the way to witness the life of local tribes like the Hmong people.

**Day 7 Plain of Jars (BL)**  
Journey through Phonsavan to the Plain of Jars, a huge archaeological site with 2,000 year old stone jars, scattered across it. The day includes visits to various sites and local villages, where traditional customs continue. In the afternoon, enjoy a trip to the giant Buddha at Muang Khoun.

**Day 8 Xieng Khouang to Vang Vieng (BL)**  
Explore nearby villages, populated by a Hmong hill tribe and Tai Dam people. A scenic drive takes you to Vang Vieng, a small town nestled on a bend of the Nam Song River.

**Day 9 Vang Vieng to Vientiane (BL)**  
Stroll around the town visiting the local market and Organic Farm Vangvieng. After the Tham Jang Cave, drive to Vientiane, stopping en-route at Vang Xang.

**Day 10 Vientiane City Tour (BL)**  
Discover Wat Sisaket, Wat Phra Keo and the outside of the Presidential Palace. Continue to the Patuxay Monument, and That Luang, the holiest site in Laos.

**Day 11 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



### Prices

**Price from £2,999**

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# LAOS & CAMBODIA

## 13 DAY TOUR FROM £3,459



Vang Vieng, Laos

Discover Laos and Cambodia on this fascinating tour, exploring the main highlights of both countries as well as seeing some of the local countryside.



**Day 1 Fly to Luang Prabang**  
Fly from the UK to Luang Prabang.

**Day 2 Arrive Luang Prabang (D)**  
Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation and in the evening, experience a traditional Baci Ceremony.

**Day 3 Khuang Si Waterfalls (BL)**  
Visit the Stupa of Wat Visoun, featuring the much photographed Watermelon Stupa. Continue to the National Museum, and drive through beautiful countryside stopping at a tribal village. Continue to the scenic Khuang Si Waterfall.

**Day 4 Pak Ou Caves (BL)**  
Start the day at Wat Xieng Thong, the most beautiful temple in Luang Prabang. Travel upstream on the Mekong River to the sacred Buddha caves of Pak Ou. Stop at the local villages of Ban

Xanghai and Ban Xang Khong, and see Phousi Mountain.

**Day 5 Luang Prabang to Vang Vieng (B)**  
Journey to Vang Vieng, nestled on the Nam Song River, and explore the caves of Tham Jang.

**Day 6 Vang Vieng (B)**  
Today is at leisure, perhaps take an optional kayaking tour.

**Day 7 Vang Vieng to Vientiane (BL)**  
Travel to Vientiane and tour the city visiting Wat Sisaket, and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo. Visit the That Luang Stupa and the imposing Patuxay Monument.

**Day 8 Vientiane to Phnom Penh (B)**  
Fly to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure.

**Day 9 Phnom Penh (B)**  
Following breakfast, visit the National Museum, the Royal Palace and adjoining Silver Pagoda. Explore the central market and discover Phnom Penh's French quarter. Marvel at Wat Phnom, and continue to the moving Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. Finally, stroll along the river.

**Day 10 Phnom Penh to Battambang (B)**  
Drive to Battambang, pausing at the former capital of Oudong, and Kompong Chhnang. This evening enjoy a performance from The Phare Ponleu Selpak, Cambodian Circus.

**Day 11 Battambang to Siem Reap (B)**  
Morning visit to Battambang

Market, and a local village. Ride the famous bamboo train, and drive to Siem Reap, stopping at Mechrey floating village to explore by boat.

**Day 12 Siem Reap Temples (B)**  
Experience sunrise at Angkor Wat, followed by breakfast. Then explore Angkor Thom by Tuk Tuk, and continue to Baphoun, Phimeanakas, the Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King and Ta Prohm Temple. Late afternoon, watch the sun set over Angkor Wat.

**Day 13 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.



### Prices

**Price from £3,459**

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# VIETNAM & THAILAND

## 17 DAY TOUR FROM £4,099

Temple of Dawn, Bangkok



Explore two fascinating countries in one amazing Holiday. Starting in Vietnam, stay in Hanoi, Hue, Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City, and cruise around Halong Bay. The tour then moves on to Thailand, with time in Bangkok and Kanchanaburi for the legendary Bridge over the River Kwai, before ending the tour at Ayutthaya.



**Day 1 Fly to Hanoi**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Hanoi.

**Day 2 Arrive Hanoi**  
You will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel for a two night stay.

**Day 3 Hanoi (BL)**  
Explore Hanoi, spending time at the Temple of Literature, One Pillar Pagoda and the Presidential Palace. Visit the Vietnam History Museum and Hanoi Opera House. Stroll around the Old Quarter and watch a traditional Water Puppet Show.

**Day 4 Hanoi to Halong Bay (BLD)**  
Journey to Halong City, and board your boat for the overnight cruise of Halong Bay. Pass stunning rock formations, visit the Surprise Cave and Titov Island.

**Day 5 Halong Bay to Hue (B)**  
After a Tai Chi lesson and breakfast, explore the Luon Cave, and enjoy brunch before the boat docks. Catch the shuttle bus back to Hanoi, and your flight to Hue.

**Day 6 Hue (BL)**  
Cruise along the Perfume River, stopping off at the Thien Mu Pagoda, see the Imperial Citadel and the Forbidden City. End the day with some retail therapy at a local market.

**Day 7 Hue to Hoi An (BL)**  
Drive along the dramatic Hai Van Pass to Hoi An. The city is easily explored by foot on a short walking tour.

**Day 8 Hoi An (B)**  
Day at leisure to explore Hoi An and the local area. Optional extras include a cooking class or a cycle ride.

**Day 9 Hoi An to Ho Chi Minh City (BL)**  
Morning free. After lunch transfer to the airport stopping at the Marble Mountain and the Cham Museum. Fly to Ho Chi Minh City, where you will meet your guide and transfer to the hotel.

**Day 10 Ho Chi Minh City (BL)**  
Soak up the history of Dong Khoi Street on a walking tour and visit the Reunification Palace. This afternoon discover the Cu Chi Tunnels.

**Day 11 Mekong Delta (BL)**  
At the Mekong Delta, sail along the picturesque Ben Tre River. Visit a brickworks and rice paper workshop, as well as a coconut workshop and bee garden, before returning to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Day 12 Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok (B)**  
Catch your flight to Bangkok and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 13 Half Day Canal Tour (B)**  
Enjoy a half day Canal Tour on a

long-tailed boat to the legendary Wat Arun. Continue along the waterways and watch the world pass by.

**Day 14 Bangkok to Kanchanaburi (BL)**  
Travel to Kanchanaburi, stopping at the Bridge Over the River Kwai, Death Railway, war cemeteries and the Thailand-Burma Railway Museum.

**Day 15 Erawan Waterfall (BL)**  
Visit the Erawan Waterfall where you can walk all the way to the top, or have a refreshing swim in the crystal clear water of one of the falls many pools.

**Day 16 Kanchanaburi to Ayutthaya (BL)**  
Drive to Ayutthaya, stopping at Bang Pa In Palace en route.

**Day 17 Fly to UK (BL)**  
Optional visit the temples at Ayutthaya. Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

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# THAILAND EXPLORER

## 16 DAY TOUR FROM £4,199

Koh Samui



Thailand has so much to offer the visitor, from historic palaces and temples, to stunning scenery and delicious cuisine. Starting in the vibrant capital Bangkok before continuing to Kanchanaburi for the famous Bridge over the River Kwai. Admire the beauty of the Erawan Waterfalls and visit local Karen Hill Tribe people. Enjoy a boat ride at the Golden Triangle and relax on the white sand beaches of Koh Samui.



**Day 1 Fly to Bangkok**

Catch a flight from the UK to Bangkok.

**Day 2 Arrive Bangkok**

On arrival, transfer to your hotel and check in.

**Day 3 Bangkok Tour (BD)**

Enjoy a tour of Bangkok including a boat along the Chao Praya River to Wat Arun. Move on to the Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha. Experience an evening street food tour by tuk tuk.

**Day 4 Bangkok to Kanchanaburi (BL)**

Drive to Kanchanaburi and stop at the Bridge over the River Kwai, to discover the history of this famous bridge.

**Day 5 Erawan Waterfall (BL)**

Walk through the National Park to the stunning Erawan Waterfalls with their pools of turquoise waters.

**Day 6 Kanchanaburi to Ayutthaya (B)**

Journey to Ayutthaya to see the Bang Pa In Palace. In the afternoon explore the temples at Ayutthaya.

**Day 7 Overnight Train to Chiang Mai (BL)**

Visit the Buddhist sites of Wat Prananchoen and Wat Chai Mongkol, and catch the overnight train to Chiang Mai.

**Day 8 Warorot Market (B)**

Explore Warorot Market, and Wat Prathat Doi Suthep.

**Day 9 Chiang Dao (BL)**

Revel in some river rafting and a visit to a Karen Hill tribe village to see some of the indigenous peoples, including the 'long-neck'.

**Day 10 Chiang Mai to Chiang Rai (BL)**

Travel to Chiang Rai and visit the White and Blue Temples.

**Day 11 Golden Triangle (BL)**

Discover the Golden Triangle and take a long-tailed boat ride. Visit the old city of Chiang Saen.

**Day 12 Koh Samui (B)**

Fly to Koh Samui and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Days 13-15 Koh Samui (B)**

Free at leisure to enjoy the powder white sands and crystal clear waters.

**Day 16 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

### Prices

**Price from £4,199**

**Land only from £3,199**

Including international and domestic flights in economy class, accommodation based on twin share at 3★ and 4★ hotels, transfers, transportation, tours and meals as stated.

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# HALONG BAY CRUISES

In Halong Bay, cruising is the only way to really discover this stunning area scattered with thousands of limestone peaks rising majestically from the water. Explore this dramatic landscape from the comfort of your cruise vessel on your overnight journey, uncovering hidden underground caves and floating villages. Take the opportunity to walk, swim and perhaps kayak in the emerald waters.

## Bhaya Classic Cruises



Bhaya Classic offers a cruise experience which combines Halong Bay's magnificent scenery with a taste of Vietnam's rich traditional culture. There are four Classic boats, all constructed in a classic, oriental style with between 15 and 20 elegant cabins, and a tastefully-designed open restaurant and bar area. There are 2 day/1 night as well as 3 day/2 night programmes available.

## V'Spirit Cruise



A smart wooden junk designed to combine traditional Vietnamese decor with contemporary facilities, the V'Spirit cabins each have sea-view windows and private bathroom. There is a comfortable sun deck bar to relax in and tasty local dishes are served daily. Fishing and kayaking are some of the activities available to passengers. Overnight programmes are offered to explore this delightful area.

## Syrena Cruise



Built in traditional Vietnamese style with added modern luxury, Syrena Cruises have maintained the high standards of luxury cruising in Halong Bay. The Syrena Cruises fleet of two ships offers a total of 34 luxury cabins and suites accommodating a total of 68 passengers. A restaurant serves delicious cuisine and the sundeck offers the ideal place to relax and admire the unfolding panoramas.

## Huong Hai Sealife Cruise



The Huong Hai Sealife Cruise use a double-shelled vessel with enhanced safety features and a wide and spacious deck, perfect for relaxing and taking photos. There are a total of 26 roomy and comfortable cabins with modern amenities. On board activities include kayaking, squid fishing, cookery lessons and morning tai chi. The on-board restaurant serves a selection of freshly prepared cuisine.

## Starlight Cruise



A luxurious and elegant junk cruise line that offers the perfect mix of traditional elegance and modern comfort. When you set out on a Starlight Cruise, you experience the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Halong Bay, in comfort and style. Features 32 comfortable rooms, an open air front deck for relaxing and a lovely swimming deck where you can relax and unwind.

## MEKONG RIVER CRUISES

In the Mekong Delta region, cruising is the ideal way to explore and there are various options available, from overnight cruises exploring smaller sections of the Delta, to longer itineraries cruising between Vietnam and Cambodia.

### Pandaw River Expeditions



The fleet is modelled on the traditional river steamers, hand finished in brass and teak by traditional craftsmen. Luxury and comfort are discreetly present, with colonial character and a friendly atmosphere. On all Pandaw ships you will experience Asian hospitality and enjoy the highest staff-to-guest ratio afloat, ensuring sensational service. A selection of mouth-watering Vietnamese and international cuisine is served on board, and there is an extensive deck area from which to relax and enjoy the view.

There are a selection of itineraries available including 3-night, 4-night and 7-night itineraries, sailing between Ho Chi Minh City and Siem Reap, Ho Chi Minh City and Phnom Penh and Phnom Penh and Siem Reap. The cruise vessel has 24 cabins, split over the Main Deck and Upper Deck.



### Mekong Eyes Cruises



Mekong Eyes Cruises offer a selection of fascinating cruises in the Mekong Delta Region, as well as to Cambodia and Phu Quoc Island. The fleet is made up of four vessels, with two larger vessels offering 16 and 14 cabins respectively and two smaller vessels with only 1 or 2 cabins, perfect for a unique private cruise around the Mekong Delta region. Accommodation on board is in simple but comfortable cabins with private bathrooms and teak décor. There are deck areas to relax and enjoy the scenery. Vietnamese cuisine is served on board.

There are a selection of itineraries available including 1-night, 2-night and 3-night programmes, offering a taste of the Mekong Delta, or a more in-depth exploration to Phnom Penh or Phu Quoc Island.

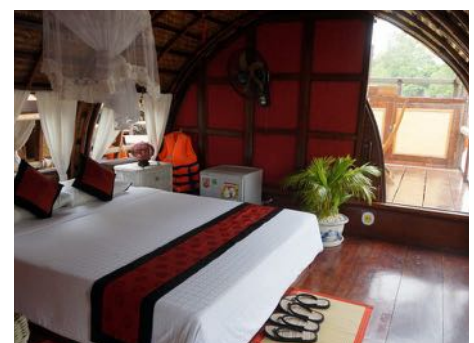


### Song Xanh Cruise



Song Xanh Cruises are comprised of a flotilla of four unique, authentic and charming sampan cruising vessels designed for travellers looking for private cruise experiences in the Mekong Delta. The sampans accommodate between two and five passengers each, offering comfortable bedroom cabins and living rooms. The vessels are equipped with beautiful bamboo and rattan furniture and a very attentive service is provided by a team of four crew members.

There are interesting 2 day/1-night and 3 day/2-night programmes available, exploring this fascinating region. Discover local industries such as coconut candies, honey and rice production and visit a local brickworks. Perhaps disembark and take a cycle ride to explore further.







SAPA 4 Days

Sapa is located in the Lao Cai Province, 380km Northwest of Hanoi. Famous for its green, terraced rice paddy highlands, natural beauty, trekking, panoramic views and home stays. It is home to several indigenous tribes, such as the Dzaio, Red H'mong and Black H'mong.

**Topas Eco Lodge 3★**

A quaint mountain property with charm and character located within Ban Lach village, where guests can happily mix with the locals.



**Day 1 Hanoi to Sapa**

Take the highway from Hanoi to Sapa and discover the picturesque countryside of Lao Cai Province.

**Day 2 Ban Ho - Nam Toong (BL)**

Walk through some stunning rice paddy terraces and explore Ban Ho village, home to the Tay people. Continue to the Red Dao village of Nam Toong.

**Day 3 Ban Moi - Hanoi (B)**

Explore the Red Dao village of Ban Moi, visiting a local house and school. Drive back to Hanoi for overnight.

**Day 4 Hanoi (B)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

**Prices**

**Prices from £685 person**

Including 2 nights at the 3★ Topas Eco Lodge and 1 night at the 4★ Ann Hotel Hanoi, land transfers between Hanoi and Sapa, local transfers, guide and meals as stated.



PHAN THIET - MUI NE 4 Days

Just a few hours' drive away from Ho Chi Minh City, is the tropical paradise of Mui Ne. The northern stretch of this bay is home to the fishermen, the southern end is great for swimming, water sports, sun bathing and relaxing. Another popular attraction are the amazing sand dunes, which have wonderful sunset views.

**Mia Mui Ne 4★**

Mia Mui Ne is a small and exclusive boutique resort located on the beachfront at Mui Ne, in the Binh Thuan Province. It is a haven of tranquillity and relaxation, looking out onto the beautiful East Sea and white sand beaches. Sandals, the resort's fine-dining restaurant, offers both Vietnamese and Western cuisine.



**Day 1 Ho Chi Minh City to Phan Thiet**

Transfer from Ho Chi Minh City to Phan Thiet, upon arrival check into your hotel.

**Day 2 & 3 Phan Thiet (B)**

Days at leisure.

**Day 4 Phan Thiet to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

After breakfast, return to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Prices**

**Prices from £355 per person**

Including 3 nights' accommodation at the 4★ Mia Mui Ne hotel, land transfers and meals as stated.



PHU QUOC 4 Days

Phu Quoc Island is one of Vietnam's rare treasures, a paradise in the turquoise waters off the Gulf of Thailand. The rugged jungle interior, untouched natural environment, most of the island is a National Park, pristine sandy white beaches and sparkling blue waters, mixed with some thriving towns make it a wonderful place with something for everyone. Just an hour's flight from Ho Chi Minh City, this amazing island is a wonderful retreat and a great place to relax and unwind.

**Amarin Resort and Spa 4★**

Located in Duong Dong with a private beach and fabulous ocean views. The comfortable guest rooms have modern amenities and there is a restaurant and outdoor pool.



**Day 1 Ho Chi Minh City to Phu Quoc**

Transfer to the airport for the short flight to Phu Quoc. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

**Day 2 Phu Quoc (B)**

Relax in style on this island paradise. Optional excursions are visits to pepper plantations, fishing hamlets and sampling the famous fish sauce.

**Day 3 Phu Quoc (B)**

Day at leisure.

**Day 4 Phu Quoc to Ho Chi Minh City (B)**

Fly back to Ho Chi Minh City.

**Prices**

**Prices from £350 per person**

Including 3 nights' accommodation at the 4★ Amarin Resort, return flights from Ho Chi Minh City, land transfers and meals as stated.

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**NHA TRANG 4 Days**

Nha Trang is a coastal resort city in southern Vietnam known for its beaches, scuba diving and offshore islands.

**Mia Resort Nha Trang 5★**

A secluded 5 star hotel located 16km from Nha Trang. An outdoor pool and relaxing massage treatments are also available, along with cooking classes, snorkelling trips and day tours. Daily trips to Hon Mun Marine Protected Area are also organised by the resort.



**Day 1 Arrive Nha Trang**

Upon arrival, be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

**Day 2 Nha Trang (B)**

Day at leisure.

**Day 3 Nha Trang (B)**

Day at leisure.

**Day 4 Depart Nha Trang (B)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



**SIEM REAP 4 Days**

Siem Reap, located in the north western part of Cambodia, is known as the gateway to the temples of Angkor. The vast site consists of the main temple, Angkor Wat, as well as others such as Angkor Thom, the Bayon and Ta Prohm – which is entwined with strangler fig trees.

**Tara Angkor Hotel 4★**

Located close to the Angkor National Museum, the hotel offers comfortable accommodation with modern amenities. There is an outdoor swimming pool and a choice of four dining options.

**Day 1 Arrive Siem Reap**

Upon arrival at Siem Reap Airport you will be transferred to your accommodation.

**Day 2 Siem Reap (B)**

Visit the South Gate of Angkor Thom and see the Bayon, Baphuon, Phimeanakas, Terrace of the Elephants and Terrace of the Leper King. Continue to Ta Prohm. Visit the magnificent Angkor Wat, built in the early 12th century and enjoy the superb sunset view from Pre Rup.

**Day 3 Siem Reap (B)**

Day at leisure or perhaps take an optional half day tour to Tonle Sap Lake.

**Day 4 Depart Siem Reap (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



**LUANG PRABANG 4 Days**

Luang Prabang, situated in northern Laos, at the confluence of the Nam Khan and Mekong Rivers, was the royal capital of the country until 1975. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1995 and is known for its many Buddhist temples including the elaborate Wat Xieng Thong.

**Sada Hotel 4★**

The Sada Hotel offers characterful Lao style accommodation and free shuttle services to the city centre. Guestrooms have modern amenities and there is an outdoor swimming pool and a restaurant.

**Day 1 Arrive Luang Prabang (D)**

Upon arrival at Luang Prabang Airport you will be transferred to your hotel. At dinner, enjoy a traditional Lao dance performance.

**Day 2 Luang Prabang (B)**

Explore the city, and continue to the Kuang Si Waterfalls, stopping at minority villages along the way. End the day at Mount Phousi to admire the views over the city.

**Day 3 Luang Prabang (BD)**

Visit Wat Xieng Thong, before admiring Pak Ou Caves. Discover riverside villages, and experience a Baci Ceremony and dinner with a host family.

**Day 4 Depart Luang Prabang (B)**

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

**Prices**

**Prices from £435 per person**

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 5★ Mia Resort Hotel, land transfers and meals as stated.

**Prices**

**Prices from £195 per person**

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Tara Angkor Hotel, return airport transfers, sightseeing and meals as listed.

**Prices**

**Prices from £435 per person**

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Sada Hotel, return airport transfers, sightseeing and meals as listed.

# INDOCHINA CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

There are a multitude of cultural experiences and unique activities that can be included on your dream itinerary to Southeast Asia. The following pages showcase a few ideas and suggestions to help you really uncover the true essence of your destination. Whatever your interests, we can design a tour that is perfect for you. Please contact us for further details and prices on any of the experiences and activities on the following pages.

## VIETNAM

### Golf

Vietnam is one of the leading golfing destinations in Asia, offering incredible weather, fabulous food, interesting cultures and a fantastic selection of championship golf courses. Some of the best golfing experiences can be found in the stunning countryside close to Da Nang, Hue, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Golfing packages include reserved tee times and caddie and/or buggy.



### Motorcycle Tour in Ho Chi Minh City

Explore Ho Chi Minh City like a local, from the backseat of a motorcycle! Ride pillion behind your professional English-speaking driver who will show you some of the most interesting parts of the city. This can be a day or evening tour and can be combined with a street food tour.

### MeKong Delta Overnight Cruise

Board a traditional sampan to explore the maze of creeks on the Mekong Delta. Cruise through the waterways stopping off to visit workshops, gardens and markets. Stay overnight in your comfortable cabin and enjoy the freshly prepared meals aboard your boat.



### Pottery and Train Experience

Take a train ride over the historic Long Bien Bridge to the outskirts of Hanoi. Explore the lively local market on the way to Gom Chi's pottery workshop. Learn about Gom Chi Pottery, and make your own piece to take home. Then relax with a cup of tea and lunch with the family.

### Sea Plane to Halong Bay

This unique flight takes around 45 minutes with an additional 15 minutes scenic fly-over once you reach Halong Bay. A fantastic way to experience the sheer magnificence of the area's dramatic islands and limestone peaks. The flight can be taken in either direction or both ways.



### 2-Night Cruise Halong Bay

Enjoy a luxury cruise aboard the Au Co, as it ventures into the depths of Halong Bay. Enjoy visits to local caves and floating villages, and perhaps cycling and kayaking. The Au Co is a luxury vessel providing deluxe facilities in a selection of cabins and suites, with private balcony.

### Cu Chi Tunnels by Speedboat

Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, by speedboat as you race along the Saigon River for another view of Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival there will be a video and exploration of the maze of tunnels to see how the Viet Cong operated. A traditional Vietnamese lunch is served at a riverside restaurant.

### Cycling Around Hoi An

A leisurely cycle ride around Hoi An and the local countryside, is the ideal way to experience this charming town and nearby areas. See water buffalo and farmers in conical hats toiling in the green rice fields, local villages and craft workshops.

## CAMBODIA

### Helicopter Ride Over Angkor Wat

Enjoy a thrilling helicopter ride over the temples of Angkor Wat and be amazed by the scale of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. The flight also takes in views of Bakheng Mountain, Srah Srang, Prasat Pre Rup, Prasat Ta Som or Banteay Samre and the picturesque East Mebon.



## GENERAL

### Cookery Demonstrations and Classes

Cooking classes can be arranged in both Vietnam and Cambodia. Perhaps visit the local market, interact with the stall holders and buy some of the ingredients for use in your cooking lesson. After the lesson enjoy eating the dishes that you prepared.



### Relax at a Yoga Retreat

There are many opportunities to practice yoga throughout Indochina, whether this be spending a few days at a yoga retreat, or joining classes during your stay. Whatever your ability and preferences, we can recommend something suitable for you.

### Explore Off The Beaten Track

There are many opportunities for getting off the beaten track in Indochina. Perhaps explore the stunning scenery, terraced rice fields, jungles, waterfalls, nature reserves, mountains, ethnic markets and characterful accommodation. We are able to recommend some memorable 4 or 5 day itineraries in this region.



# INDIA

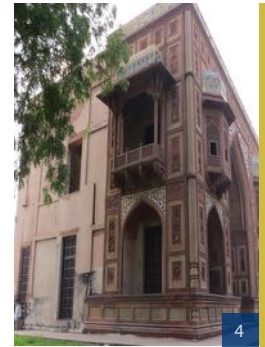


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**1 AMRITSAR**  
 Founded in 1577 by Guru Ram Das, the fourth Guru of the Sikhs, Amritsar (pool of the nectar of immortality) is considered the centre of the Sikh religion. Now the second largest city of the Punjab state, it was once a junction of trade routes. The city is known for its rich cuisine and culture.

**2 DELHI**  
 A kingdom that has created more than one empire, 'Delhi' today is an incredible combination of the ancient and the contemporary. Today, the twin cities of Old and New Delhi gives out a stark contrast for a first-time traveller.

**3 JAIPUR**  
 Jaipur, founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1727, is planned according to Indian Vastu Shastra. Jaipur is the only city in the world symbolizing the nine divisions of the Universe through nine rectangular sectors sub-dividing it. The city is steeped in history and culture.

**4 AGRA**  
 For most of the time Agra alternated with Delhi as the capital of the Mughal Empire. As such one finds many marvels of the Mughal architecture in and around the city, the most famous of them being the Taj Mahal.

**5 RANTHAMBORE**  
 Ranthambore National Park is one of the largest national parks in northern India. It is named after the historic Ranthambore fortress, which lies within the park.

**6 UDAIPUR**  
 Udaipur is the last capital of the former kingdom of Mewar of princely Rajasthan or Rajputana. The Mewar royals have never considered themselves as Kings, but custodians of the land they ruled on behalf of their clan deity, Sri Eklingji. Mewar's history is riddled with bloody wars, defeats, victories, successions, and adoptions.

**7 VARANASI**  
 Varanasi is the spiritual capital of India. Also known in history as Kashi (City of Life) and Banaras by the British, Varanasi is an important pilgrimage centre for the Hindus. It is also a cherished name in the art of silk weaving. The Banarasi silk sarees and brocades are prized all over the world.

**8 KOLKATA**  
 Known as the City of Joy and intellectual capital of India, Kolkata is famous for its people, culture, food, music, literature and the movies. Kolkata, earlier known as Calcutta, was established by the British in 1690 and remained there capital until 1911. Kolkata, without a doubt, marked a major turning point in the making of colonial India.

**9 MUMBAI**  
 Mumbai, earlier known as Bombay, is a city of paradoxes: renowned as the country's financial nerve centre, it is an important centre of theatre, art, music and classical dance. Today the cosmopolitan population of the city consists of people from all over the country. It is an industrial metropolis as well as the textile and film capital of the country. A city steeped in tradition and a rich historical past, it is yet a city where contemporary scientific and business practices flourish.

**10 GOA**  
 Bestowed upon by innumerable gifts of picturesque landscape, sun drenched beaches, historic monuments, pleasant climate, culinary expertise and above all hospitable people creates Goa as the perfect destination to relax and chill. Create your own kind of holiday at the idyllic seaside stretches. Once the capital of erstwhile of Portuguese colonial rule, Old Goa today is a serene locale dotted with majestic churches and imposing cathedrals.

**11 KOCHI**  
 Cochin (Kochi) is spread across islands and promontories in a stunning location between the Arabian Sea and the Backwaters. The city was founded in 1341 when a flood created a natural safe port which became the principal harbour for Malabar Coast's spice trade.

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE OF INDIA WITH RANTHAMBORE 10 DAY TOUR from £2,299

On this 10 day tour, enjoy the modern beauty of India in New Delhi and its rich culture by visiting Old Delhi. Delhi is a cosmopolitan city that has a rich history stretching back thousands of years. Also explore the wonderful sites like the Golden Temple and the renowned Taj Mahal in Agra. Further explore India by visiting the Ranthambore National Park, which is one of the largest national parks in northern India. It is named after the historic Ranthambore fortress, which lies within the park.



### Day 1 Fly to Delhi

Take a scheduled flight from your regional airport to Delhi

### Day 2 Arrive Delhi (D)

A representative will greet you at the airport & will transfer you to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

### Day 3 Delhi Tour (BD)

After breakfast, you will be transported 400 years back in time and will ride on a cycle rickshaw through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk known as the Moonlit Square of India. Witness the architectural marvels, the multicolour facades, beautifully decorated shops, ethnically dressed men and women and be bombarded by the cries of hawkers and fragrances emanating from the potpourri of eateries that line these historical alleys, experience the sights, smells and people of Chandni Chowk Bazaar.

After enjoying the Old Delhi explore Lutyens designed New Delhi and learn first-hand about the city's British Heritage.

### Your 4★ Sample Accommodation

**Delhi : Crowne Plaza**

**Agra : Clarks Shiraz**

**Ranthambore: Abhyaran Resort**

**Jaipur: Ramada Jaipur**

**Gurugram: Holiday Inn Sector 90**

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

Last but not the least you will visit Qutub Minar, along with the Quwwat-ul-Islam mosque represents the first Islamic monuments that marked a shift of power in the country.

**Day 4 Delhi To Agra (BD)**

Start your day's journey this morning towards Agra, a 4-5 hour drive away.

Upon your arrival in Agra, a dedicated representative will be on hand to extend a warm welcome and provide assistance with your hotel check-in.

In the afternoon, embark on an engaging excursion to Agra Fort.

**Day 5 Agra to Ranthambore (BLD)**

Embark on an early start to your day by visiting the Taj Mahal at sunrise, a breathtaking testament to eternal love.

After breakfast, set off on a scenic drive to Ranthambore, making a stop en route to explore Fatehpur Sikri.



Upon arriving at Ranthambore, a hotel representative will be at hand to greet you and facilitate the check-in process.

**Day 6 Ranthambore (BLD)**

Start your day with an invigorating early morning game drive through Ranthambore National Park aboard a shared canter. Following this exhilarating safari experience, return to the hotel for a hearty breakfast and some well-deserved relaxation.

After lunch, embrace the afternoon by embarking on another thrilling game drive within Ranthambore National Park aboard a shared canter.



**Day 7 Ranthambore to Jaipur (BD)**

Embark on today's journey by checking out from your current location and proceeding to Jaipur, covering a distance of 170 Kms and taking approximately 4 hours.

Upon arriving in Jaipur, you will receive assistance for your hotel check-in. The remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy, indulging in relaxation within the comfort of the hotel.

**Day 8 Jaipur (BD)**

Start your day's exploration by setting out this morning to discover the radiant Amer Fort.

Following this, proceed to Jaipur's illustrious City Palace, where a unique opportunity awaits – privileged access to the royal quarters of Jaipur's esteemed royal family, providing insight into their personal collections.



Subsequently, admire the striking façade of the Hawa Mahal, often referred to as the Palace of the Winds. This intricately designed high screen wall boasts nearly 900 jharokhas, or latticed windows.

Your journey continues with an exploration of the Jantar Mantar, an astronomical observatory of remarkable significance and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure, or you may opt to delve into the vibrant local markets of Jaipur, each brimming with a kaleidoscope of colours and unique finds.

**Day 9 Jaipur to Delhi (BD)**

After Breakfast at the hotel and you will drive to Delhi. Arrive in Delhi and check-in at the hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure for own activities.

**Day 10 Fly to UK (B)**

After breakfast, you will be assisted by a representative and transferred to Delhi International Airport to board the flight to onward destination.

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## JODHPUR AND UDAIPUR 5 DAY TOUR



Umaid Bhawan Palace, Jodhpur

### Day 1 Jaipur to Jodhpur

Arrive at Jodhpur by late afternoon after a long drive and spend rest of the day at leisure.

### Day 2 Jodhpur

Set off this morning to explore the magnificent Mehrangarh Fort. Also visit Jaswant Thada. End your tour with a walk to the Clock Tower and through the colorful Sadar bazaar.

### Day 3 Jodhpur to Udaipur

After breakfast check out and you will drive to the "City of Lakes" Udaipur (260 kms / approx 5 hrs), which is considered as one of the most romantic cities of India.

You will stop enroute at Ranakpur to see the elaborately carved white marble temples.

Arrive at Udaipur in the afternoon and rest of the day is at leisure.

### Day 4 Udaipur

Get ready to explore one of the most scenic cities of Rajasthan. Begin your visit with the City Palace and Museum. The largest palace complex in India, it is a blend of Mughal and Rajput influences. The City Palace houses a crystal gallery, which boasts of royal artifacts and the world's largest private collection of crystals.

Also see the 17th century Jagdish temple, drive around the Fatehsagar Lake, and visit the Sahelion ki Bari (the Garden for the Maids of Honour), an ornamental pleasure garden with fountains and marble kiosks. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

In the evening enjoy a shared boat ride on the 4 km long and 3 km wide Lake Pichola, which is fringed with hills, palaces, havelis, ghats, embankments and temples and offers spectacular views of the city.

### Day 5 Udaipur to Delhi

Breakfast at hotel, later you will be transferred by a representative to Udaipur airport for a flight to Delhi.

Upon arrival at Delhi airport, you will be met & greeted by a representative and will be transferred to your hotel.

The rest of the day is free for leisure.

### Day 6 Fly to UK

After breakfast at the hotel, you will be assisted by a representative for your transfer to Mumbai airport for your onward flight.



### Prices

#### Price on request

Including: Accommodation based on twin share at 4★ and 5★ hotels, main deck cabin on cruise, transfers, transportation, tours and meals as stated.



## SHIMLA EXTENSION 5 DAY TOUR



Toy Train, Shimla, India

### Day 1 New Delhi to Shimla

In the morning, you will be transferred to the railway station to board the train to Kalka with a packed breakfast.

Arrive at Kalka, then you will be transferred to the Toy Train, a narrow gauge line covering almost 100 km, where the top speed rarely exceeds 20 mph.

Once you arrive in Shimla, you will be transferred to your hotel for check in. The rest of the evening is at leisure.

### Day 2 Shimla

The morning starts with a visit to the Vice-regal Lodge. This also happens to be the place where the partition of India into two parts, India and Pakistan was planned on the world map. The British architecture here is amazing; the wooden work inside the building is still kept alive as it was during the British rule.

After the tour of this impressive building visit a Hindu temple containing shrines to the many and various Hindu gods. After lunch, enjoy a leisurely stroll back along the Mall to Scandal Point.

En route, it may be possible to have a quick look inside the Gaiety Theatre or Christ Church. Alternatively find a spot for refreshments whilst viewing snow-capped Himalayan peaks (if weather is clear).

### Day 3 Shimla

Today after breakfast, your day is at leisure to explore the city on your own.

### Day 4 Shimla to New Delhi

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Kalka railway station to board train to Delhi.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for check in.

### Day 5 Depart Delhi

Today morning is at leisure until transfer to the International airport to board flight for onward destination.

### Prices

#### Price on request

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## AMRITSAR EXTENSION 4 DAY TOUR



Golden Temple

### Day 1 New Delhi to Amritsar

In the morning after a leisurely breakfast, proceed to New Delhi Railway station to board the train to Amritsar.

### Day 2 Amritsar

After the breakfast, proceed to visit the sacred shrine, Golden Temple. It is also known as Hari Mandir Sahib or Darbar Sahib. Golden Temple is the chief Gurudwara (Temple) in Sikhism and the holiest site. There is a pond near the Golden Temple; many devotees pay their obeisance in Amritsar. Golden Temple serves free meals over hundred thousand people every day.

### Day 3 Amritsar to New Delhi

After the breakfast, visit the historical place Jallianwala Bagh. Post lunch, enjoy shopping at the local bazaars and have a great time.

### Day 4 Departure New Delhi

Our representative will meet you at the hotel's lobby and will provide you transfer to the International airport to board your flight back to UK.



Golden Temple Pond

### Prices

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## VARANASI EXTENSION 4 DAY TOUR



Bharat Mata Temple

### Day 1 Delhi to Varanasi

After breakfast, ride a train to Varanasi. Our representative will meet you on arrival at Varanasi railway station. Transfer to your hotel where you will check in for your stay.

Later in the evening, watch the illuminated Aarti ceremony with boat ride that is performed at Dasahwamedh Ghat.

### Day 2 Varanasi

After breakfast, visit some of the other important sites in the city with your guide. Dotted with temples, the city's principle shrine is the Vishwanath temple, dedicated to Shiva. In the afternoon take an excursion to the Buddhist city of Sarnath just outside Varanasi.

### Day 3 Varanasi to Delhi

Your day is at leisure to explore the city. In the afternoon, drive to Varanasi Railway station and board train to Delhi.

### Day 4 Departure Delhi

Our representative will meet you at the hotel's lobby and will provide you the assisted departure transfer to the International airport to board your flight back to UK.



Aarti Ceremony

### Prices

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# INDIA CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

India, often described as a land of diverse cultures, is a captivating destination that offers a rich tapestry of experiences. With its millennia-old history, India boasts a vibrant mosaic of traditions, languages, cuisines, and art forms. From the majestic temples of Varanasi and the serene backwaters of Kerala to the bustling markets of Delhi and the colorful festivities of Holi and Diwali, India is a country that never fails to enthrall its visitors.

## Visit Wagah Border

From Amritsar 35kms on the road to Lahore (Pakistan), is the India-Pakistan border, which is also known as Attari-Wagah border. A visit to the border is an interesting experience, especially at sunset, when the retreat ceremony takes place with the Border Security Force (B.S.F.) on the Indian side and The Sutlej Rangers on the Pakistan side performing a well-co-ordinated and spectacular display which compares very favourably with the changing of the guard in London.



## Explore Jama Masjid

Built in 17th century by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, it features the best of Hindu and Islamic architecture. It has three gates, four towers and two 40m high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. The mosque houses several relics of Islamic religious significance like an age old transcript of the Quran printed on deer skin and a red beard-hair of the Holy Prophet Mohammad.



## Discover the World's Largest Sundial

Built by the Rajput King Sawai Jai Singh in the 18th century, Jantar Mantar boasts a collection of 19 architectural astronomical instruments. It features the world's largest stone sundial and is UNESCO World Heritage site. The monument features masonry, stone and brass instruments that were built using astronomy and instrument design principles of ancient Hindu Sanskrit texts.

## Morning Boat Ride at Varanasi

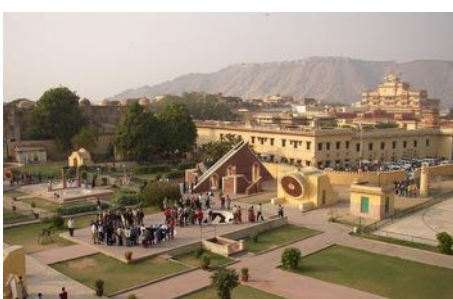
Varanasi's unique culture is associated to the River Ganges, where life and death intermingle. The best way to experience Varanasi is to take an early morning boat ride down the Ganges. Witness the activities at the ghats where the living flock pray with the belief that bathing in the waters of the sacred river would result in the remission of their sins, while the ashes of the dead are scattered in the water to break the cycle of reincarnation and let the soul rise to enlightenment.

## Experience Diwali Festival

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of India's most celebrated and cherished festivals. It marks the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil, rooted in Hindu mythology. During Diwali, the streets are adorned with a dazzling array of oil lamps, candles, and colorful decorations, creating a magical and enchanting ambiance. Families come together to exchange gifts and share delectable traditional sweets, strengthening bonds and fostering a sense of unity. The festivities also include lighting fireworks, visiting temples, and participating in prayers, making Diwali an immersive and spiritually enriching experience.

## Evening Boat Ride to Witness Aartis

Every evening, an illuminated aarti is performed at Dasahwamedh Ghat. The boat will be halted right at the steps for the best view. The presiding priests stand on a wooden Chauki in the water. To the chant of Sanskrit mantras and the clash of cymbals and drums, the river is worshipped with flowers, incense, sandalwood, milk and vermilion. First the blazing camphor lamp and then the many flamed aarti lamps are raised high and then arched back to the water, the dark river reflecting the golden flames as Ganges accepts the worship. It is the Ganges that gives Varanasi its spiritual resonance.

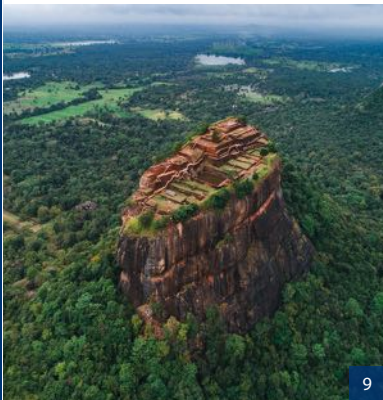
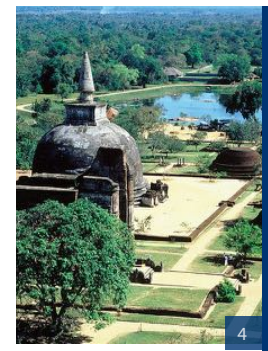


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**1 DAMBULLA**  
The large town of Dambulla is located in central Sri Lanka, in the Matale District, and is home to one of the country's cultural highlights, the UNESCO World Heritage Site - Dambulla Cave Temples. It is the largest and best-preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. The caves contain Buddhist art and sculptures, and the exterior of the caves is adorned with a large Gold Buddha.

**2 KANDY**  
Kandy is a friendly city in the centre of the country. It is known for the Buddhist temple, the Temple of the Tooth, which reportedly houses a tooth of Buddha. It is set amidst verdant mountains and is home to the scenic Kandy Lake.

**3 PASSIKUDAH**  
A coastal resort and scenic fishing village on the east coast of the country with lovely white sand beaches. It's clear, shallow waters make it ideal for swimming and snorkelling, with a reef that runs across the bay. An ideal place for a few days relaxing by the beach. Best for beach stays from March to September.

**4 POLONNARUWA**  
Located in the central eastern part of the country, Polonnaruwa is one of the most important cultural sites in Sri Lanka and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was a medieval capital dating back to the 11th century, and is home to a fascinating collection of temples and ruins.

**5 GALLE**  
On the southwest coast, the city of Galle was founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century. It is a delightful city with a mixture of Portuguese, Dutch and British colonial architecture. Galle Fort, which was built on a rocky peninsula, makes for an interesting visit.

**6 COLOMBO**  
The capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo, is located on the west coast of the island, around 35 kilometres from the international airport. Colombo has a history as a port and was ruled by the Portuguese, Dutch and British. The architecture in the city reflects this with a fusion of modern and colonial-style buildings.

**7 WADDUWA**  
The fishing village of Wadduwa is on the western coast around 33km south of Colombo, and is home to some of the country's best golden sand beaches. Wadduwa has a relaxed, laid-back atmosphere, is good for water sports and has a few bars, restaurants and boutiques. Best for beach stays from October to April.

**8 NUWARA ELIYA**  
Situated in central Sri Lanka, this area is known as the predominant tea growing region with its numerous tea plantations. It is often referred to as "Little England" as it has a cooler climate and was favoured by the English who pioneered Sri Lanka's tea industry.

**9 SIGIRIYA**  
Sigiriya is known for its Cave Temples and its rock fortress which lies near the town of Dambulla. From here it is also easy to visit Anuradhapura, the first capital of Sri Lanka, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Polonnaruwa, an ancient city filled with ruins and temples. Minneriya National Park is also nearby where a jeep safari can be enjoyed to spot wildlife including elephants, deer and a variety of birdlife.

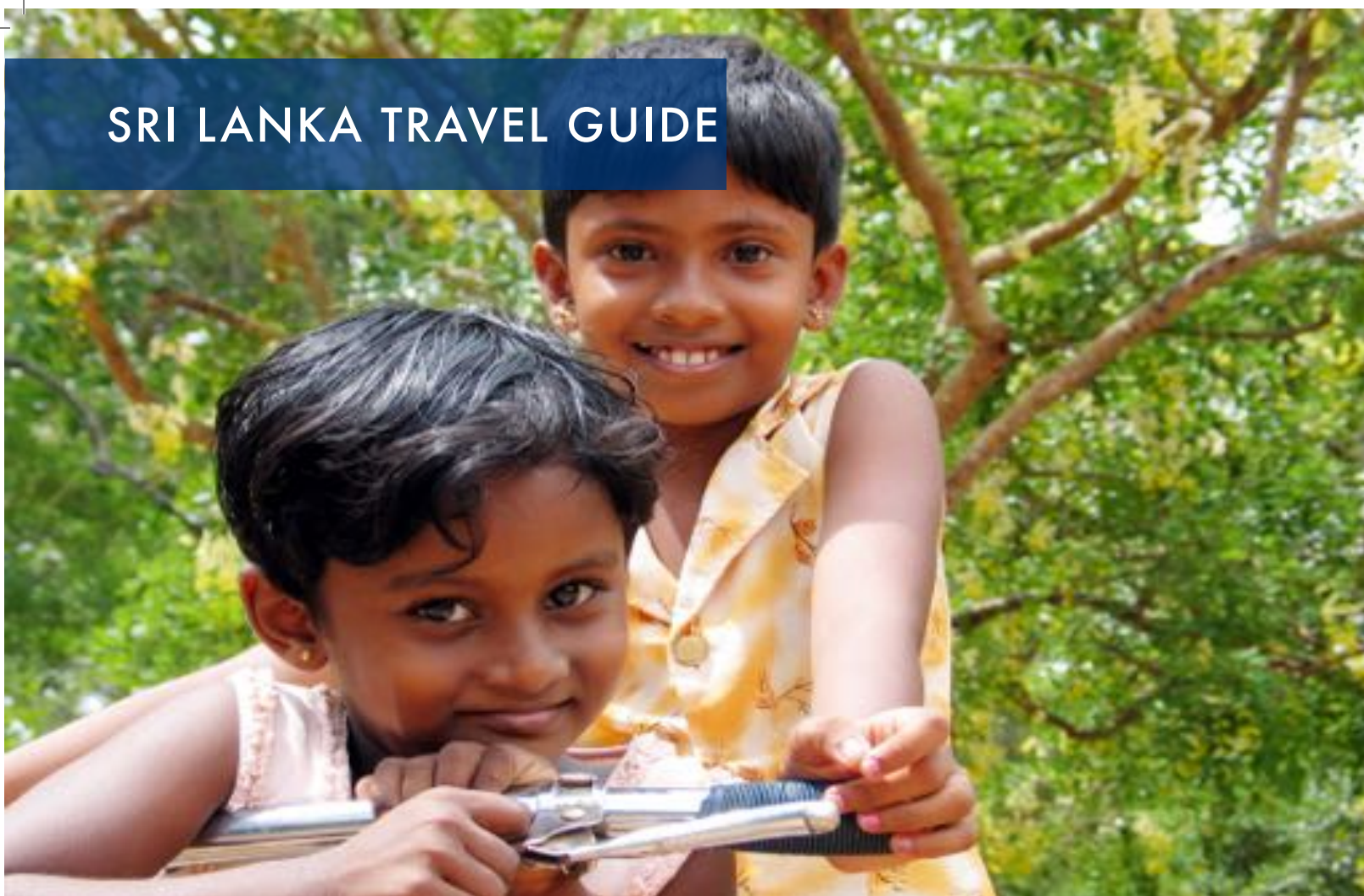
**10 NEGOMBO**  
Just a short distance north of Colombo, Negombo is a beach resort with a selection of accommodation and golden sand beaches. It is also convenient for its proximity to the airport. Best for beach stays from October to April.

**11 BERUWALA**  
A popular beach resort on the south-western coast of Sri Lanka, Beruwala makes a great place to spend a few days relaxing after your tour. There is a good selection of hotels here and a lovely stretch of golden sand beach. Best for beach stays from October to April.

**12 TRINCOMALEE**  
A port city on the northeast coast of Sri Lanka, set on a peninsula, it has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. Trincomalee has a rich history and is home to Fort Frederick and an array of temples. There are fine beaches here too, providing a great place to relax at the end of your tour. Best for beach stays from March to September.

**13 YALA NATIONAL PARK**  
Sri Lanka's most renowned National Park, Yala, is in the southeast of the country and encompasses a large area of forest, savannah and lagoons. It is home to an incredible array of wildlife, including elephants, leopards, crocodiles, monkeys and buffaloes.

# SRI LANKA TRAVEL GUIDE



## FLIGHTS

Your flights are an important part of your travel experience, so we only work with reputable international airlines. Your tour will include direct flights to Sri Lanka from London Heathrow with Sri Lankan Airlines. Flight time to Colombo is 10 hours, 45 minutes. Flights are offered subject to availability, an alternative airline may be offered instead such as Emirates, Etihad or Qatar Airways. Upgrades to business class are available upon request. We are also able to arrange regional departures from most UK airports. Emirates offer a comprehensive service via Dubai with many UK regional departures, allowing a free stopover in Dubai. Please feel free to contact us for further details on your preferred flight options and, if required, upgrades.

If you have purchased your own international flights for our group tours, we will provide return transfers between the airport and hotel.

## TRAINS

Although the railway network coverage in Sri Lanka is not vast and the services are fairly slow, some routes offer beautiful scenic views and make for a nice way to see some of the country. First class carriages have cushioned seats and air conditioning, while second class has soft seats but no air conditioning.

## TAXIS

Taxis and tuk tuks are available locally in larger towns and cities and offer a cheap and easy way to get around in the local vicinity.

## COACHES & VEHICLES

All our air-conditioned coaches and vehicles provide you with comfort and safety throughout your tour. Coaches do not generally have a toilet on board but comfort stops can be made to break up longer journeys.

## VISA

Visitors to Sri Lanka should apply for an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) in advance of travel at a fee of US\$35 per person. This should be done online which is a straight-forward process and will give you a Tourist Visa which will be valid for double entry for 30 days. It is also possible to apply for your visa on arrival in Sri Lanka at a fee of US\$40. However, we recommend that you apply in advance for your convenience and in order to have a smooth transit through immigration upon arrival.

## MONEY

The currency in Sri Lanka is the Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR), which is divided into 100 cents. Banknotes come in denominations of: 20, 50, 100, 500, 1,000 and 5,000. There are banks, money changers and ATMs in various locations around the country. You can also use your Visa, Mastercard and American Express cards at many restaurants and boutiques.

**TIPPING**

While it may not always be expected, tips can go a long way and are a great way to show your appreciation. We would generally suggest that you should tip your guide/driver and we can advise you on appropriate amounts.

**LANGUAGE**

Sinhala is the most widely spoken language in Sri Lanka, followed by Tamil. Both of these are the two official languages in the country. English is also fairly widely spoken.

**CUISINE**

The cuisine in Sri Lanka has been influenced by many factors both historic and cultural, from neighbouring countries and contact with foreign traders who introduced new ingredients to the country. The main feature of Sri Lankan cuisine is boiled or steamed rice, usually served with curries made from fish, chicken, lamb, vegetables or lentils. Sri Lanka is also known for its freshly caught seafood, and coconut, chilli and other spices are popular ingredients in Sri Lankan cooking. Sri Lanka is also one of the world's biggest producers of tea and the Pure Ceylon tea is considered to be some of the finest produced anywhere.

**WEATHER**

The climate in Sri Lanka generally makes it suitable for travel all year round. It is a tropical climate with distinct dry and wet seasons. There are two monsoon seasons; the south-western monsoon brings rain to the south-west from around May to September and the north-eastern monsoon brings rain to the north-east from around mid-October to February.

**SMALL GROUP TOURS**

Our Sri Lanka group tour is based on named 4★ and 5★ accommodation. The size of the group will be up to a maximum of 20 people, unless otherwise specified, sharing transport, local guides and meals with fellow passengers. These tours are recommended for those who like a fixed schedule, pre-ordered meals and enjoy meeting and socialising with like-minded travellers. Small group tours have set departure dates with the option to extend your stay by the beach for a few days.

**TAILOR-MADE JOURNEYS**

For those who prefer a more independent travel experience rather than travelling as part of a group, or if you have a specific itinerary in mind, let us tailor-make your entire holiday designed specifically around your needs. Equipped with our specialist knowledge and first-hand experience, we will create a personal and independent itinerary just for you.

**BEACH STAYS**

Sri Lanka, and the nearby islands of the Maldives, have a wide array of fantastic beach hotels and resorts. Why not combine a tour of Sri Lanka's fascinating interior with a relaxing stay by the beach? We are able to offer a varied selection of resorts, or speak to your Personal Travel Advisor for further details.

The Average Temperatures												
Temp °C	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Colombo	27	27	28	29	29	28	28	28	28	27	27	27
Negombo	26	26	27	28	28	28	27	28	28	27	27	26
Kandy	25	26	27	28	28	27	28	27	26	26	25	25
Yala National Park	28	29	30	30	29	28	29	29	28	29	28	28
Nuwara Eliya	17	18	19	21	21	19	19	18	19	19	18	17
Beruwala	27	28	29	29	29	29	30	30	28	28	28	28
Sigiriya	25	25	27	29	28	30	31	30	28	28	26	25
Galle	27	27	28	28	28	28	28	28	27	27	27	27
Wadduwa	27	28	28	29	29	28	28	28	28	28	27	27
Trincomalee	25	25	27	29	29	30	31	30	28	28	26	25
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Sigiriya Rock Fortress

Sri Lanka has so much to offer visitors; diverse landscapes, compelling culture, historic monuments, national parks, wildlife, sandy beaches, and delicious cuisine, there really is something for everyone. Your journey starts in the capital Colombo, then on to Sigiriya, visiting the imposing rock fortress and the ancient city of Polonnaruwa. Continue to the lakeside town of Kandy and onwards to the hill country of Nuwara Eliya, famous for its fields of emerald green tea bushes. After enjoying time on safari at Yala National Park, your tour ends with some rest and relaxation beside the beach.

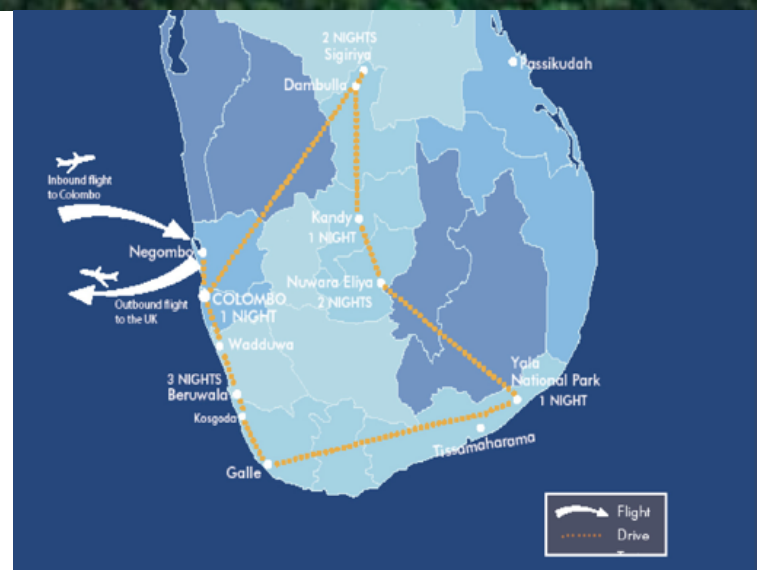
### Your 4★ and 5★ Sample Accommodation

**Colombo:** Hilton Colombo  
**Sigiriya:** Amaara Forest Hotel  
**Kandy:** Golden Crown  
**Nuwara Eliya:** Golden Ridge  
**Yala:** Ekho Safari Tissa  
**Beruwala:** Cinnamon Bey

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Colombo

You will take a scheduled flight from the UK to Colombo.



#### Day 2 Arrive Colombo (D)

Arrive at Colombo International Airport, where you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day is free at leisure. Perhaps explore Colombo's interesting clothing, food and tea boutiques. Enjoy dinner this evening and meet your fellow travellers.

#### Day 3 Colombo to Dambulla and to Sigiriya (BD)

After breakfast journey towards Dambulla and the famous Dambulla Cave Temples. These cave temples have been treasured by many kings since the 1st century B.C. The temple complex houses unique drawings and exquisite cave paintings as well as 150 statues of Buddha. The exterior of the cave is adorned with a gigantic Buddha statue glittering in gold. Continue to Sigiriya.



**Day 4 Sigiriya to Polonnaruwa, Minneriya and Sigiriya (BD)**

After breakfast drive to Polonnaruwa. Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city of Polonnaruwa was once the medieval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu. Walk across the scattered walls of the World Heritage Site, dotted with stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures. You can notice a subtle Hindu influence on the architecture and statues found in Polonnaruwa.

Continue to Minneriya. Explore the wilderness of Minneriya National Park by Jeep Safari. Spreading over 8,800 hectares, this is a sanctuary for elephants, herds of deer and a variety of birdlife. Here you may witness one of the largest elephant gatherings in the world – usually over 700 at a time - which makes the park a must-see for wildlife enthusiasts across the globe.

**Day 5 Sigiriya Rock to Kandy (BD)**

After breakfast visit Sigiriya Rock Fortress. The 5th century rock citadel of King Kasyapa is a World Heritage Site. It showcases ancient Sri Lankan engineering and superior urban planning skills and is also one of the finest monuments of art and culture. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws', overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens below, to appreciate the splendor that once dominated this rock fortress.

Explore the museum to learn more about this incredible sight. Drive onwards to Kandy and check in at your hotel. Enjoy an afternoon stroll across this small lakeside town, with a visit to the Kandy Bazaar, an arts and crafts centre, as well as a gem museum. In the evening visit Kandy Temple and witness a fascinating cultural show. Kandy Temple, also known as the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is dedicated to Buddha.

**Day 6 Kandy to Nuwara Eliya (BD)**

After breakfast drive to Nuwara Eliya. Today you will tour a tea plantation to see the lush green carpeted fields where Sri Lanka's tea grows. Visit the tea factory, witness the tea making process and be sure to end your day in style over a perfectly blended cup of pure Ceylon Tea! Continue to Nuwara Eliya, travelling along misty steep roads, twisting through fields of verdant tea bushes to the renowned British colonial retreat, Nuwara Eliya. The climate here is cooler with an English countryside atmosphere. The city of light, once governed by English and Scottish planters, is still studded with colonial bungalows and hedgerows.

**Day 7 Nuwara Eliya (BD)**

Day at leisure to relax and enjoy the beautiful landscapes surrounding your hotel.

**Day 8 Nuwara Eliya to Yala (BD)**

After breakfast transfer from Nuwara Eliya to Yala. Yala National Park, which covers an area of 1,259 km<sup>2</sup>, consisting of grasslands, dunes and vegetation, and is home to a large variety of wildlife. Species that live here include elephant, sloth bear, spotted deer, jackal, and the park has one of the highest density of leopards in the world. It is also home to a wide-ranging and extensive population of birdlife.

This afternoon enjoy a jeep safari in Yala National Park.

Note: Yala Park is closed from September to Mid October - all guests who have Yala National Park on their tour itinerary during this time will either be taken to Udawalawe National Park, Bundala National Park or Block 5 of Yala National Park.

**Day 9 Yala to Galle, Kosgodra and to Beruwala (BD)**

After breakfast, transfer from Yala to Galle. Located in the south of the country, Galle is a Dutch-Portuguese colonial town, known for its fortified old city founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century. The architecture reflects influences from the Portuguese, Dutch and British, and this unique heritage has been preserved for more than three and a half centuries.

Explore Galle, before stopping at the Kosgodra Turtle Hatchery, where eight species of turtle are known to exist, and continue towards Beruwala, a coastal town on the West Coast of the Island.

**Days 10-11 Beruwala (BD)**

At leisure in Beruwala to unwind and relax on the beach.

**Day 12 Fly to the UK (B)**

Transfer to Colombo International Airport for your flight to the UK.



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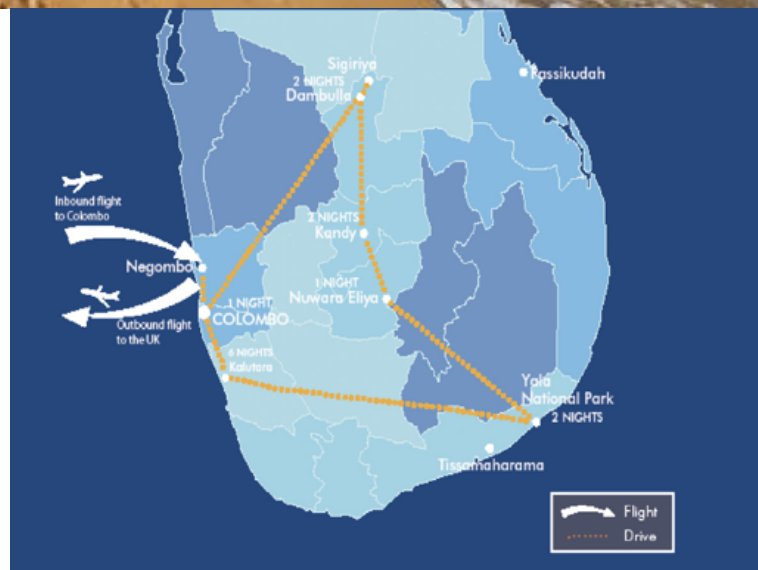


## SRI LANKA TOUR & BEACH

### 16 DAY TOUR from £2,799

Beach in Sri Lanka

Explore some of Sri Lanka's cultural and scenic highlights on this 16 day tour to remember. Starting in cosmopolitan Colombo, move on to Dambulla in the Cultural Triangle, to explore the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. Maybe spend time at the Elephant Freedom Project in Kandy, before some tea tasting in Nuwara Eliya. After enjoying time on safari at Yala National Park, your tour ends with some rest and relaxation beside the beach.



#### Day 1 Fly to Colombo

Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Colombo.

#### Day 2 Arrive Colombo

Arrive at Colombo International Airport, where you will be welcomed by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day is free at leisure to relax, or perhaps explore Colombo's interesting clothing, food and tea boutiques.

#### Day 3 Colombo to Dambulla (BD)

Drive to Dambulla this morning, which is located in the Cultural Triangle, the central plains area which boasts an abundance of temple ruins and ancient cities, combined with national parks and glistening reservoirs. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### Your 4★ Sample Accommodation

**Colombo: Kingsbury Hotel**

**Dambulla: Amaya Lake**

**Kandy: Amaya Hills**

**Nuwara Eliya: Langdale by Amaya**

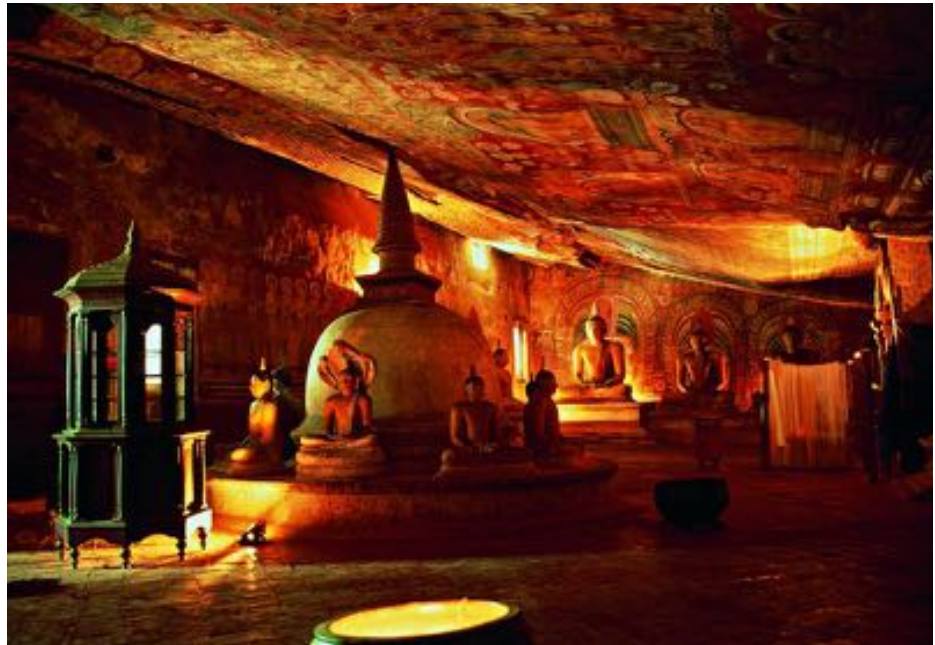
**Yala: Jetwing Yala**

**Kalutara: Avani Kalutara**

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

**Day 4 Dambulla (BD)**

After breakfast, visit the Sigiriya Rock Fortress. The 5th century rock citadel of King Kasyapa is a World Heritage Site, and showcases ancient Sri Lankan engineering and superior urban planning skills, as well as being one of the finest monuments to art and culture. Step through the gigantic 'Lion Paws', overlooking the symmetrical royal gardens below, to appreciate the splendour that once dominated this rock fortress. This afternoon, explore the medieval capital of Sri Lanka, Polonnaruwa. Rising with the decline of Anuradhapura, the city was once the medieval capital and crown jewel of King Parakramabahu I. Walk across the scattered walls of the World Heritage Site, dotted with stupas, resting Buddha statues, irrigation canals and fantastically carved Hindu sculptures.



**Day 5 Dambulla to Kandy (BD)**

Morning departure for Kandy, stopping en-route to visit the Rock Cave Temples of Dambulla, one of the largest and best preserved cave temple complexes in Sri Lanka. Located in the north central province, this UNESCO World Heritage Site dates back to the 1st century BC, and is an amazing labyrinth of five caves. In the evening, experience an exhilarating show of traditional cultural dances.

**Day 6 Kandy (BD)**

Morning at leisure, or optional trip to the Elephant Freedom Project. In the evening visit the Temple of the Tooth in time for the "Pooja" ceremony. The temple is famous for its carvings and the beautiful art, unique to Sri Lanka.

**Day 7 Kandy to Nuwara Eliya (BD)**

Following breakfast, drive to Nuwara Eliya, to visit a tea plantation and a tea factory where one of the best teas in the world is produced. You will be told all about the process of manufacturing tea and have the opportunity for a tasting.

**Day 8 Nuwara Eliya to Yala (B)**

This morning, set off for Yala. Arrive at your accommodation, and the rest of the day will be at leisure. Note: During Yala Park closure from September to Mid October - All guests who have Yala National Park in their tour itinerary will either be taken to Udawalawe National Park, Bundala National Park or Block 5 of Yala National Park.

**Day 9 Yala (B)**

Today after breakfast you will embark on an exciting journey into the Yala National Park by jeep safari. Yala National Park is home to elephant, leopard, bear, crocodile and wild boar. The Park covers an area of 97,800 hectares, and is the second largest of Sri Lanka's National Parks. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 10 Yala to Kalutara (B)**

Travel to Kalutara on the southern coast of the island and check in on arrival. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Days 11-15 Kalutara (B)**

Days at leisure.

**Day 16 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

NOTE: The sample tour above is recommended for travel from October to April, with a beach stay on the south coast. For travel from May to September we recommend doing the itinerary in reverse with a beach stay on the east coast. For more details, please speak to our experienced Personal Travel Advisors.



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# EXPLORE SRI LANKA

## 16 DAY TOUR FROM £3,199

Resting Leopard, Sri Lanka



Discover this fascinating and diverse country, revealing an abundance of sights and experiences. See Sri Lanka's impressive cultural and historic sights, colonial highlights, and explore some of the country's finest wildlife parks.



**Day 1 Fly to Colombo**  
Take a scheduled flight from the UK to Colombo.

**Day 2 Colombo to Galle**  
Arrive at Colombo International Airport, where you will be welcomed and transferred to your hotel in Galle.

**Day 3 Galle (B)**  
Enjoy a city tour of Galle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including the fort and ramparts and the New Oriental Hotel, built for a Dutch governor in 1684. Then visit the Kosgodu Turtle Hatchery, to support their conservation work.

**Day 4 Galle to Udawalawe (BD)**  
Today, leave the Dutch architecture and drive to Udawalawe.

**Day 5 Udawalawe (BD)**  
Visit the Elephant Transit Home, which nurtures orphaned juvenile elephants, before releasing them into the wild, and enjoy an afternoon safari of Udawalawe National Park. The park is known for several species of deer, wild boar, wild buffalo, jackal and rare sightings of leopard!

**Day 6 Udawalawe to Ella (BD)**  
This morning head to the hilly region

of Ella, one of Sri Lanka's best kept secrets. A remote hamlet in the central highlands, it has some of the island's best hiking routes, amazing mountain views and spectacular sunrises.

**Day 7 Ella (BD)**  
Make your way up Little Adams Peak, an enjoyable walk meandering through tea plantations, and take in the breathtaking views of Ella Rock, Ravana Falls and the valley below. Afterwards, continue to the famous Nine Arches Bridge, and the stunning Ravana Ella Waterfalls.

**Day 8 Ella to Kandy (BD)**  
Travel to Kandy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and drive around Kandy Lake built by the last Sinhala King, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe, in 1806. In the evening, visit the Temple of the Tooth in time for the "Pooja" ceremony, and experience an exquisite show of traditional dances.

**Day 9 Kandy to Habarana (BD)**  
Transfer to Habarana, in the Cultural Triangle, an area that boasts an abundance of temple ruins, ancient cities, national parks and glistening reservoirs. Visit the Rock Cave Temples of Dambulla, one of the

largest and best preserved cave temple sites in Sri Lanka.

**Day 10 Sigiriya Rock Fortress (BD)**  
An early start today as you set off to climb to the magnificent Sigiriya Rock Fortress, one of Sri Lanka's most recognisable attractions. This afternoon, drive to Minneriya National Park (depending on the elephant movement, you may visit the nearby Kaudulla National Park or Eco Park instead).

**Day 11 Habarana to Trincomalee (BD)**  
Drive to Trincomalee on the east coast, best known for its harbour, which has seen the ships of the Portuguese, Dutch and British, among others. The rest of the day is at leisure.

**Day 12 Trincomalee (BD)**  
Take a boat to Pigeon Island, a great place for snorkelling and sun

bathing. In the afternoon, enjoy a city tour of Trincomalee, visiting the World War II cemetery, Fort Fredrick, and the famous Koneswaram Temple.

**Day 13 Trincomalee (BD)**  
Day at leisure.

**Day 14 Trincomalee to Negombo (B)**  
Continue to Negombo, a fishing village and beach resort north of Colombo. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 15 Negombo (B)**  
Day at leisure.

**Day 16 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.



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## SRI LANKA BEACH STAYS

Sri Lanka has an abundance of coastal resorts offering a range of accommodation ideal for a relaxing stay on Sri Lanka's golden sand beaches. Following your escorted group tour, or as part of a tailor made arrangement, why not spend a few days relaxing at the end of your holiday? In order to avoid the monsoon rains the west and south-west coasts are best from October to April and the east coast from May to September.



**Lantern Boutique Hotel, Mirissa**

Price from £575 per person on twin share for 5 nights.  
Accommodation with breakfast (flight and transfer costs not included).

The Lantern Boutique Hotel is a charming resort located on the south coast alongside lovely white sandy beaches. Modern guestrooms provide amenities such as flat-screen TV, DVD player and a balcony with outdoor seating area. There is an outdoor swimming pool and the restaurant serves freshly prepared local and international cuisine.



**Anilana Nilaveli, Trincomalee**

Price from £270 per person on twin share for 5 nights.  
Accommodation with breakfast (flight and transfer costs not included).

A luxurious beach resort located on Nilaveli Beach, in the interesting eastern coastal town of Trincomalee. The resort offers two outdoor swimming pools, a café, two bars, three restaurants, a garden and a roof terrace. Guest rooms are comfortable with modern amenities, a

## MALDIVES BEACH STAYS

The Maldives, a south Asian sovereign state, is located in the Indian Ocean and consists of 26 atolls which are made up of 1,000 coral islands. Known for its stunning white sand beaches, blue lagoons and luxurious beach resorts, it is the ultimate tropical paradise destination to relax after your tour.



**Cinnamon Dhonveli**

Price from £949 per person on twin share for 5 nights  
Accommodation on all inclusive and return transfers from Male Airport  
Set in an idyllic location, this superior hotel offers comfortable accommodation around 20 minutes by speedboat transfer from Male International Airport. The resort enjoys powder white sands surrounded by crystal turquoise seas, perfect for swimming and other watersports. Accommodation is in spacious rooms with thatched wood ceilings, modern amenities and a private balcony. There is an outdoor swimming pool, an excellent spa, five dining options and two bars enjoying oceanfront views.



**Adaaran Select Hudhuranfushi**

Price from £995 per person on twin share for 5 nights  
Accommodation on all inclusive and return transfers from Male Airport  
Located on Lhohifushi Island, around a 30-minute speedboat transfer from Male International Airport, this deluxe resort offers a fantastic tropical waterside location to enjoy the powder soft beaches and clear seas. Accommodation is in villas which are either beachside or over-water, with modern comforts and amenities. There is an outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, a spa, two bars, an international buffet restaurant, as well as a restaurant serving seafood.

# SRI LANKA CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

There are many different activities and experiences that can be included in your perfect itinerary to Sri Lanka. These can be focused on culture, food, wild-life, scenery or leisure pursuits to name but a few. Below are a few ideas that can be incorporated into your tour. Please contact us for further details and prices on any of the experiences and activities below.



## Whale Watching

Whale watching is available off the south coast of the island from November to March. Departing early, enjoy a boat ride with a naturalist guide to look for whales and dolphins. There are several species that can potentially be spotted including Blue Whales, Sperm Whales, Killer Whales and several species of dolphins.

## Scenic Train Journeys

There are several recommended train journeys in Sri Lanka that are known for stunning scenery and can easily be included in your tailor-made tour. The journeys between Kandy and Nuwara Eliya and Kandy and Ella are particularly known for their scenic beauty. Travelling by train from Colombo to Galle is also highly recommended as the train first travels through the city then follows the coast and then travels through the countryside.



## Hot Air Balloon Rides

Enjoy an early morning hot air balloon ride, the ideal way to experience the sunrise. Hot Air balloon rides can be done in the Cultural Triangle area around Dambulla and Sigiriya. They are operated seasonally, usually from November to April, please contact us for further details.



## Cookery Lesson in a Spice Garden

Spend time in one of Sri Lanka's many spice gardens and see exotic spices growing in their natural environment. Enjoy a cooking class led by an expert in Sri Lankan cuisine and try your hand at creating some tasty Sri Lankan dishes.



## Attend a Cricket Match

When the British colonised Sri Lanka more than two centuries ago, they introduced the island to the game of cricket. Sri Lanka is now well-known for playing cricket and there are various opportunities for taking in a match during your stay. Contact us for further details.

# SRI LANKA ACCOMMODATION



Tour hotel

**Colombo: Hilton Colombo 5★**  
The comfortable and spacious guestrooms have city views, and there is an outdoor pool. Dining options include an Italian Restaurant and the open-air Curry Leaf Restaurant.



Tour hotel

**Sigiriya: Amaara Forest Hotel 4★**  
Conveniently located around 3 miles from Sigiriya Rock, the hotel offers an outdoor swimming pool. Guestrooms are comfortable with air conditioning and modern amenities.



Tour hotel

**Kandy: Golden Crown 5★**  
Set amongst paddy fields, the guestrooms have air conditioning and modern amenities. There is a pool with a swim-up bar, three restaurants, a bar and an Irish pub.



Tour hotel

**Nuwara Eliya: Golden Ridge Hotel 5★**  
Set amongst scenic tea plantations, the Golden Ridge Hotel offers guestrooms with scenic views. There is an indoor swimming pool, restaurant and a Tea Lounge.

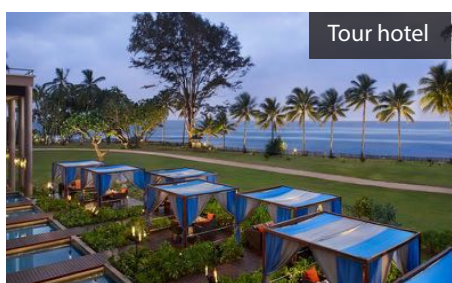


**Nuwara Eliya: Langdale by Amaya 4★**  
This luxury boutique hotel offers spacious and beautifully-appointed guestrooms, reminiscent of the Tea Estate era.



Tour hotel

**Yala: Ekho Safari Tissa 4★**  
Spacious guestrooms have modern facilities and the on-site restaurant overlooks the lake and serves a selection of international cuisine.



Tour hotel

**Beruwala: Cinnamon Bay 5★**  
The well-equipped modern guestrooms offer air conditioning, minibar, satellite TV, and a private balcony with sea views. There is an outdoor pool, fitness centre and spa.



**Passikudah: Maalu Maalu Resort 5★**  
Located on the eastern coast of Sri Lanka on the sandy shores of Passikudah Bay. This resort offers an inviting infinity pool, a spa offering a range of treatments, 2 bars and 2 restaurants.



**Trincomalee: Jungle Beach 5★**  
Located beside a golden sand beach, the resort offers many activities, as well as comfortable guestrooms with modern amenities, a restaurant and outdoor pool.



**Galle: The Fort Printers 5★**  
Located close to the famous Galle Fort and Lighthouse, guestrooms offer modern amenities. There is an outdoor pool, free WiFi and restaurant.



**Ella: 98 Acres Resort 5★**  
This luxurious boutique hotel offers spacious guestrooms with modern amenities, free WiFi, an outdoor pool, a spa and wellness centre, a bar and a restaurant.



**Kalutara: Avani Kalutara 5★**  
Set amongst lush gardens on the Kalu Ganga River, the guestrooms have modern facilities and WiFi. There is an outdoor pool, fitness centre, luxurious spa and 2 restaurants.

# CHINA



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**1 BEIJING** - The capital of China is brimming with world class historical palaces and monuments, including the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, The Summer Palace and the Great Wall of China.

**2 XIAN** - One of China's historic capital cities, it is famed for the Terracotta Warriors. The ancient city wall, best explored by bicycle, and the Shaanxi Museum, are also must-sees.

**3 SHANGHAI** - A vibrant city with great shopping and dining opportunities. Highlights include the Yu Yuan Gardens, the Jade Buddha Temple, and The Bund. An evening cruise along the Huang Pu River is a must.

**4 YANGTZE RIVER** - The longest river in Asia, is of major importance to China. Join a relaxing cruise, to view the majestic scenery and explore cultural sites including the Three Gorges Dam.

**5 GUILIN - LI RIVER - YANGSHUO** - Visit Guilin for the Reed Flute Caves, the Longshen rice fields, and the start of the scenic Li River, which meanders along to the beautiful Yangshuo area.

**6 SICHUAN** - Known for its mouth-watering cuisine, and as the home of the Giant Panda. Mount Emei, the Leshan Buddha, and the rock carvings in Dazu, can be visited from Chengdu.

**7 TAIWAN** - With its dramatic landscapes, diverse folk traditions and vibrant night markets, Taiwan really does have something for everyone.

**8 HONG KONG** - The islands top attractions include the tram to Victoria Peak, the Lantau Island cable car to the Tian Tan Buddha, and the Star Ferry across Victoria Harbour.

**9 YUNNAN** - Bordering Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar, highlights include Tiger Leaping Gorge, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, the Stone Forest near Kunming and the ancient towns of Dali and Lijiang.

**10 TIBET** - Lhasa Tibet's capital, is home to the Potala Palace, the former residence of the Dalai Lama. Drive along the Friendship Highway to Yamdrok Lake and on to Shigatse and Gyantse.

**11 SHANXI** - Shanxi has much to discover, including Pingyao, the Hanging Monastery near Datong, the Yungang Grottoes, the Yingxian Wooden Pagoda, Mount Wutai and the Hukou Waterfalls.

**12 SANYA** - With a warm climate and famed as the 'Hawaii of the Orient', relax on white sandy beaches, enjoying an array of water sports and the opportunity to go hiking in the rainforests.

# CHINA TRAVEL GUIDE



## FLIGHTS

Your flights are an important part of your Links Travel & Tours experience. We only work with reputable airlines for both international and domestic routes and all of our group tours to China include direct flights with British Airways from London Heathrow. British Airways fly direct to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong, and upgrades to World Traveller Plus and Business Class are available on request. Other available airlines include SAS, KLM, Air France and Lufthansa. We are also able to arrange regional departures from most UK airports. Emirates offer a comprehensive service via Dubai, where you are allowed a free stopover. Please note that all flights are offered subject to availability. If you have purchased your own international flights for our group tours, we will provide return transfers between the airport and hotel.

## TRAINS

Domestic train travel in China is a wonderful way to meet local Chinese travellers and see more of the countryside between destinations, in relaxed comfort. With the expansion of China's high-speed rail network over the past decade, an efficient, reliable, high-tech service with safe, comfortable trains covering vast distances in shorter journey times, makes a sustainable choice all the more easy.

## TAXIS

Taking a taxi is a comfortable, easy and secure way of getting around in cities. Prices vary from city to city, but overall they offer good value. A handy tip is to have your hotel write down your destination in Chinese for the driver to read.

## BICYCLE

No trip to China would be complete without a ride on a bicycle, as it is the country's main form of transport. It

is a fantastic way to get closer to the real China and the perfect opportunity to meet local people.

## RIVER CRUISE

Some small group tours and tailor-made journeys offer river travel in their itinerary. From the 5\* Victoria Cruises, Century River Cruises and Sanctuary Explorer on the Yangtze River, to traditional fishing vessels on the Li River, and the ancient canals of the Water Villages near Shanghai.

## VISA

Most foreign visitors require a valid visa to enter China. All travellers between the ages of 14 to 70, need to apply for a visa, complete the online visa application form and make an appointment at their nearest visa centre for fingerprints to be taken. We will provide support and assistance, as well as information on the processes you need to follow to make applying for your visa as simple as possible. Your passport needs to

be valid for at least six months after travel, and have a minimum of two blank pages for the visa. British Citizens can enter Hong Kong and Macau visa free for up to 180 days, and Taiwan for up to 90 days.

**MONEY**

China's currency is the Renminbi (RMB), and the basic unit is the Yuan. It comes in paper notes in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100. There is a customs limit of taking 20,000 RMB in cash per person per day into the country. The Hong Kong Dollar (HKD) is used in Hong Kong and the Macau Pataca (MOP) in Macau.

**TIPPING**

Tipping is a way of life in China. For your convenience the amount of tips due will be stated on your travel documents. Simply pay the guide your tip money (RMB), on arrival in Beijing, who in conjunction with our China office, will ensure that the guides and drivers in all locations are paid on your behalf. All the Yangtze River cruise companies stipulate a mandatory 150 RMB per person tip. This amount should be paid in cash (RMB) upon boarding the ship.

**CUISINE**

China is a well known gourmet paradise. Eating is a communal affair, dishes are shared around the table and you normally use chopsticks and bowls. Chinese chefs are highly skilled in creating incredible mouth-watering dishes.

**LANGUAGE**

The national language is Mandarin which is spoken by most of the population. Many, but not all, service staff in hotels and tourist areas can speak English. If you explore by yourself, take a copy of the hotel business card to assist the driver with directions. In Hong Kong, Cantonese and English are the official languages. English is common and is spoken by service staff in the tourist areas.

**WEATHER**

Due to China's vast size, the climate varies from region to region. You can experience subtropical conditions in the south, through to extreme cold in the north. Spring and autumn, when the weather is pleasant, are considered the best seasons to visit. However, the sunshine and warmth make summer a good time to travel.

**SMALL GROUP TOURS**

All our small group tours provide guaranteed departures (minimum 2 passengers) and named 4\* accommodation. The size of the group will be up to a maximum of 20 people, unless otherwise specified, all sharing transport, local guides and meals. These tours are recommended for those who like a fixed schedule, pre-ordered meals and enjoy meeting and socialising with like-minded people. There is a reasonable amount of walking involved on our tours, as well as sometimes a number of steps, so good fitness levels are required. Due to the small group concept, there may be times when the group numbers reduce during a tour as the group separates to follow different itineraries. Small group tours have set departure dates, which you can extend, and are also available as private tours.

**NAMED HOTELS**

Our small group tours come with named 4\* hotels at the time of quotation and booking. Our office in China chooses the right hotels based on your travel requirements and personal budget. There may be the option to upgrade to 5\*, or small boutique properties.

**TOUR GUIDES**

These include our local guides who cover one region where they have expert local knowledge, so at each destination you will have a new guide to greet you. Groups of 10 or more will have a National Escort who will also accompany you throughout the tour in addition to the local guides.

**MEALS**

Breakfast will normally be taken at the hotel, and it is usually a buffet style with Chinese and Western cuisine. Lunches and dinners will be at local Chinese restaurants. Vegetarians and travellers with special dietary needs will also be catered for.

The Average Temperatures

Temp °C	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Beijing	-4	-2	5	14	20	24	26	25	20	13	4	-2
Chengdu	6	7	12	17	20	24	26	26	22	18	11	8
Guilin	8	10	13	19	23	27	28	28	26	21	15	10
Hangzhou	4	5	10	16	20	24	29	29	23	18	12	6
Hong Kong	16	16	20	22	26	28	29	29	28	25	21	18
Kunming	8	10	13	18	19	20	20	20	19	15	11	8
Lhasa	-2	2	5	8	12	16	18	15	13	9	3	-1
Sanya	20	21	21	25	27	28	29	28	27	25	22	22
Shanghai	5	6	9	15	20	24	29	29	24	19	13	7
Xian	-1	3	8	15	20	25	27	25	19	15	7	1



## CHINA ESSENTIAL 10 DAY TOUR from £2,995

Forbidden City, Beijing

Visit the illustrious capital, Beijing, vibrant Shanghai and historic Xian, for a wonderful introduction to China's most well known attractions. There is also an opportunity to explore the charming canal town of Zhujiajiao, offering an insight into traditional China, ensuring your trip is completed with picturesque views of China's scenic countryside. This tour is ideal for those looking for a taste of China.



*I just wanted to thank you and the team for a wonderful holiday, perfectly organised and faultless.*  
Marcus James

### Your 4★ Accommodation

**Beijing:** Xinqiao Hotel  
**Xian:** Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel  
**Shanghai:** Holiday Inn Express Shanghai  
**Zhenping**

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Beijing

Take your scheduled flight from London to Beijing. Alternatively, we can arrange departures from your local airport.

#### Day 2 Arrive Beijing

Upon arrival, our representative will meet and arrange your transfer to your hotel for a three night stay. In the afternoon, there is time to relax, or explore the surrounding area.

#### Day 3 Beijing City Tour (BL)

Your tour begins after breakfast, with a visit to the Temple of Heaven – where the Ming and Qing emperors worshipped the god of heaven and prayed for good harvests for the year. Here you can witness the tradition of Tai Chi being practiced in the courtyard, which is followed by a stroll through Tiananmen Square, and continues to the Forbidden City which served as the grand imperial

palace for centuries. Your final stop of the day will be at the Hutongs. Here, you will gain a personal insight into the everyday life of traditional Beijing citizens.



**Day 4 Great Wall (BLD)**

Enjoy a good breakfast at the hotel before your visit to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a part of the wall with breathtaking views in a less crowded atmosphere. Mutianyu was built in the mid-6th century and its rich history can be observed in its unique construction. Back to the city and an opportunity for photographs at the Birds Nest Stadium and Water Cube, venues for the memorable 2008 Olympics and 2015 World Championships. In the evening, enjoy a fabulous Peking Duck Dinner, in the place that gave it its name!

**Day 5 Beijing to Xian (BL)**

This morning visit the Summer Palace, which includes a grand collection of lakes, gardens, palaces and scenic views, followed by a relaxing boat ride on the beautiful Kunming Lake, before catching your bullet train to Xian (approx. 5 hours 30 minutes) and checking into your hotel.

**Day 6 Terracotta Warriors (BLD)**

Today your guide will take you to visit the Terracotta Warriors, a stunning collection of 10,000 life size statues of the Chinese army, made over 2,000 years ago, yet preserved almost perfectly. This will be followed, in the afternoon, with a visit to Xian's ancient city wall, best enjoyed as a peaceful stroll or leisurely bike ride. This evening you will



sample a delicious dumpling dinner while enjoying the Tang Dynasty Show, a colourful performance of traditional music and dance.

**Day 7 Xian City Tour and to Shanghai (BL)**

Following breakfast, visit China's unique architectural style at the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, before your last stop in Xian in the Muslim Quarter, and your chance to witness local life in the community. Finally, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. On arrival check into your hotel for a three night stay.

**Day 8 Shanghai City Tour (BL)**

The first attraction of the day will be the Yu Yuan Gardens, first constructed in 1559 during the Ming Dynasty by Pan Yunduan. The gardens occupy an area of 5 acres and are home to beautiful pavilions, walkways, rockeries, streams, ponds, courtyards and flowers. A horticulturist's heaven. Next stop, the Jade Buddha Temple, where you can marvel at impressive temples, both ancient and modern, housing large, intricate sculptures of Buddha. Afterwards you will spend time at the Shanghai Museum, followed by the opportunity to visit the impressive waterfront attraction of the Bund to admire Shanghai as a modern metropolis.

**Day 9 Zhujiajiao (BL)**

Today will start with a visit to Zhujiajiao, an ancient water town dating back over 1,700 years, known as the Pearl Stream. You can expect to see Ming and Qing Dynasty bridges, two ancient and historic buildings and the Ma Family Garden before heading back to Shanghai for an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 10 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to UK.

EXTEND YOUR STAY



4 days in Chengdu from £498  
5 days in Sanya from £585  
Includes: transfers, 4★ accommodation and daily breakfast

Departures and Prices  
2024 and 2025

Depart	Return	Price
11/03/24	20/03/24	from £2,995
15/04/24	24/04/24	from £3,095
06/05/24	15/05/24	from £3,095
13/05/24	22/05/24	from £3,095
02/09/24	11/09/24	from £3,195
09/09/24	18/09/24	from £3,195
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Land Price £1,999  
Single supplement from £395

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ALSO AVAILABLE AS A PRIVATE TOUR



## ESSENTIAL PLUS PANDA 12 DAY TOUR from £3,245

Giant Panda, Chengdu

The perfect 12 day tour for the first time traveller to China, wanting to observe and spend time with China's most recognised and adorable animal, the Giant Panda, as well as travelling to China's most significant cities. These include the illustrious capital, Beijing, the modern and vibrant city of Shanghai and the historic city of Xian. There is also an opportunity to visit the ancient canal town of Zhujiajiao.

// Thank you Links Travel & Tours for the excellent organisation in connection with our group visit to China.  
Annette Wight



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Shanghai Zhenping

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**Day 8 Chengdu (B)**

Day at leisure to explore Chengdu independently. Perhaps explore the old town, or relax in the People's Park watching the locals play mahjong or practising Tai Chi. You can take an optional tour to see Leshan Giant Buddha.

**Day 9 Giant Pandas and to Shanghai (BL)**

After breakfast, the first stop will be the renowned Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre. Here natural habitats have been created to provide the best possible environment for rearing and breeding the once endangered pandas. Afterwards you will be transferred to the airport for a flight to the buzzing metropolis of Shanghai, where you will check into your hotel for a three night stay.

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Pudong's skyline, Shanghai

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**//** *I have just returned from your China Dreams tour and I feel I must say how much I and my fellow travellers enjoyed the trip. The sights were wonderful, but what made the trip for me was the level of professionalism shown by the guides at every stop. This standard started from when I booked the holiday until I got home. Thank you once again for the holiday of a life time.*

*Nigel Jenkins*

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Single supplement from £535  
Land only from £2,359

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Yangtze River

See the sights of Beijing, China's distinguished capital, and the historic city of Xian, home to the remarkable Terracotta Warriors. Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the longest river in Asia, and arguably the most picturesque, the mighty Yangtze, before a stay in the vibrant city of Shanghai, your final destination.

**//** *Everything went extremely well and we thoroughly enjoyed the tours and visits – excellent!* **//**  
Marcus James

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**Day 8-9 Yangtze River Cruise (BLD)**

On the first day of the cruise, you can relax while the ship meanders along the Yangtze, and enjoy the scenic views. There is an excursion to see the impressive wooden pagoda Shibaozhai, and an enjoyable journey on a small motorboat through the tranquil Goddess Stream included. All meals will be served on board the vessel.

**Days 10 Yangtze River Cruise to Shanghai (BL)**

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10/03/25	21/03/25	from £3,575
14/04/25	25/04/25	from £3,675
05/05/25	16/05/25	from £3,675
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Single supplement from £675  
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## CHINA HIGHLIGHTS 14 DAY TOUR from £3,605

The Great Wall

See the country's most scenic and spectacular locations, from the distinguished capital, Beijing, to the historic city of Xian, discovering China's rich and unique culture. A cruise along the Yangtze River will take you down Asia's longest waterway, and Guilin, in the south, offers a glimpse of unique landscapes, whilst the vibrant city of Shanghai will show you the modern side to this remarkable country.

// *The visit was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all, but a major reason for its success was the care and attention we received from your Links Travel staff.* //

Annette Wight

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This morning visit the Summer Palace, which includes a grand collection of lakes, gardens, palaces and scenic views, followed by a relaxing boat ride on the beautiful Kunming Lake, before catching your bullet train to Xian (approx. 5 hours 30 minutes) and checking into your hotel.

**Day 6 Terracotta Warriors (BLD)**

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**Day 7 Xian To Chengdu (BL)**

Following breakfast, visit China's unique architectural style at the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, before your last stop in Xian in the Muslim Quarter, and your chance to witness local life in the community. Finally, you will be transferred to the train station for the bullet train to Chengdu. Upon arrival, transfer you to the hotel.

**Day 8 Chengdu (B)**

Day at leisure to explore Chengdu independently. Perhaps explore the old town, or relax in the People's Park watching the locals play mahjong or practising Tai Chi. You can take an option tour to see Leshan Giant Buddha.

**Day 9 Giant Pandas and Chongqing (BLD)**

After breakfast, the first stop will be the renowned Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre. Here natural habitats have been created to provide the best possible environment for rearing and breeding the once endangered pandas. Afterwards you will be transferred to the train station to take bullet train to Chongqing. Upon arrival, have dinner at local restaurant. Transfer you to the cruise.

**Days 10 - 11 Yangtze River Cruise (BLD)**

On the first day of the cruise, you can relax while the ship meanders along the Yangtze, and enjoy the scenic views. There is an excursion to see the impressive wooden pagoda Shibaozhai, and an enjoyable journey on a small motorboat through the tranquil Goddess Stream included. All meals will be served on board the vessel.



**Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise to Shanghai (BL)**

As you make your way to Yichang, there is a chance to visit The Three Gorges Dam, before lunch on board. On arrival, transfer to the station for your bullet train to Shanghai, and a two night stay.

**Day 13 Shanghai City Tour (BL)**

Enjoy a hotel breakfast before the start of your Shanghai City Tour. The stops include the Yu Yuan Gardens, a horticulturists dream, followed by the impressive Jade Buddha Temple, and the fascinating Shanghai Museum. Then there is the opportunity to admire the city's contrasting architectural styles on a stroll along the Bund, before marvelling at the cityscape from the observatory at the top of the Shanghai World Financial Centre.

**Day 14 Fly to UK (B)**

Breakfast will be followed by your transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

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Single supplement from £795  
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Price includes:

International and domestic flights in economy class, bullet train in first class, 4★ accommodation, transfers, English speaking guides, meals as specified (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner), entrance fees to the sites listed and airport taxes.

Price excludes:

Local tips: RMB715 (approx £80) per person, RMB150 (approx £18) per person tips aboard the Yangtze Cruise, personal spending, visa fees and travel insurance.

Prices are per person based on twin share departing from London. Regional departures and flight upgrades available on request.

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## MEMORIES OF CHINA 14 DAY TOUR from £3,605

Terracotta Warriors, Xian

Explore The Ling Yin Temple, spend time with China's famous Giant Pandas, take a cruise down the Li River and watch the dramatic limestone peaks and mountains pass by. This comprehensive tour takes you to the exciting capital, Beijing, the vibrant city of Shanghai and the ancient city of Xian, giving you a taste of China's most essential and historic attractions.

// *An absolutely amazing holiday, thank you so much.*  
Veronica //



### Your 4★ Accommodation

Beijing: Xinqiao Hotel  
 Xian: Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel  
 Guilin: Bravo Hotel  
 Yangshuo: Green Lotus Hotel  
 Hangzhou: Holiday Inn Express Xixi Hangzhou  
 Suzhou: Holiday Inn Express Suzhou Changjiang  
 Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express Shanghai Zhenping

Accommodation will be as named above or similar

#### Day 1 Fly to Beijing

Take your scheduled flight from London to Beijing. Alternatively, we can arrange departures from your local airport.

#### Day 2 Arrive Beijing

Upon arrival, our representative will meet and arrange your transfer to your hotel for a three night stay. In the afternoon, there is time to relax, or explore the surrounding area.

#### Day 3 Beijing City Tour (BL)

Your tour begins after breakfast, with a visit to the Temple of Heaven – where the Ming and Qing emperors worshipped the god of heaven and prayed for good harvests for the year. Here you can witness the tradition of Tai Chi being practiced in the courtyard, which is followed by a stroll through Tiananmen Square, and continues to the Forbidden City which served as the



grand imperial palace for centuries. Your final stop of the day will be at the Hutongs. Here, you will gain a personal insight into the everyday life of traditional Beijing citizens.

**Day 4 Great Wall (BLD)**

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**Day 8 Li River Cruise to Yangshuo (BL)**

A morning transfer takes you to the start of your boat cruise on the stunning Li River towards Yangshuo, where you can see tranquil rural scenes of buffalo farming the rice terraces and the towering karst mountain peaks. In the evening there is an optional spectacular 'Impressions of Liu Sanjie' show, staged on the river.

**Day 9 Reed Flute Caves and to Hangzhou (BL)**

Your day starts with breakfast, followed by a visit to the Reed Flute Caves, a remarkable collection of colourfully illuminated

stalactites and stalagmites. Afterwards you will be transferred to the airport for a flight to Hangzhou.

**Day 10 West Lake and to Suzhou (BL)**

Today will begin with a fascinating trip to the Ling Yin Temple Buddhist Monastery. This will be followed by a visit to the famous Longjing Tea Plantations where you can sample some traditional brews in a local Tea House. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely cruise on West Lake before being transferred to Suzhou in the evening.

**Day 11 Suzhou to Shanghai (BL)**

Today, experience a full day tour of Suzhou with tour guide. Visit the Humble Administrator Garden, Lingering Garden and Panmen. Transfer to train station and take bullet train to Shanghai.

**Day 12 Shanghai City Tour (BL)**

The first attraction of the day will be the Yu Yuan Gardens, first constructed in 1559 during the Ming Dynasty by Pan Yunduan. The gardens occupy an area of 5 acres and are home to beautiful pavilions, walkways, rockeries, streams, ponds, courtyards and flowers. A horticulturist's heaven. Next stop, the Jade Buddha Temple, where you can marvel at impressive temples, both ancient and modern, housing large, intricate sculptures of Buddha. Afterwards you will spend time at the Shanghai Museum, followed by the opportunity to visit the impressive waterfront attraction of the Bund to admire Shanghai as a modern metropolis.

**Day 13 Zhujiajiao (BL)**

Today will start with a visit to Zhujiajiao, an ancient water town dating back over 1,700 years, known as the Pearl Stream. You can expect to see Ming and Qing Dynasty bridges, two ancient and historic buildings and the Ma Family Garden before heading back to Shanghai for an afternoon at leisure.

**Day 14 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to UK

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03/11/25	16/11/25	from £3,755

Single supplement from £725  
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**Price excludes:**

Local tips: RMB825 (approx. £90) per person, personal spending, visa fees and travel insurance.

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ALSO AVAILABLE AS A PRIVATE TOUR

## CHINA TAILOR-MADE JOURNEYS

### Tailor-Made Journeys and Private Tours

For those who prefer a more independent travel experience, rather than travelling as part of a group, or if you cannot find an itinerary that fits your requirements, we offer private tours and tailor-made journeys. Private tours follow the same itinerary as a group tour, but are just for you, on the dates you want to travel and with your own personal guides. However, if you do not see a tour to suit, with our specialist knowledge and first-hand experience of China, we will create a personal and independent itinerary just for you. Simply let us know the places you would like to visit, the standard of accommodation you desire and budget requirements, and we will carefully design your own tailor-made journey. When travelling with Links Travel & Tours, your individual preferences and interests will always come first when creating an itinerary for you. Our offices in London and Beijing are equipped with specialist Personal Travel Advisors who are experts in designing individual trips built around you.

The more detailed information you provide, the better we can customise a tour for you. The tailor-made itineraries are carefully made to suit your needs. You will benefit from our specialist knowledge throughout the journey. Our tailor-made tours offer extra flexibility, enabling you to travel at your own pace.

We are able to put together detailed itineraries throughout China, just ask us for details and we will be happy to make suggestions and recommendations for you. We can advise when is the best time to travel, the best routes to take and hotels to stay in. Simply call to speak with one of our expert Personal Travel Advisors who will be delighted to help.



On the following pages we have some recommended itineraries for travelling on an independent basis and for exploring different parts of China. These itineraries can be used as a starting point for creating your ideal tour and can be amended to perfectly suit your requirements.

To help you come up with the ideal tour, we have a selection of shorter, tailor-made options, cruises and cultural experiences, that you can put together to make one long adventure. For examples, please turn to pages 128-136. There is also a selection of stopovers on pages 137-139, that you can add to your trip to create your Holiday of a Lifetime!

### China Visa

It is worth noting that a 2-year multiple entry visa for China is issued for all applications, allowing for the possibility of return trips to China within the 2-year time frame. If you have travelled on a group tour with an individual multiple entry visa, why not consider returning to China to explore this fascinating country further? Speak to us about creating a bespoke tailor-made itinerary perhaps visiting some off the beaten track places and to undertake some unique experiences in China.

### Transit Visa Exemptions

There are regulations in place that allow visitors to China, several different options for a visa-free stay if in transit. Foreign visitors to China can be eligible for a visa free stay if they are in transit between two different countries and their onward travel occurs within 24, 72 or 144 hours (depending on the destination). Travellers entering Beijing are eligible to travel within the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and travellers transiting in Shanghai can travel within Shanghai, Zhejiang and Jiangsu Province (which includes Suzhou, Hangzhou, Nanjing and Yellow Mountain). There are now many different options for a visa-free stay in China, please contact us for further details.



# LUXURY CHINA IN STYLE

## 15 DAY TOUR FROM £4,395



This luxury tour of China explores the country's main sights and highlights, whilst staying in the comfort of deluxe 5\* hotels. Experience China at its best and discover iconic sights including the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Terracotta Warriors. Sail along the scenic Li River, and relax on a luxurious cruise on the Yangtze.



**Day 1 Fly to Beijing**  
Fly from the UK to Beijing.

**Day 2 Arrive Beijing**  
Upon arrival, your guide will meet and transfer you to your 5\* hotel for a three night stay. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

**Day 3 Beijing City Tour (B)**  
Your city tour includes visits to the Temple of Heaven, stroll through Tiananmen Square, and visit the Forbidden City.

**Day 4 Great Wall (B)**  
Today, travel to Mutianyu, one of the best preserved parts of the Great Wall. Continue to the Summer Palace, and enjoy a relaxing boat ride on beautiful Kunming Lake.

**Day 5 Beijing to Xian (B)**  
Take pictures of the Birds Nest Stadium and Water Cube, and continue to the Hutongs for local life, before taking your first class bullet train to Xian.

**Day 6 Terracotta Warriors (B)**  
The Terracotta Warriors is today's

first stop, followed by a visit to Xian's ancient city wall.

**Day 7 Xian to Guilin (B)**  
Admire the artefacts in the Shaanxi Museum, and continue on to the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, before a visit to the vibrant Muslim Quarter. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Guilin.

**Day 8 Li River Cruise to Yangshuo (BL)**  
Following breakfast, cruise on the breathtaking Li River towards Yangshuo. In the evening there is an optional spectacular 'Impressions of Liu Sanjie' show staged on the river.

**Day 9 Yangshuo to Guilin (B)**  
Morning free at leisure. Explore this beautiful area independently, or perhaps join an optional cookery class, before returning to Guilin and visiting the Reed Flute Caves. In the evening why not enjoy a fascinating Cormorant Fishing Show, bookable locally.

**Day 10 Guilin to Chongqing (B)**  
Catch a bullet train to Chongqing. Transfer to the quay to board your 5\* ship for the start of your cruise along the majestic Yangtze River.

**Day 11-12 Yangtze River Cruise (BLD)**  
Relax while the ship meanders along the Yangtze, allowing you to enjoy the scenic views. Excursions include scenic Shibaozhai, and a journey on a small boat through the tranquil Shennong Stream.

**Day 13 Yangtze River Cruise and to Shanghai (B)**  
Visit The Three Gorges Dam and

sail through the Xiling Gorge. Disembark at Yichang and transfer to the train station for your first class bullet train to Shanghai.

**Day 14 Shanghai City Tour (B)**  
Beautiful pavilions at the Yu Yuan Gardens start your day, before moving on to the Jade Buddha Temple. After the Shanghai Museum, stroll along the Bund, and end the tour with the breathtaking view from the top of the Shanghai World Financial Centre.

**Day 15 Fly to UK (B)**  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

### Price

#### Price from £4,395

Including international and domestic flights in economy class, bullet trains in first class, 5★ accommodation based on twin share, transfers, transportation, tours and meals as stated.

# EXPLORE YUNNAN PROVINCE

## 15 DAY TOUR FROM £3,595



Discover Yunnan Province, home to a varied landscape of snow-capped mountains, rice terraces, lakes and deep gorges. Bordering three countries, there are many communities still following ancient traditions and ways of life. This tour includes a visit to the inspiring Songzanlin Monastery, the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in the region.



### Day 1 Fly to Kunming

Take a flight from the UK to Kunming.

### Day 2 Arrive Kunming

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation.

### Day 3 Stone Forest (B)

Visit the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, with its limestone formations and enjoy an afternoon visit to Green Lake Park.

### Day 4 Kunming to Dali (B)

Transfer to the station for your bullet train to Dali, and on arrival, check in. Your Dali City Tour starts with exploring the old quarter, followed by the Three Pagodas. In the evening, why not discover Foreigners' Street.

### Day 5 Erhai Lake (B)

This morning includes a cruise on the crystal-clear waters of Erhai Lake. The afternoon is at leisure

with the option to take the cable car up the Cangshan Mountains.

### Day 6 Xihou (B)

Spend the morning on a half-day excursion to Xihou, a lively market town on Lake Erhai. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

### Day 7 Shaxi (B)

Discover the region's most picturesque fresh produce market at Shaping Village (Mondays only), and drive north to Shaxi Valley, an important stage on the Tea-Horse Road.

### Day 8 Shaxi (B)

A full day to explore the valley at your leisure with the help of your local guide. Why not cycle along the Heihui River and across the surrounding rice fields to neighboring villages.

### Day 9 Lijiang (B)

Travel to the ancient town of Lijiang, at the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Rest of the day at leisure.

### Day 10 Jade Dragon Snow Mountain (B)

Today, visit Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and take a cable car up the mountain. Then visit Baisha Naxi minority village and admire the ancient wall paintings. The afternoon is free to explore Lijiang Old Town.

### Day 11 Shangri-La (B)

One of China's most dramatic road journeys awaits you, through the Three Parallel Gorges region to Shangri-La, pausing at Tiger Leaping Gorge on the way.

### Day 12 Shangri-La (B)

After breakfast, climb the stone steps leading to the Songzanlin Monastery, then tour the adjacent lake, before heading out to explore the wonderful mountain scenery.

### Day 13 Fly to Chengdu (B)

Rise early to visit the Buddhist temple, where local people go to leave offerings of juniper incense. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Chengdu.

### Day 14 Giant Pandas (B)

Spend time at the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre, with the endearing giant pandas, and visit vibrant Kuangzhai, Wide Alley.

### Day 15 Fly to UK (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

### Price

#### Price from £3,595

Including international and domestic flights in economy class, bullet trains in first class, 4★ accommodation based on twin share, transfers, transportation, tours and meals as stated. Prices are for minimum 2 passengers, sole passenger prices on request.

Visit your local travel agent, or call 020 8543 8133

# CHINA FAMILY TOUR

## 12 DAY TOUR FROM £4,195



Giant Panda, Chengdu

China has so much to offer and makes for a fantastic destination for a family holiday. We have specially created a family focused itinerary, with some free time and activities suitable for all the family. The hotels have been specially selected for their family-friendly rooms and facilities.



**Day 1 Fly to Beijing**

Catch your flight from London, or your local airport, to Beijing.

**Day 2 Arrive Beijing (D)**

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel for a three night stay. Opportunity to relax before dinner.

**Day 3 Beijing City Tour (BL)**

Your Beijing City Tour includes the Temple of Heaven, a stroll through Tiananmen Square, and the Forbidden City. In the evening enjoy an exciting Kung Fu show.

**Day 4 Great Wall (BLD)**

Today visit the remarkable Great Wall at Mutianyu, followed by an opportunity for photographs at the Birds Nest Stadium and Water Cube. In the evening, be treated to a Peking Duck Dinner.

**Day 5 Beijing to Xian (B)**

Morning at leisure before the

bullet train to Xian, where you will transfer to your hotel to check in.

**Day 6 Terracotta Warriors (BL)**

Visit the Terracotta Warriors, before exploring Xian's Ancient City Wall. Evening at leisure.

**Day 7 Xian to Chengdu (B)**

In the morning, learn the Chinese art of calligraphy. Later catch your bullet train to Chengdu and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 8 Chengdu (BL)**

Delight in the Giant Pandas at the Chengdu Panda Breeding and Research Centre, in the morning. Afternoon free at leisure.

**Day 9 Chengdu to Shanghai (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, and upon arrival to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a thrilling acrobatic show.

**Day 10 Shanghai City Tour (BLD)**

The first attraction of the day will be the beautiful Yu Yuan Gardens, followed by a relaxing cruise on the Huangpu River. Stroll along the Bund, and then enjoy a breathtaking bird's eye city view from the top of the Shanghai World Financial Centre.

**Day 11 Shanghai Disneyland (B)**

Enjoy an action-packed day at the magical Shanghai Disneyland, before returning to your hotel.

**Day 12 Fly to UK (B)**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK.



*We had a great family holiday and were so pleased that we picked Links Travel. We saw some amazing places.*

*Diane and Mick*



### Prices

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Including: International and domestic flights in economy class, bullet trains in first class, accommodation at 5★ hotels in family or inter-connecting rooms, transfers, transportation, entrance to Shanghai Disneyland, tours and meals as stated

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# HONG KONG

Hong Kong is a recommended 3 or 4 day add-on to your small group tour or tailor-made journey.

Located on the southern coast of China, Hong Kong ("Fragrant Harbour") is where "East meets West". With a deep natural port, the waterfront in Hong Kong is remarkable and full of possibilities. The Star Ferry and its seven-minute crossing is a popular and enjoyable form of transport, providing you with the opportunity to experience the wonderful sights of the skyline from sea level.

Whilst in Hong Kong, take a trip up to the Peak. A 120-year-old funicular tram takes you up the almost 400 metres where you can then view the dramatic display of Victoria Harbour and the skyscrapers in the distance. There are plenty of shopping opportunities in Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui in Kowloon being one of the most popular. The surrounding islands of Lamma (amazing seafood restaurants at Sok Kwu Wan) and Lantau (home to the Giant Buddha and Ngong Ping Cable Car) can be reached by a short ferry ride.



## A selection of day tours:

Victoria Harbour Dinner Cruise with A Symphony of Lights From £59  
Harbour Cruise Bauhinia with sumptuous buffet and live band, with A Symphony of Lights Show. Hotel Transfers not included.

Half Day Island Tour From £57  
Highlights - Peak Tram, Victoria Peak, Aberdeen Fishing Village and Stanley Market.

Hong Kong Disneyland Magic Tour From £114  
Experience the magic of Disneyland in beautiful Hong Kong including round trip transportation and admission fees.

Macau From £113  
Highlights - St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Section of the Old City Walls, Na Tcha Temple, Leal Senado Square, Temple of A-Ma, Macau Tower (admission at own expense), and Casino.

360 Lantau Explorer Tour From £118  
Highlights - The Ngong Ping Cable Car, Po Lin Monastery, Vegetarian Lunch at Po Lin Monastery, Tai O Fishing Village, The Stilts House and Ngong Ping Village.

Highlight of the Night Tour From £128  
Highlights - Temple Street, Hong Kong observation wheel, Harbour Cruise Bauhinia with sumptuous buffet and live band, A Symphony of Lights Show.

## 3 Day City Break

Prices from £299 per person  
Including return airport transfers, city tour, 2 nights accommodation at the 4\* Metropark Kowloon Hotel with breakfast.

## A selection of hotels in Hong Kong

Contact us for the latest room upgrades, free night offers and complimentary excursions



**Metropark Causeway Bay 4★**  
This superior mid-range hotel offers amazing value for money. The large rooms, friendly staff and roof top swimming pool make for a memorable stay on Hong Kong Island. Located only a 2-minute walk from Tin Hau MTR. Provides free city shuttles.



**Marco Polo Hong Kong 5★**  
Ideally situated in Kowloon overlooking Victoria Harbour, the Marco Polo Hong Kong Hotel is perfect for those who want to be in the heart of things. The hotel has comfortable guest rooms, and Tsim Sha Tsui MTR is close by.



**Mandarin Oriental 5★**  
Located on the island, and over looking Victoria Harbour. Steeped in timeless tradition and legendary service, this iconic hotel provides elegant rooms and 10 dining options. Features include an indoor pool and spa offering traditional Chinese treatments.

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**SANYA (5 Days)**

A perfect way to relax and unwind on the beach after your tour of China. Hainan island's greenery, beautiful beaches, azure seas, blue skies and bright sunshine make it a popular destination, ideal for honeymoons. This five day add-on allows you a leisurely time to see and do as much or little as you like. Sanya is Hainan Islands' main resort and home to most of the 5\* hotels - a tropical paradise for sun seekers.

**Day 1 To Sanya**

Take your flight to Sanya. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day at your leisure.

**Days 2 - 4 Sanya (B)**

A wonderful place to relax and soak up the sun by the beach or take an excursion away from the resort to see more of the island, such as the Guan Yin Statue, Wuzhizhou Island or Nanshan Dongtian Park.

Popular attractions include :

Yalong Bay National Resort – The crystal blue sea has visibility down to 10 metres making it an ideal location for swimmers and scuba divers.

Dadonghai Bay – This resort comprises of bars, restaurants and shopping with a gorgeous 2km crescent shaped beach.

Guan Yin Statue – The statue is 108m tall, situated on the south coast of Hainan.

**Day 5 Sanya and Onward Journey (B)**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to your onward destination.



**CHENGDU (4 Days)**

This panda add on leads you into the heart of Sichuan - the largest province in China. Located in the south west, it is known for breathtaking forests, mountain scenery, mouth-watering cuisines and is the natural habitat of the Giant Pandas. Sichuan is also blessed with several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Based in Chengdu you can visit the Leshan Buddha and Giant Pandas.

**Day 1 To Chengdu (D)**

Upon arrival in Chengdu, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. In the evening enjoy a traditional Sichuan Welcome Meal.

**Day 2 Chengdu (B)**

A full day excursion to the magnificent Leshan Buddha, standing at 71 metres, is one of the world's largest Buddha statues.

**Day 3 Chengdu (B)**

After breakfast, an early start to visit the Giant Pandas at the Breeding Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity to see these beautiful animals in their home environment.

The rest of the day is free for leisure. You may take a stroll down to Jinli Street, famed for its Qing Dynasty architecture. It is a great place to pick up souvenirs such as snacks, embroidery, folk handicrafts and calligraphy. You might even catch a performance of Sichuan Opera.

**Day 4 Chengdu and Onward Journey (B)**

Morning at leisure. Afternoon transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



**SHAOLIN (7 Days)**

The sacred Shaolin Monastery is widely regarded as the birthplace of one of the most popular branches of Chinese Kung Fu.

**Day 1 To Datong**

Take a morning train from Beijing to Datong. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2 Datong (BLD)**

Visit the Yungang Caves and the 1,400 year old Hanging Monastery.

**Day 3 Datong to Pingyao (BLD)**

Take the train to Taiyuan. Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to Pingyao.

**Day 4 Pingyao (BLD)**

A World Heritage Site. This town offers a great insight into the architectural styles of Imperial China. Highlights include the Ancient City Wall, Ancient Ming and Qing Street, the Rishengchang Financial House Museum, Zhengguo Temple and the Shuang Lin Temple.

**Day 5 Taiyuan to Zhengzhou (BLD)**

Drive from Taiyuan to visit the Twin Pagoda Temple then take the train to Zhengzhou.

**Day 6 Zhengzhou to Luoyang (BLD)**

Visit the Shaolin Temple in the Songshan Mountains and watch a Kung Fu performance. Afterwards we will drive to Luoyang and stay overnight.

**Day 7 Luoyang to Beijing (BL)**

Visit the UNESCO-listed Longmen Grottoes, before taking the bullet train to Beijing.

**Prices**

**Prices from £585 per person**

Including domestic arrival flight to Sanya, return airport transfers, 4 nights' accommodation at the 5★ Resort Intime and meals as stated.

**Prices**

**Prices from £498 per person**

Including airport transfers, day tours, 3 nights' accommodation at a 4★ hotel and meals as stated.

**Prices**

**Prices from £1,298 per person**

Including train transfers, day tours, 6 nights' accommodation at 4★ hotels and meals as stated





**GUIZHOU (5 Days)**  
 Guizhou is located in south west China. It is a mountainous province that has many interesting rural villages which are home to several different ethnic minority groups such as the Dong and the Miao. Discover the area of Anshun where the impressive Dragon Palace caves can be seen, as well as the stunning Huangguoshu Waterfalls.

**Day 1 Guiyang to Huangguoshu (LD)**  
 Upon arrival at Guiyang Airport, you will be met and transferred to Huangguoshu, visiting the Dragon Palace Cave on the way.

**Day 2 Huangguoshu Waterfalls to Guiyang (BLD)**  
 After breakfast, travel to Anshun. Visit the Huangguoshu Waterfalls, the largest in Asia. Return to Guiyang, stopping en-route at Tianlong Village where the locals have preserved the customs of the Ming Dynasty.

**Day 3 Guiyang to Kaili (BLD)**  
 This morning take a pleasant 3-hour drive to Kaili. Visit the fascinating Langde Long Skirt Miao Village.

**Day 4 Kaili to Guiyang (BLD)**  
 Today you will visit Matang Village. You will admire the village's traditional Gejia Batik, and enjoy a lesson in the art of batik making. Continue driving towards Shiqiao Miao Village, before returning to Guiyang.

**Day 5 Guiyang and Onward Journey (B)**  
 In the morning after breakfast, transfer to Guiyang Airport to catch your onward flight.



**YELLOW MOUNTAIN (3 Days)**  
 Situated in AN HUI province and regarded as the number one mountain in China, at Yellow Mountain you can experience four seasons in one day, stunning scenery and climb the heights to feel like you are walking amongst the clouds. The backdrop has been an inspiration to many famous Chinese scroll paintings, literature and poetry.

**Day 1 Huangshan City**  
 Upon arrival at the airport be met by the guide and transferred to the Parkview Hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the town and relax after your journey.

**Day 2 Huangshan (BD)**  
 This morning you will be driven to Yellow Mountain. Take the Cable Car from Yungu Station to the top of the mountain. Check into the Shilin Hotel then visit Brush Pen Peak followed by a tour to Begin to Believe Peak. See the ancient twisted pine trees, Lion Peak and Xihai Grand Canyon. In the evening enjoy the sunset from the Cloud Dispelling Pavilion. Stay overnight at the summit.

**Day 3 Huangshan and Onward Journey (B)**  
 Wake up early to catch the magnificent sunrise. After breakfast descend the mountain by foot down the western side, along the way you will see Flying Rock, climb over the Brightness Apex - the 2nd highest peak on Yellow Mountain - and Turtle Peak. After all the walking over the last two days, take a cable car from Yuping Station down to the foot of the mountain. Transfer to the airport for your onward connection.



**ZHANGJIAJIE (5 Days)**  
 Wulingyuan Scenic Area is comprised of several national parks, the most famous of which is Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, a 243 square mile park filled with 3,000 stunning karst pillars of sandstone, covered with sub-tropical rainforest.

**Day 1 Arrive Zhangjiajie**  
 Upon arrival you will be met by your guide. Visit Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon and enjoy an exhilarating walk on the world's highest and longest glass bridge. Transfer to your hotel.

**Day 2 Zhangjiajie (BLD)**  
 Transfer to the Wulingyuan scenic area and take the Bailong Elevator 326 metres to the top of Yuanjiajie, for spectacular views of the Sandstone Peak Forest. Ascend Tianzi Mountain by cable car offering incredible views of dramatic rock formations, cliffs and misty clouds.

**Day 3 Zhangjiajie (BLD)**  
 Today visit Tianmen Mountain and take the world's longest cable car to the top. Take a daring walk along the glass walkway, protruding from the cliff-face! Descend the mountain and transfer to your hotel.

**Day 4 Zhangjiajie to Fenghuang (BLD)**  
 Head to the ancient city of Fenghuang, located beside the beautiful Tuo River. It is ancient, quiet, secluded and home to historical legends.

**Day 5 Fenghuang and Onward Journey (B)**  
 In the morning after breakfast, transfer to the airport at Zhangjiajie for your onward flight.

**Prices**

**Prices from £998 per person**

Including airport transfers, day tours, 4 nights' accommodation at 4★ hotels and meals as stated.

**Prices**

**Prices from £455 per person**

Including return airport transfers, daily tours, 2 nights' accommodation at 4★ hotels and meals as stated.

**Prices**

**Prices from £935 per person**

Including return airport transfers, day tours, 4 nights' accommodation at 4★ hotels and meals as stated.

## YANGTZE RIVER CRUISES



A holiday to China is not complete without a 5\* cruise along the Yangtze River, the longest river in Asia, flowing through China's spectacular and diverse scenery. The cruises mainly operate between Chongqing and Yichang in either direction taking three nights downstream and four nights upstream. One of the highlights of a Yangtze cruise is witnessing the Three Gorges Hydroelectric River Dam, the largest and most dramatic dam in the world. Other excursions can include the Daning River Small Gorges, Shennong Stream, Ghost City of Fengdu and Tribe of Three Gorges. Excursions vary per your ship's itinerary so please call for further details. The staff on all our preferred ships deliver an attentive and professional service.

### Victoria Cruises 5★

Used on all our group tours, boasting the largest 5\* fleet on the Yangtze River. All cabins have modern amenities featuring private bathrooms and balconies. You also have the option to upgrade to Executive Deck for only £120 (three night cruise). Restaurants serve delicious onboard meals. Spectacular views of the scenery can be gained from every stateroom and public area.

### Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer 5★

Carrying just 124 passengers, the Yangzi Explorer offers an intimate cruising experience. International standards of service, delivered by the highest ratio of staff to guests, ensure that every level of comfort is catered for during the cruise. Facilities include fitness centre, luxury spa, two-tiered theatre, coffee lounge, viewing lounge, Cigar Bar, sun deck, and multi-language library.



## TRAIN JOURNEYS IN CHINA



China's rail network has expanded dramatically over the past decade with the construction of an extensive high-speed train service. Journeys that were traditionally taken on overnight sleeper trains can now be completed in just a few hours. Massive investment into the rail system has produced an efficient, reliable, high-tech service with safe, comfortable bullet trains covering vast distances in shorter journey times. Domestic train travel in China is a wonderful way to see more of the countryside and scenery away from the big cities. Many high speed rail journeys have now become quicker than flying.

### Facilities on board

Daytime high-speed trains have first and second-class seats; some have business class. We always book first-class to ensure our customers travel in spacious and comfortable surroundings. The high-speed trains have western toilets, luggage racks for general luggage as well as luggage closets for larger items. Free WiFi is available aboard some trains. Free drinkable hot water is available on board and there is a dining car serving a selection of food and drink. An on-board attendant will also serve snacks and drinks from a trolley. Passengers in business class will be served with complimentary meals and beverages.



With such an extensive high-speed rail network there is so much potential for creating exciting itineraries exploring China by train. Whatever itinerary you have in mind, please contact us and we will be pleased to prepare a proposal that suits your requirements.

## CHINA CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

There are a multitude of cultural experiences and unique activities that can be included on your dream itinerary to China. On these pages we showcase a few ideas and suggestions to help you uncover the true essence of this wonderful country. Whatever your interests, we can design a tour that is perfect for you. Please contact us for further details and prices for any



### Kung Fu Show in Beijing

A thrilling modern day theatrical production, a fast-paced and vibrant show showcasing traditional Chinese martial arts and amazing technical ability.

### Cookery Classes in Yangshuo

The Yangshuo Cookery School offers lessons in their traditional farmhouse just outside Yangshuo, or on the banks of the Li River itself. A tour of the local market may be included to learn more about the typical ingredients used in this area.

### Night Cruise on the Huangpu River in Shanghai

Enjoy a unique night cruise on the largest river in Shanghai, admiring some of the city's famous landmarks, such as the Bund and the Oriental Pearl Tower. The views at night are particularly dazzling.

### Calligraphy Lesson

Discover the traditional Chinese art of calligraphy with brush and ink and join a calligraphy lesson to create your own artwork.

### Chinese Tea Tasting

Learn an appreciation for Chinese tea, the different types of tea, how the teas should be made, how to brew them and the best ways to taste them.

### Beijing Opera

Enjoy a performance of traditional Beijing Opera which originated in the 18th century. Comprising of music, vocal performance, acrobatics, mime and dance, with elaborate and brightly coloured costumes and masks.

### Impressions of Liu Sanjie in Yangshuo

A spectacular show staged on the river, featuring an incredible light display, showcasing the rugged karst formations of the striking local landscapes, and a cast of 600!

### Acrobatic Show in Shanghai

Fabulously entertaining, the show highlights the incredible skills and dexterity of one of the most talented acrobatic troupes in Shanghai, as they skilfully perform captivating and magical routines.

### Volunteering at the Dujiangyan Panda Base in Chengdu

Spend a morning volunteering at the Dujiangyan Panda Base, helping to prepare the bamboo, clean the enclosures and assist with feeding the pandas.

### Cycling in Yangshuo

Hire a bicycle and explore some of Yangshuo's dramatic landscapes and perhaps visit a local farmer's house.

### Tai Chi Lesson

Learn the art of Tai Chi, a Chinese martial art, practiced for health benefits and defence training, focusing on flowing movements and deep breathing and relaxation.

### Ride the Bullet Train

No trip to China would be complete without a journey aboard one of China's high speed bullet trains. The journey from Beijing to Xian takes around 5 ½ hours.

## STOPOVERS - THAILAND

An ever-popular destination, Thailand has so much to offer from historic palaces, temples, ancient ruins, tropical islands with white sand beaches, jungle, hill tribe villages and an interesting culture.



### Phuket

Phuket, a mountainous island, provides some of Thailand's most popular beaches and hotels, is located in the green waters of the Andaman Sea. Patong is the most well-known and liveliest beach resort, playing host to the best of the island's nightlife, shops, markets and a wide selection of dining establishments. Karon and Kata provide quieter environments with a more local feel. Popular beaches include Bangtao, Kamala, Karon, Kata, Mai Khao, Nai Harn, Patong and Surin. The best time to visit Phuket, is from November through to March.

#### PHUKET 4 Day

##### Day 1 Arrive Phuket

Upon arrival, be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

##### Day 2-3 Phuket (B)

Days at leisure.

##### Day 4 Depart Phuket (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Katathani Beach Resort 5★

Ideally situated across from the white sands of Kata Beach, the Katathani Beach Resort is an idyllic place to stay. Facilities include six pools, six dining options, a spa and a fitness centre. Shuttle services to Phuket Town and Patong Beach are available.



### Bangkok

The capital city of Bangkok is often a good starting point for any itinerary to Thailand. Not to be missed is the Grand Palace and Wat Phra Kaew located within its grounds. Perhaps also visit a floating market or take a tuk tuk ride through the bustling China Town district.

#### BANGKOK 3 Day

##### Day 1 Arrive Bangkok

Upon arrival, your driver will meet you and transfer you to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

##### Day 2 Bangkok (B)

Day at leisure. Alternatively, you can choose to take an optional tour as below to explore with a guide:

Morning tour to Damnoensaduak Floating Market - Explore the ancient canals and see the vibrant market. £65pp (based on minimum 2 passengers).

Half day tour by tuk tuk - visit the Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha and Wat Pho (reclining Buddha). £88pp (based on minimum 2 passengers).

##### Day 3 Depart Bangkok (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Riva Surya 4★

This modern boutique hotel is situated along the enchanting Chao Phraya River, offering an idyllic getaway in the heart of this cosmopolitan city. Your room is beautifully designed to maximise comfort. Facilities include elegant dining options and a riverside swimming pool.



### Koh Samui

Thailand's second largest island, Koh Samui lies in the Gulf of Thailand and is one of the country's most popular beach locations. The island is known for its glorious white-sand beaches, mountainous rainforest, coconut palms and excellent resorts and spas.

#### KOH SAMUI 4 Day

##### Day 1 Arrive Koh Samui

Upon arrival at Koh Samui Airport you will be transferred to your accommodation.

##### Day 2-3 Koh Samui (B)

Days at leisure to enjoy relaxing by the beach.

##### Day 4 Depart Koh Samui (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Peace Resort 4★

Located on Bo Phut Beach, the Peace Resort offers spacious bungalows with modern amenities, air conditioning and private terrace. There is an outdoor swimming pool and an outdoor restaurant serving Thai and international cuisine.



#### Prices

Prices from £385 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 5★ Katathani Phuket Beach Resort, return airport transfers and meals as stated.

#### Prices

Prices from £295 per person

Including 2 nights accommodation at the 4★ Riva Surya (Urban room), return airport transfers and meals as stated.

#### Prices

Prices from £299 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Peace Resort, return airport transfers, sightseeing and meals as listed.

# STOPOVERS - MALAYSIA

An ideal stopover destination, Malaysia is known for its cosmopolitan cities, relaxing beaches, tropical rainforests and Malay, Chinese, Indian and European cultural influences.



## Kuala Lumpur

The capital of Kuala Lumpur is ideal for a city stopover with its modern skyscrapers dominating the skyline. It is known for the Petronas Towers, two sleek steel and glass structures with an observation deck.

### KUALA LUMPUR 3 Day

Day 1 Arrive Kuala Lumpur

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Day 2 Kuala Lumpur (B)

At leisure in Kuala Lumpur.

Day 3 Depart Kuala Lumpur (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Dorsett Kuala Lumpur 4★

Located a 10-minute walk from Berjaya Times Square, guestrooms have air conditioning and a safe. There is an outdoor swimming pool, a restaurant, lounge and bar.



## Langkawi

Perfect for a relaxing beach break, Langkawi has white sand beaches and excellent resort hotels. It is made up of 104 islands in the Andaman Sea, about 30km off mainland Malaysia.

### LANGKAWI 4 Day

Day 1 Arrive Langkawi

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel to check in. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Days 2 - 3 Langkawi (B)

At leisure in Langkawi.

Day 4 Depart Langkawi (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa 4★

Set beside a beautiful white sand beach with 2 swimming pools and 4 dining options. Rooms are set in spacious wooden chalets with private balcony, modern amenities and flat-screen TV.



## Penang

Penang is located in northwest Malaysia, occupying a small part of the mainland as well as Penang Island. The island of Penang lies in the Strait of Malacca and is a popular destination for a culture and beach stay.

### PENANG 4 Day

Day 1 Arrive Penang

Upon arrival you will be transferred to your accommodation to check in.

Days 2 - 3 Penang (B)

Days at leisure in Penang.

Day 4 Depart Penang (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Holiday Inn Resort Penang 4★

Located close to the beach and the vibrant night market, the resort is around a 30-minute drive from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Georgetown. There is an outdoor swimming pool and a selection of dining options.



#### Prices

Prices from £165 per person

Including 2 nights accommodation at the 4★ Dorsett Kuala Lumpur, return airport transfers and meals as stated.

#### Prices

Prices from £455 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Meritus Pelangi Beach Resort & Spa, return airport transfers and meals as stated

#### Prices

Prices from £175 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Holiday Inn Resort Penang, return airport transfers and meals as stated.

# STOPOVERS



## Dubai

The largest city in the United Arab Emirates, Dubai is located on the southeast coast of the Persian Gulf and is known for its high-end resorts, sandy beaches, luxury shopping and futuristic architecture. The Burj Khalifa, currently the tallest structure in the world, dominates the Dubai skyline, standing at 830 metres high. Dubai is ideal for a 3 or 4-night stopover on your way home, for a few days of shopping and relaxing. Perhaps take an optional safari tour, exploring the sand dunes and visiting a traditional Bedouin village.

### Day 1 Arrive Dubai

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

### Days 2-3 Dubai (B)

At leisure in Dubai or you could choose to take one of the following optional tours:  
Desert Safari with Barbecue Dinner  
£60 per person  
Dhow Cruise in Dubai Marina  
£65 per person

### Day 4 Depart Dubai (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

### Ramada Plaza Jumeirah Beach 4★

Set in a prime location between the golden sands of Jumeirah Beach and Dubai Marina, enjoying spectacular views of the Arabian Gulf. Spacious guestrooms have modern amenities including flat-screen TV and WiFi. There is an outdoor swimming pool and two restaurants serving a selection of cuisine.

## Prices

Prices from £350 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Ramada Plaza Jumeirah Beach, return airport transfers and meals as stated.



## Singapore

The island city-state of Singapore lies off the southern coast of Malaysia. It has a multicultural population, is a world-leading global financial centre and has one of the world's busiest ports. The main highlights in Singapore are the Buddhist Tooth Temple, the Gardens by the Bay, the Botanic Gardens and the famous Orchard Road, home to many of Singapore's shopping malls, cafes and restaurants. Perhaps visit the famous Raffles Hotel, where the Singapore Sling cocktail was invented.

### Day 1 Arrive Singapore

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel to check in. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

### Days 2-3 Singapore (B)

At leisure in Singapore or take an optional tour. Optional half day city tour: Civic District, Merlion Park, Botanic Gardens, Thian Hock Keng Temple, Little India. £30 per person

### Day 4 Depart Singapore (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

### Jen Orchard Gateway Hotel 4★

Located close to the shopping district on Orchard Road and with direct access to Somerset MRT Station. Guestrooms are elegantly furnished and have modern amenities with large windows. There is a stunning outdoor swimming pool with fantastic views, as well as a fitness centre and a restaurant serving a selection of Singaporean and Western dishes.

## Prices

Prices from £399 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Jen Orchard Gateway Hotel, return airport transfers and meals as stated.



## Bali

The well-known Indonesian Island of Bali has much to offer including stunning beaches, forested mountains, terraced rice fields, spiritual temples and tempting cuisine. It is nestled between the Islands of Java and Lombok and is perfect for a post-tour beach stay to relax and unwind.

### Day 1 Arrive Bali

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax.

### Days 2 - 3 Bali (B)

At leisure in Bali.

### Day 4 Depart Bali (B)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

### Bali Mandira Beach Resort & Spa 4★

Located alongside the golden sand beach at Legian, the Bali Mandira offers outstanding accommodation with comfortable guestrooms and modern amenities. There is a spa, two swimming pools and several dining options including the fabulous Azul Beach Club.



## Prices

Prices from £285 per person

Including 3 nights accommodation at the 4★ Bali Mandira Beach Resort & Spa, return airport transfers and meals as stated.

# USEFUL INFORMATION



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Prior to your departure we will send you a detailed Travel Guide, offering helpful advice and cultural information that will enable you to get the very most from your holiday. You will even be able to practice some useful phrases!

## CHECK-IN BAGGAGE

Most international flights allow 23kg for economy class, 30kg for business class and 40kg for first class. Please note that internal flights in China have a strict allowance of 20kg and excess baggage charges will apply.

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Each passenger booked on a Links Travel & Tours holiday must have adequate insurance. We work with Holiday Extras who can advise you on the best policy to suit your needs. If you already have your own travel insurance, we require a copy of the documents for our reference.

## HEALTH

The NHS travel advice for Asia, at the time of going to print, is that health risks while travelling vary between individuals. You should consult your GP or Practice Nurse who will assess your particular health needs before suggesting vaccines and or malaria tablets.

## SMART TRAVEL

Overall, our destinations are safe, but as always when travelling abroad, please exercise common sense especially at the major tourist sites. Certain travel and living conditions differ to the UK so you will need to travel with an open mind.

## MOBILITY

Many sites across Asia require a fair level of physical activity, and the sheer scale of some attractions means walking is unavoidable. Our local representatives will do their utmost to accommodate any requests, and where possible, suggest alternative routes. Please advise us of any mobility issues in advance so we can arrange support, including wheelchair assistance.

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We offer a wide range of upgrades on all group tours and tailor-made journeys including flights, hotels, transfers and cruises.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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England ODI Cricket Tour to the West Indies 2023 (Dec)  
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 Azerbaijan F1 (Sep) - USA F1 (Oct) - Mexico F1 (Oct)  
 Las Vegas F1 (Nov) - Qatar F1 (Nov) - Abu Dhabi F1 (Nov)

## Rugby 2024

The Guinness Six Nations is always an exciting battle between the national teams of England, Wales, Ireland, Scotland, France and Italy.

Each destination is the ideal getaway for a luxury city break that combines world-class rugby with excellent accommodation, sightseeing and entertainment.

The Rugby Sevens really is its own unique sport, Sevens weekends always offers unforgettable moments, it's also an excellent opportunity to travel around the world and visit some of the most amazing cities.

### Rugby Sevens:

South Africa (Nov) - Dubai (Dec) - USA (Feb)  
 Hong Kong (Mar) - Canada (Mar)

### Six Nations:

Italy v England (Feb) - France v England (Mar)  
 Italy v Scotland (Mar)



## Tennis Tours 2024

We arrange for tennis fans to travel the world on opulent tennis holidays so they may see the best professional players compete on the most prestigious courts. Hotels, courtside tennis tickets, and private airport transportation are all included in our package deals.

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 Italian Open (May) - U.S Tennis Open (Aug)



For more information on the Rugby Six Nations, Rugby Sevens, or other sporting events, please visit our website [www.sportlinkstravel.co.uk](http://www.sportlinkstravel.co.uk), or call

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## \* Flexible Booking Policy

We offer a Free travel amendment to travel for bookings for all 2023/2024,25,26 bookings made up to 6 weeks prior to departure. So if clients wishes to postpone, travel later or travel to a different destination we will try to accommodate. This will be subject to difference in tour and flight costs etc.

## Your Contract With Us

These Booking Conditions, together with our privacy policy and any other written information we brought to your attention before we confirmed your booking, apply to your contract with China Links Travel Limited a company registered in England & Wales under company number 06555592.

## Payment

The deposit required will depend on the components you choose. Our standard deposit is £300 per person. Some Airlines, transport providers or hotels will require full payment at the time of booking and where possible your travel consultant will advise this at the point of booking.

This payment is deemed to be confirmation that the client has read and accepts the China Links Travel booking conditions. (Full t&c's available [www.linkstravelandtours.co.uk](http://www.linkstravelandtours.co.uk)) Clients booking through a travel agent or by telephone, fax, email or online will be deemed to have read the booking conditions and accepted them.

Your balance must be paid before the date specified on the travel confirmation which is normally no later than 60 days before your departure date. If we do not receive final payment by the due date then we / the provider of the services in question reserve the right to treat your booking as cancelled by you and cancellation charges will be applicable. Full payment will be required for all bookings made within 12 weeks of departure.

## Insurance

Adequate travel insurance is a condition of your contract with us. You must take out a policy of insurance in order to cover you and your party against the

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## If You Change Your Booking

If after our confirmation invoice has been issued you wish to change your travel you must send your request to us in writing signed by the person who made the booking, or by e-mail from the e-mail address given to us at the time of booking. Any request for changes must be made in writing and you will be asked to pay an administrative charge of £50 per person plus any further costs involved, such as any non refundable costs of cancelled tickets and any additional costs of the new tickets. Certain travel arrangement cannot be changed after a reservation is made therefore the alteration will incur a 100% cancellation charge.

## Changes By Us

It is unlikely that we will make changes to your travel arrangements. If we do have to make some changes then we reserve the right in our discretion to do so. Most of these changes will be minor and we will advise you at the earliest possible date. No compensation is payable for minor changes. We reserve the right to cancel your travel arrangements in any circumstance. We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 56 days before your departure date except for reasons of Force Majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. If we cancel your holiday you can either have a refund of monies paid or accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements of

comparable standard from us.

We will compensate you according to the following scale:

Period to departure date  
More than 70 days £0.00  
70-30 days £15.00  
29-21 days £30.00  
20- 0 days £50.00

## Cancellation By You

If you wish to cancel your holiday you must notify us in writing as soon as possible as cancellation will take effect as soon as we received your letter.

The following cancellation charges will apply:

Period before departure date  
More than 70 days deposit only  
70-30 days 50% of final invoice  
29-21 days 80% of final invoice  
20-0 days 100% of final invoice

## Cancellation By Us

It is unlikely that we will make changes to your travel arrangement. If we do have to make some changes then we reserve the right in our discretion to do so.



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