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ASIA

RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA | SRI LANKA
CHINA | JAPAN

2019-20



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From great mega-cities to quiet rural villages, gain an authentic insight into local life as APT guides you through Asia. A true world of unique possibilities, where ancient and modern wonders exist, it is through breathtaking river cruises and amazing tours that we will take you beyond the tourist trail and reveal the very heart of these captivating destinations.



“Every stage of the holiday was wonderful. The excursions, guided tours, choice of hotels and the cruise itself were all perfect. This is a professional, friendly and ethical company...”



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**For that extra
special ingredient.**



Don't just take our word for it, read
our independent traveller reviews:

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Delight in every detail. That's **The APT Difference.**

It's the extra little things we think of that make your journey totally unforgettable.

From the first time you pick up the phone, to the warm welcome you receive every time you return from a day's adventure. Our dedicated and experienced staff are there for you every step of the way.

It's our attention to detail in our knowledge, expertise and personal service that truly sets us apart. Talk to one of our ever-so-friendly team to experience it for yourself.

INSPIRATIONAL DESTINATIONS

Explore iconic sites and undiscovered gems. Learn from our detailed inside knowledge of classic 'must sees' as well as lesser known locations.

EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCES

For a new perspective on the world. Have the sights, sounds and flavours of unfamiliar cultures vividly brought to life by our hand-picked local guides.

SO MUCH INCLUDED

Rest assured we take care of everything. Our Luxury Holidays even include private home-to-airport transfers.

UNPARALLELED PERSONAL SERVICE

Family owned since 1927. Enjoy a level of care and attention we've refined over 90 years.



BENEFIT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE

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FAMILY-OWNED SINCE 1927

APT is a leading travel company with origins that date back more than 90 years. Over this time we have established a clear understanding of what makes the perfect holiday, and enjoy going the extra mile to ensure our travellers have a life-enriching experience.

EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE

We will go to great lengths to show you the very best of Asia in complete comfort, style and ease. We will also take you away from the crowds to interact with local people and enjoy experiences off the typical tourist trail. Our travel professionals use their knowledge and expertise to perfect our itineraries and deliver a comprehensive collection of inspiring holidays.

FULLY INCLUSIVE & GUARANTEED

Our prices cover everything, including sightseeing, accommodation, meals and drinks as detailed in your itinerary; plus overseas transfers, taxes, port charges and all tipping.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

We are proud of the 98% satisfaction rating we receive from our travellers, together with a five-star rating on the independent review site Trustpilot, and are committed to maintaining these exceptional standards.

AWARD-WINNING HOLIDAYS

In 2016, we were honoured to receive the award for Best River Cruise at the prestigious Telegraph Travel Awards for the second year in a row. While in 2017, we were also recognised as Best Escorted Tour Operator. These valuable accolades are further proof that when you choose to travel with APT, you are choosing to travel with the very best.

PEACE OF MIND

You will always enjoy complete peace of mind when you book with us, as APT is a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA), and our air-inclusive packages are fully bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority's Air Travel Organisers' Licence (ATOL) scheme.

THE APT CLUB

Once you have booked with APT, we invite you to join the APT Club, which offers a range of exclusive member-only benefits. See page 82 for further details.





FLIGHTS FROM THE UK

The ultimate convenience

Going on your APT holiday has never been easier as return flights from London Heathrow are included in the cost. Sit back and enjoy the onboard experience of leading airlines, including Singapore Airlines.

ENRICHING SIGHTSEEING

Crafted especially for you

From Colombo to Tokyo, you will be captivated by the included sightseeing on offer. Get close to iconic wonders and experience a variety of customs and cultures in a range of unique locations.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Every step of the way

Ensuring everything runs smoothly on your journey is a dedicated Cruise or Tour Director. They will assist with anything you need, while the knowledge of expert local guides will enhance your journey.

FULLY INCLUSIVE HOLIDAYS

Set off on an unforgettable river cruise or tour with APT and you will experience a seamless and carefree journey; with everything included to make the perfect holiday.

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STYLISH ACCOMMODATION

More than just a place to stay

Cruise in style aboard some of the finest river ships on their respective waterways; while on land, enjoy quality accommodation in leading hotels and resorts, set in central or unique locations.

DELIGHTFUL CUISINE

A range of dining experiences

Indulge your taste buds on a journey through the delicious delights of Asia. Enjoy a variety of meals and drinks during your adventure, both on board and on land, as detailed in each itinerary.

ALL THE FINE DETAILS

For your absolute peace of mind

Relax, we really do think of everything. From overseas transfers and luggage portorage to port charges and tipping – your price covers everything you need for the perfect holiday.

GETTING YOU THERE

We only work with leading scheduled airlines to ensure that you can travel in confidence.

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A SEAMLESS EXPERIENCE

For your convenience, all of our holidays to Asia include Economy Class flights from London Heathrow. Regional departures may also be available – please enquire at the time of booking.

We are proud to work in partnership with a wide range of respected carriers, including Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways, Etihad Airways and British Airways, so that you can sit back and enjoy the quality onboard experience as your adventure begins.

UPGRADE YOUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

To make your journey even more memorable, you may choose to upgrade to Premium Economy or Business Class with a range of added benefits. These include dedicated check in and departure lounges; enhanced personal space on board the aircraft; superior in-flight entertainment; and a greater choice of meals and wine.

We have partnered with major carriers that reflect our own high levels of service and offer flight paths that best suit your itinerary. However, if you have an alternate preferred airline or would like to discuss upgrade options, please contact our specialist consultants.

DISCOVER MORE WITH A STOPOVER

Our close association with select airlines presents you with the opportunity to break your journey in either direction. More than just a chance to adjust to the time difference and relax between flights, a stopover allows you to gain an insight into exciting destinations such as Singapore and the Maldives.

For a carefree experience, we will book your accommodation with a daily breakfast, and arrange return airport transfers plus a half-day sightseeing tour. Stopover choices will be determined by the airline you fly with, as well as the destination you are travelling to or from, so please contact our specialist consultants to discuss your options.



Clockwise from top:

Relax knowing that we take care of your flight arrangements.

Enjoy the added benefits of Premium Economy with Singapore Airlines.

Relax in Business Class comfort with Thai Airways International.





EXOTIC LANDS OF CONTRAST

Wildly captivating and spiritual, Asia presents a world of idyllic landscapes, iconic wonders and architectural triumphs.

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The gradual pace of an APT holiday allows you time to be enchanted by the ever-changing landscapes and appreciate the complex fabric of each region.

Immerse yourself in the scenery and cultures of Vietnam & Cambodia on a river cruise along the mighty Mekong, where gracious locals will be quick to welcome you.

Discover the many facets of Sri Lanka, from fascinating World Heritage-listed temples and tea plantations, to extraordinary wildlife and a distinctively friendly island culture.

Visit China's iconic attractions and witness a world of endless possibilities, including the spectacular natural scenery of the Three Gorges region from placid, lake-like waters along the middle reaches of China's Yangtze River. While in the high altitudes of Tibet, experience the beautiful spirituality of Lhasa, embrace the welcoming hill tribes and admire sublime mountain views.

Marvel at a land of beautiful contradictions on a remarkable tour of Japan, travelling by luxury coach and high-speed Bullet Train. From geishas to sashimi, the nation's offerings are endless.



ASTOUNDING BEAUTY, CAREFREE EXPERIENCES

Studded with special, instinctive touches that make all the difference, our journeys through Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, China and Japan have been meticulously crafted. Exploring these countries becomes almost effortless as we transport you between destinations by river, road, rail and air, in the most carefree manner imaginable.

NOTHING QUITE COMPARES

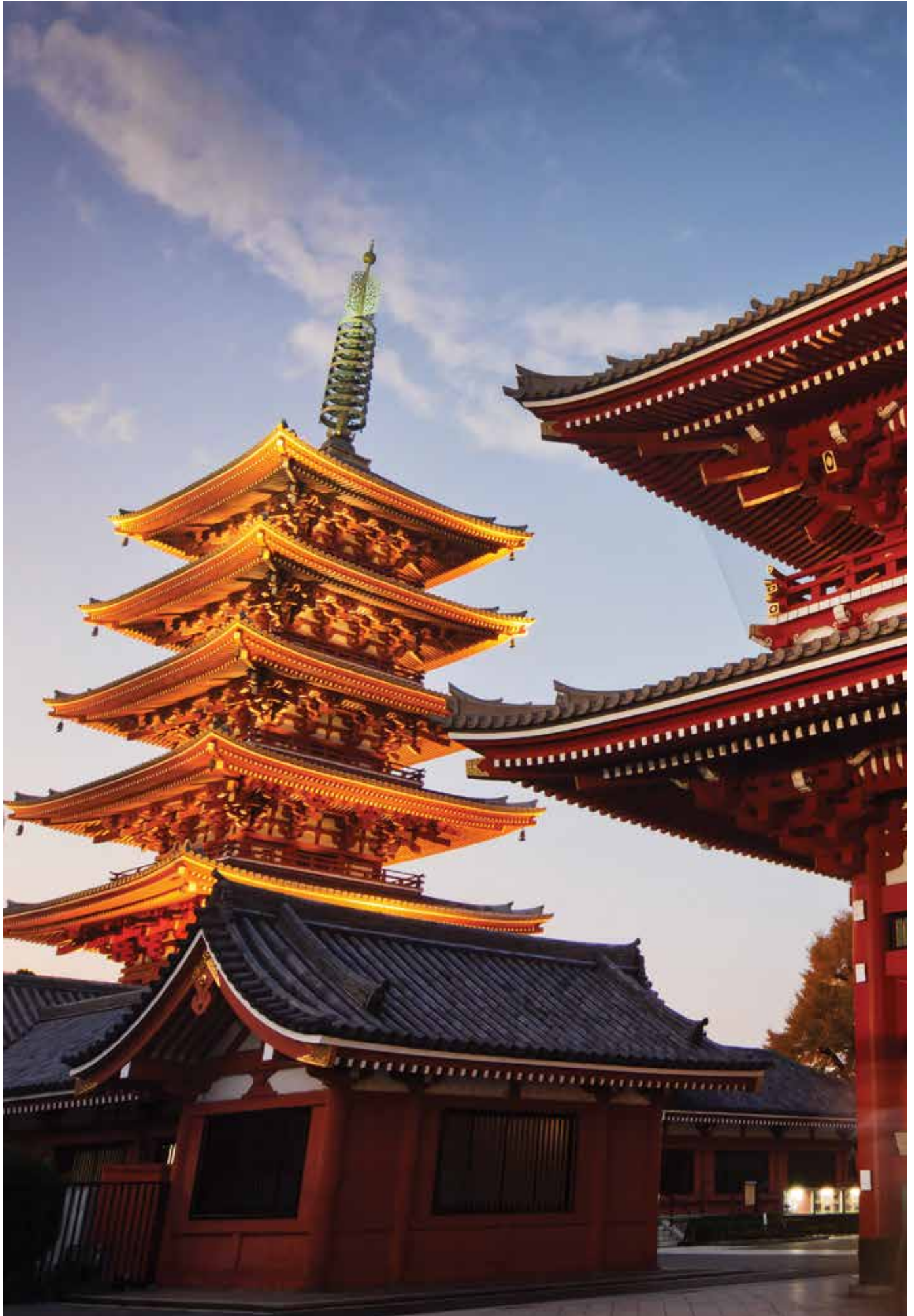
Delightful cuisine, unforgettable sightseeing, stunning accommodation and the highest levels of personal attention – we have considered every last detail. Nothing compares to the new experiences that await when you discover Asia with APT.

A TRUE IMMERSION INTO LOCAL LIFE

With an incredible range of included sightseeing experiences, together with free time to explore, you will have the opportunity to fully appreciate local life. Discover the unique nature of each location in the company of expert English-speaking guides who will provide an insider's perspective, ensuring you get right to the heart of each destination.

INSIGHT & EXPERTISE

Our wealth of knowledge and dedication to refining dream holidays means you can feel confident that every moment of your APT journey will be memorable. Having forged superb relationships with our partners around the world, we have been able to develop itineraries that showcase the finest wonders of each region.



CHOOSE YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY

*No matter how you picture your dream holiday,
APT can make it a reality.*

LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

Our *Luxury Holidays* allow you to discover the true essence of Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, China and Japan in unparalleled comfort and style. You will enjoy the finest five-star accommodation, a host of unforgettable dining experiences, enriching sightseeing and exceptional service.

It is the detail, however, that tells the real story. From a luxurious stay at the award-winning Hotel Sofitel Angkor to meeting with a local geiko (geisha) or maiko (apprentice geisha) in Kyoto, nowhere is our expertise more evident.

You will enjoy a varied range of Signature Experiences, as detailed in your itinerary, carefully designed to provide insight into the history, culture, lifestyle or cuisine of each region. And because everyone is different, we know you will appreciate our Freedom of Choice concept, which allows you to tailor your sightseeing and dining in select locations, at no additional cost.

ESSENTIAL RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

With APT Travelmarvel, you will benefit from all the expertise, knowledge and personal service of APT. Throughout Vietnam, Cambodia and Sri Lanka, enjoy hand-picked premium accommodation in central and unique locations, quality meals and all the must-see sights.

Plus, with a selection of unique stays, local insights and memorable meals, our Insider Experiences give you the chance to gain a greater insight into each remarkable region without any additional expense.

And while all the iconic destinations and essential experiences are included throughout your journey, you will also get ample free time to discover at your own pace, so you can enjoy inspirational travel at marvellous value.



All *Essential Holidays* are operated by Travelmarvel, part of the APT Travel Group, and are indicated throughout the itinerary pages by this logo.

ENRICHING SIGHTSEEING

*Uncover the true heart of Asia through
a wealth of sightseeing inclusions.*

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THE ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR IMAGINATION

Whether on river or land, our top priority is to offer you the very best sightseeing experiences, and we are always delighted to hand-pick a selection of activities that capture the spirit of these truly remarkable countries. All of our holidays include a wealth of sightseeing inclusions as standard, leaving you free to enjoy the experiences that shape your journey.

BECOME IMMERSED IN LOCAL LIFE

Each day presents an opportunity to get to the heart of the region you are visiting. As you arrive in each new destination, our extensive sightseeing opportunities open up new cultural experiences that give you a special understanding of the area. We will take you to locations off the beaten path and you will get to know the locals, gain an insight into their everyday life, and discover the relaxed pace that envelopes Asia's villages and towns.

TAKE THE HOLIDAY YOU WANT

We believe you should be in control of your holiday, and that is why we make every effort to help you tailor your sightseeing to match your fitness levels, expectations and interests. We pride ourselves on offering a range of sightseeing activities both included and optional, that appeal to all different touring tastes.

LOCAL GUIDES, LOCAL INSIGHT

Throughout your holiday you will embark on sightseeing excursions with local guides who will take you on a private journey, complete with the knowledge only someone who lives there can offer.

PUT YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE EXPERTS

Our professional Cruise and Tour Directors are friendly English-speaking locals who possess an amazing level of knowledge, offering superior service. With their established reputation as the very best in the business, they are always on hand to ensure your experience is unforgettable from start to finish.



Clockwise from top left:

Discover the intriguing stone ruins of Bayon Temple in Cambodia.

Marvel at the iconic Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion) in Japan.

Nothing quite compares to China's beautiful Forbidden City.



“This was one of the best holidays we’ve had. The local guides were wonderful and the sights and tours fabulous.”

★ Trustpilot

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

Venture into a wonderful world of exclusive moments, diverse cultures and charming surprises.

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An included feature on all *Luxury Holidays*, our carefully-chosen Signature Experiences allow you to venture into a world of charming surprises. These exclusive and unique events are designed to deepen your experience in select destinations, taking you on an inspiring journey beneath the surface of local history, culture and traditions.

Experience the beauty of World Heritage-listed Angkor Wat at sunrise; meet with a local geiko (geisha) or maiko (apprentice geisha) in Kyoto; sit down for a private lunch at a rarely visited stretch of the Badaling section of the Great Wall; savour a special dinner in a converted Railway Carriage restaurant in Nuwara Eliya.



“Great company taking care of all the little details. Very impressive, opened my eyes to a different holiday experience.”

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Clockwise from top:

Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China.

Greet friendly locals during your holiday.

Share a special moment at Cambodia's Angkor Wat.



☆ INSIDER EXPERIENCES

Enjoy unique sightseeing activities, memorable interactions and exclusive culinary experiences.

On all *Essential Holidays*, an exciting range of specially selected Insider Experiences treat you to some truly engaging opportunities at no additional cost. You will enjoy in-depth discoveries of local culture, take in sights of incredible natural wonders, and come face-to-face with stunning wildlife.

Stop in at the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home in Sri Lanka, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated; take a train ride through tea plantations and picturesque hill country to Ella; meet local underprivileged children in Siem Reap; enjoy a traditional Buddhist blessing whilst in the former royal capital of Oudong.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ INCLUSIONS



Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing and dining options.

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We know that not all travellers have the same interests and that is why on our *Luxury Holidays*, in many locations you can personalise your journey thanks to the huge choice of sightseeing activities and dining experiences on offer. What's more, they are included at no additional cost.

There is no finer example than in Siem Reap, Cambodia culture lovers can be part of a Buddhist blessing, join a cooking or dance class, visit craft workshops or take a shopping tour. The energetic will enjoy a quad bike adventure, while more leisurely options include a village bicycle tour, spa treatment or horse cart ride.

See pages 84-89 for a comprehensive list of all available Freedom of Choice Inclusions on our *Luxury Holidays*.



Clockwise from top left:

*Whip up wonderfully fragrant Vietnamese food, as you learn about the local cuisine.
Admire immaculate gardens and rich traditions on a walking tour of Ho Chi Minh City.
Visit the largest ancient sacrificial building in China, the Temple of Heaven.*



“The guides in the different regions were first class. The organisation and variety of the tours first class also.”

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STYLISH ACCOMMODATION

Your comfort as you journey through Asia is our priority.

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STEP ABOARD YOUR FLOATING HOTEL

On board our river ships, cruising the Mekong in Vietnam & Cambodia and the Yangtze through the Three Gorges region of China, you will find elegant and comfortable suites that offer the perfect haven to retire to at the end of a busy day of sightseeing.

The public areas have also been designed to enhance your journey. Large outdoor decks that allow you to watch the scenery glide by, combined with main lounges that offer a cosy place to curl up with a drink, equal a relaxing journey.

Regardless of the river ship you are travelling on, the attention that has been paid to even the smallest detail is sure to not only meet, but exceed your expectations.

ENJOY THE PERFECT LOCATION ON LAND

Our diverse collection of hotels and resorts are not only hand-picked for their outstanding facilities, they are also chosen for their sensational locations.

From central hotels that place you right in the middle of the action, to peaceful resorts in the midst of tranquil natural settings, each has been carefully chosen to allow you to immerse yourself in the region and enhance your journey throughout Asia.

SERVICE WITH A SMILE NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE

Throughout your adventure, exceptional hospitality is a guaranteed highlight. The standard of accommodation in Asia is recognised as among the world's finest, in part due to the warm and highly professional service in many hotels.

This dedication extends to the service on our river ships, where no task is too much trouble for our friendly and intuitive, skilled staff. Our hospitality staff will treat you as the individual you are, and will be there to attend to your needs every step of the way. You have our assurance that your entire experience will go beyond the every day.



Clockwise from top left:

On the boundary of Yala National Park, Chena Huts is a private and stylish jungle haven.

Glide along the Mekong River aboard the RV La Marguerite.

Unwind in the comfort of your twin balcony suite aboard the RV AmaLotus.



“A very well organised holiday with top rate accommodation and staff throughout the whole tour. A truly memorable, wonderful trip.”

★ Trustpilot



TANTALISING FLAVOURS

Throughout Asia, exquisite local cuisine further enhances your exploration of the region.

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We have found the perfect blend of ingredients that will guarantee your holiday is unforgettable: included gourmet meals, authentic regional dishes and casual yet attentive service. Using fresh local produce to create a sumptuous insight into local flavours, you will want to savour every bite you take.

EXQUISITE ASIAN CUISINE

For the duration of our Mekong river cruises in Vietnam & Cambodia, and our Yangtze river cruises through the Three Gorges region of China, all meals are included on board. Complimentary free-flowing wines, local beers and soft drinks are also served with lunch and dinner.

While touring, you will enjoy a variety of meals, as detailed in each itinerary, including hand-picked dining experiences in some of Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, China and Japan's top restaurants.

WELCOME AND FAREWELL DINNERS

At the beginning of your journey, you will get to know your Cruise or Tour Director and fellow travellers over a delicious Welcome Dinner. Near the end of your trip, you will also gather over a Farewell Dinner to reflect on your holiday.

SOMETHING TO SATISFY ALL TASTE BUDS

While travelling, you can rely on our commitment to creating exquisite dishes to tempt all of our passengers. From fine dining to casual buffet-style meals; and exotic dishes to more familiar western-style fare; you can be sure all dishes will be prepared by expert chefs to guarantee their quality.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ DINING INCLUSIONS

Not all people have the same tastes when it comes to food and dining experiences. That is why on our *Luxury Holidays*, in select places you are presented with a range of different restaurants from which to choose.

See pages 88-89 for a comprehensive list of all available Freedom of Choice Dining Inclusions on our *Luxury Holidays*.



Clockwise from top left:

Enjoy the gracious hospitality for which APT are renowned.

Be tempted by tantalising, delicious delicacies.

Luke Nguyen is proud to help enrich your discovery.



LUKE NGUYEN & APT

Experience a culinary insight into the local culture, history and people.

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Acclaimed chef, author and television personality, Luke Nguyen has proudly held the title of APT Ambassador since 2011. Central to his relationship with APT is a shared belief that we travel to discover a culture unlike our own, and that food is an essential part of this adventure. With a passion for food that stems from his culinary-captivated parents, exclusive to selected *Luxury Holidays*, Luke has shaped a range of experiences that highlight his love for cooking, and introducing others to the craft.

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Cruising aboard the RV *AmALotus*, all guests will enjoy a Welcome Dinner, as well as a Vietnamese share-style dinner in the 20-seat private restaurant – both created exclusively by Luke. For those who stay with us in Ho Chi Minh City, you will also be treated to a dinner at Luke's stunning restaurant, Vietnam House.

Luke also shares his enthusiasm for the food of his homeland on an exclusive 16-day itinerary (Tour code: VEMRLN16F). Join Luke on a tour of Old Saigon and be introduced to his extended family; learn how to prepare Vietnamese dishes during a cooking class at his culinary school, GRAIN by Luke Nguyen; and enjoy an exclusive 'Get to Know Luke' session.





VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Explore the wonders of the Mekong as you are swept through the legendary landscapes of these enchanting lands.

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An intoxicating blend of breathtaking natural landscapes, vibrant cities and incredible flavours, Vietnam has been an attractive destination for travellers for decades – and very few visit just once. From Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), so captivated are they with the country’s incredible beauty and energetic cities that they return time and time again.

A country that boasts wondrous grace, stunning beauty and a sobering recent history, Cambodia is a land of contrast. Its highlights are plentiful, not least of which is the iconic Angkor Wat, considered the world’s largest religious monument. The capital Phnom Penh is the political and cultural hub of the country, with the gleaming gold Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda superb examples of fascinating Khmer architecture.



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RV AMALOTUS

The charming RV AMALOTUS boasts a boutique design that evokes a sense of elegance with a genuinely relaxing atmosphere.

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A STYLISH RIVERSIDE PERSPECTIVE

There is no finer way to experience two of Asia's most charming countries than aboard the RV AMALOTUS. With a large amount of space per guest, this luxurious vessel boasts a wide range of facilities, while its intimate size ensures a personalised experience.

TWIN BALCONY SUITES

All of our luxury suites feature both an Outside Balcony and a French Balcony. No matter which category of suite you choose, you are sure to delight in your five-star retreat. Furthermore, complimentary garment laundering is offered to all suites on board.

INCLUDED DRINKS ON THE RV AMALOTUS

True to APT's commitment to fully inclusive cruising, international house wine, local beer, local spirits, and soft drinks are included at all times during your cruise.

INDULGENT PUBLIC AREAS

Large Sun Deck with Swimming Pool

The spacious Sun Deck features a refreshing pool lined with lounge chairs so you can enjoy the views in comfort.

EXCLUSIVE! Indochine by Luke Nguyen

Delight in an intimate culinary journey of exceptional Vietnamese cuisine in this private dining room with a special five-course menu designed by chef Luke Nguyen.

Le Việt Nam Café

Enjoy afternoon tea beside large windows, that allow you to take in the passing views.

Lotus Spa & Wellness Centre

Take advantage of a range of hair and beauty treatments, enjoy a blissful massage, or keep up with your fitness routine with the use of a range of gym equipment.

Saigon Lounge & Bar

Enjoy a drink and take in the views in the air-conditioned main lounge. By night, enjoy a range of entertainment.

Mekong Restaurant

Embellished with a level of finesse that is unique to our river ship, the Mekong Restaurant is a truly stylish dining area.



"The local guides were wonderful and the sights and tours fabulous. The RV AMALOTUS boat, the crew, the food and the rooms could not have been better."

★ Trustpilot



Clockwise from top left:*Experience the magnificent Mekong aboard the RV AmALotus.**Indulge in delicious cuisine in a superb setting.**Unwind in an elegant Sadec Twin Balcony Suite.***PRIVATE BUTLER SERVICE**

In selected suites, our onboard butler service offers guests additional personalised attention and room service.

Silver Butler Service

Includes the laundering and pressing of two

garments per suite, per day; shoe shining; daily fruit platter; booking of appointments; and one spa treatment per person, per cruise. Silver Butler Service is available to guests in Sadec Twin Balcony Suites.

Gold Butler Service

Includes a packing and unpacking service; the laundering and pressing of four garments per suite, per day; shoe shining; a bottle of French Champagne; daily fruit platter and pre-dinner canapes; tea & coffee service; booking of appointments; and one spa treatment per person, per cruise. Gold Butler Service is available to guests in Owner's Suites.

LUXURY HOTELS & RESORTS

Stay in some of Asia's most iconic hotels, selected for their world-class service, luxurious accommodation and stylish decor.

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SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE HANOI

Found in central Hanoi just steps from the Opera House in the French Quarter, the Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi offers world-class facilities with a feel of old-world style and charm. Blending warm Vietnamese hospitality with European luxury, you will enjoy staying in an elegant Premium Room at this incredible property which prides itself on excellent service and is home to some of the city's most renowned restaurants and bars.

PARK HYATT SAIGON

Located in the historic heart of Ho Chi Minh City, this grand French colonial-style property provides the utmost comfort and style as well as maintaining the building's timeless charm. Redefining urban luxury, with historical attractions, shops and cultural sights within walking distance, this is a superbly located property that will help you make the most of your stay in Ho Chi Minh City.



Clockwise from top:*Relax in five-star luxury at the Park Hyatt Saigon.**Enjoy the lush surrounds of the Hotel Sofitel Angkor.**Explore Vietnam's greatest natural areas on board The Au Co.***HOTEL SOFITEL ANGKOR, SIEM REAP**

Perfectly positioned just a short drive from Angkor Archaeological Park, Siem Reap's leading luxury resort, Hotel Sofitel Angkor, is the ideal base from which to explore the ruins. Combining Khmer and French design, this award-winning hotel features gardens, five restaurants and bars, a luxury spa and Cambodia's largest free-form swimming pool.

THE AU CO, HA LONG BAY

Embark on an exquisite journey amid a mesmerising oasis of azure water and majestic karsts aboard the luxurious Au Co. Inspired by legends of folklore, this luxury ship fuses contemporary Asian design with French architecture, elegance and style. Setting a new standard for travel on the bay, and designed along the principles of Feng Shui, you are guaranteed an unforgettable experience. As you cruise, you will enjoy the luxury of its spacious onboard areas, indulge in exquisite cuisine and perhaps unwind in the relaxing spa.

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHTS

15 DAYS
HO CHI MINH CITY
TO SIEM REAP

LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



Discover traditional carvings at the Bayon Temple




ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Ho Chi Minh City	Arrive in Ho Chi Minh City
3	Ho Chi Minh City	Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels, Vietnam House dinner
4	Ho Chi Minh City	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing, Embark Mekong River cruise
5	Cai Be, Sa Dec	Tour Huynh Thuy Le's old house
6	Tan Chau, Evergreen Island	Rickshaw tour
7	Phnom Penh	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
8	Phnom Penh, Koh Chen	Copper Workshop
9	Oudong, Kampong Tralach	Buddhist Blessing, Ox-cart ride
10	Kampong Chhnang	Wetlands cruise
11	Siem Reap	Freedom of Choice Dining
12	Siem Reap, Angkor	Sunrise at Angkor Wat
13	Siem Reap	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
14-15	Siem Reap, London	Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

-  **EXCLUSIVE!** At Luke Nguyen's Vietnam House, enjoy an authentic dinner tied together with an Australian accent
-  Choose to explore the Cu Chi Tunnels or attend a memorial service at the Long Tan Cross
-  Enjoy a sunrise at Angkor Wat with a drink in hand

KEY

-  **SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE**
-  **FREEDOM OF CHOICE™** – Sightseeing
-  **FREEDOM OF CHOICE™** – Dining

Day 1. Depart London.


Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Vietnam.

Day 2. Arrive Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

Today you'll arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. Be met and transferred to your hotel, then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Enjoy a delicious dinner at your hotel.


Two Night Stay: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon.

Day 3. Ho Chi Minh City, Long Tan OR Cu Chi Tunnels.

 Choose from two differing Signature Experiences. On the first, journey to Ba Ria and learn about the Battle of Long Tan and attend a moving memorial service at the Long Tan Cross. Alternatively, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a tunnel network constructed

by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the war. Enjoy a delicious dinner menu created by Luke Nguyen, at Vietnam House. BLD

Day 4. Ho Chi Minh City, My Tho, Embark Ship.

 Choose from an extensive range of Freedom of Choice Sightseeing activities today. This afternoon, transfer to My Tho to embark your ship. Settle in to your suite before an exclusive Luke Nguyen Welcome Dinner.

Seven Night Stay: Mekong River, RV AMALOTUS. BLD


Day 5. Cai Be, Sa Dec.

A local boat will take you to the town of Cai Be. Step ashore to explore before visiting a local rice paper manufacturer. This afternoon, cruise to Sa Dec. On arrival, tour Huynh Thuy Le's old house and learn the story behind Marguerite Duras' best-selling novel, *The Lover*. Afterwards, visit a traditional Cao Dai temple. BLD

Day 6. Tan Chau, Evergreen Island, Border Crossing, Phnom Penh.

Travel by small boat to Tan Chau, followed by a rickshaw tour. Later, visit an evergreen island and witness rural Mekong life. The remainder of today is left free for you to relax on board as you cross the border into Cambodia and cruise towards Phnom Penh. BLD

Day 7. Phnom Penh.

 Perhaps enjoy a tour of the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda; visit the infamous Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum; explore the National Museum of Cambodia; or take a guided city tour in a tuk tuk. BLD

Day 8. Phnom Penh, Koh Chen.

Enjoy free time in Phnom Penh. This afternoon, continue sailing to the village of Koh Chen for a walk to visit the copperware workshops. BLD



Day 9. Oudong, Kampong Tralach.

Take a coach to Oudong, calling in on a local monastery to be met by Buddhist monks, before receiving a special blessing. Afterwards, continue to Kampong Tralach for a visit to the Wat Kampong Tralach Pleu pagoda, before taking an exciting ox cart ride. BLD

Day 10. Kampong Chhnang.

Today, jump aboard a small boat and head into the lush wetlands near Kampong Chhnang. Afterwards, return to your ship and cast off towards Prek K'dam. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travellers. BLD

Day 11. Prek K'dam, Disembark Ship, Siem Reap.

Disembark at Prek K'dam and transfer to your hotel. Then, head to Angkor Archaeological Park to visit Angkor Thom and the 12th-century temple, Bayon. Select from a number of local restaurants for dinner. **Three Night Stay:** Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor. BD

Day 12. Siem Reap, Angkor.

Rise early this morning and travel to Angkor Archaeological Park to enjoy a special sunrise experience at Angkor Wat with drink in hand. Afterwards, enjoy a guided tour of this impressive temple. Return to your hotel for breakfast and some time at leisure. This afternoon, you'll explore the intriguing temple of Ta Prohm. Later, visit 'Opportunities of Development thru Art' (ODA). B

Day 13. Siem Reap.

Embark on your selected sightseeing activity. Enjoy a traditional Apsara dance performance before a memorable dinner. BD

Day 14. Depart Siem Reap.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 15. Arrive London.

Your Luxury Holiday Includes

- ⌚ Home-to-airport transfers by private car* ⌚ Return scheduled flights from the UK*
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- ⌚ Select complimentary beverages served at your discretion on board the RV AMALOTUS* ⌚ APT Cruise Director and expert local guides
- ⌚ Overseas transfers, port charges and tipping

2019/20 DATES & PRICES

15 Days Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap (VEMR15F) from

£4,345

per person twin share*

RV AMALOTUS	Category	Twin from*
Deluxe Twin Balcony Suites	C, B, B+, A	£4,345
Sadec Twin Balcony Suites	Sadec	£5,540
Owner's Suites	Owner's	£5,940

2019/20 Departure Dates

2019: Jan. 11, **17, 25, 31**; Feb. 8, **14, 22, 28**; Mar. 8, **14, 22, 28**; Apr. 5, **11**; July 26; Aug. **1, 9, 15, 23, 29**; Sept. **6, 12, 20, 26**; Oct. **4, 10, 18, 24**; Nov. **1, 7, 15, 21, 29**; Dec. **5**.

2020: Jan. 10, **16, 24, 30**; Feb. **7, 13, 21, 27**; Mar. **6, 12, 20, 26**; Apr. **3, 9**.

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VIETNAM & CAMBODIA DISCOVERY

19 DAYS
HANOI TO
HO CHI MINH CITY

LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



Cruise the picturesque waters of Ha Long Bay

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Hanoi	Welcome Dinner
3	Hanoi	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing & Dining
4-6	Ha Long Bay	Luxury three-day cruise
7	Siem Reap	Opportunities of Development thru Art
8	Siem Reap, Angkor	Sunrise at Angkor Wat
9	Siem Reap	Embark Mekong River cruise
10	Oudong, Kampong Tralach	Budhist Blessing, Ox-cart ride
11	Koh Chen, Phnom Penh	Copperware Workshops
12	Phnom Penh	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
13	Phnom Penh	Crossing into Vietnam
14	Tan Chau, Evergreen Island	Rickshaw ride, guided tour
15	Sa Dec, Cai Be	Huynh Thuy Le's old house
16	Ho Chi Minh City	Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels
17	Ho Chi Minh City	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing, Vietnam House dinner
18-19	Ho Chi Minh City, London	Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Enjoy a sunrise at Angkor Wat with a drink in hand
- EXCLUSIVE!** At Luke Nguyen's Vietnam House, enjoy an authentic dinner tied together with an Australian accent
- Cu Chi Tunnels or Long Tan Cross
- Enjoy a three-day Ha Long Bay cruise

KEY

- SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Sightseeing
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Dining

Day 1. Depart London.

Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Vietnam.

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi.

Upon arrival, be transferred to your hotel. Tonight, savour a Welcome Dinner.

Two Night Stay: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. D

Day 3. Hanoi.

Enjoy a city tour, followed by a selected sightseeing activity. Choose where to dine. BD

Day 4. Hanoi, Ha Long Bay.

Embark on a three-day Ha Long Bay cruise. **Two Night Stay:** Ha Long Bay, The Au Co. BLD

Day 5. Ha Long Bay.

Sail towards Bai Tu Long Bay, before visiting Cong Dam by bamboo boat or kayak. After, arrive at Cat Ba Island to visit the Cat Ba National Park and Viet Hai Village. BLD

Day 6. Ha Long Bay, Hanoi, Siem Reap.

Cruise beside the Surprise Grotto and Titov Island before your ship returns to shore. Travel to Hanoi and fly to Siem Reap.

Three Night Stay: Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor. BL

Day 7. Siem Reap.

Take a tour of Angkor Archaeological Park. Later, explore Ta Prohm followed by a visit to 'Opportunities of Development thru Art' (ODA). This evening, take in an Apsara performance before you enjoy dinner. BD

Day 8. Siem Reap, Angkor.

Rise early and travel to Angkor Archaeological Park to enjoy a special sunrise experience at Angkor Wat with drink in hand. After, set out on your Freedom of Choice activity. This evening, select from a number of local restaurants for dinner. BD

Day 9. Siem Reap, Embark Ship, Prek K'dam.

Transfer to Prek K'dam to embark your river ship. Settle in to your suite before an exclusive Luke Nguyen Welcome Dinner. **Seven Night Stay:** Mekong River, RV AMALOTUS. BLD

Day 10. Kampong Chhnang, Oudong, Kampong Tralach.

Head into the wetlands near Kampong Chhnang. Take a coach to Oudong where you are met by Buddhist monks, before receiving a special blessing. Continue to the village of Kampong Tralach for a visit to the Wat Kampong Tralach Pleu pagoda. Then, take an ox cart ride back to your ship. BLD



Day 11. Koh Chen, Phnom Penh.

Continue sailing to the village of Koh Chen for a walk to visit copperware workshops. BLD

Day 12. Phnom Penh.

Embark on your selected sightseeing activity today in Phnom Penh. BLD

Day 13. Phnom Penh, Border Crossing.

Relax on board as you cruise towards the border. After entering Vietnam, cruise towards Tan Chau. BLD

Day 14. Tan Chau, Evergreen Island.

Travel by small boat to Tan Chau, followed by a rickshaw tour. Later, visit an evergreen island and witness rural Mekong life. BLD

Day 15. Sa Dec, Cai Be.

Cruise to Sa Dec and tour Huynh Thuy Le's old house. Afterwards, visit a traditional Cao Dai temple. Later, step ashore in Cai Be to visit a local rice paper manufacturer. BLD

Day 16. Disembark Ship, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Long Tan OR Cu Chi Tunnels.

Choose from two differing Signature Experiences. Journey to Ba Ria to learn about the Battle of Long Tan and attend a memorial service at the Long Tan Cross. Alternatively, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by resistance fighters during the war. Two Night Stay: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon. BLD

Day 17. Ho Chi Minh City.

Embark on your selected sightseeing activity. This evening, head to Vietnam House for a tantalising and exclusive dinner – a menu created personally by APT Ambassador Luke Nguyen. BD

Day 18. Depart Ho Chi Minh City.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 19. Arrive London.

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- Signature Experiences
- Freedom of Choice Sightseeing & Dining
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PLEASE NOTE: Days 1-5 are locally hosted (VEM19F only). †Indicates Luke Nguyen will prepare a dinner and host a 'Get to Know Luke Nguyen' session on board. Disruptions to cruising and itinerary may occur. See page 90 for deck plans. *For further information, all terms and conditions and glossary, see pages 76-96.

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BEST OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

23 DAYS
HO CHI MINH CITY RETURN

LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



Admire the charming canals of Hoi An

ITINERARY OVERVIEW		
DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-3	London, Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam House dinner, Long Tan or Cu Chi Tunnels
4-6	Hoi An	Red Bridge Cooking School
7	Hue	Emperor Feast
8-9	Hanoi	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
10-11	Ha Long Bay	Luxury three-day cruise
12-14	Siem Reap, Angkor	Angkor Wat at Sunrise
15	Prek K'dam	Embark Mekong River cruise
16	Oudong, Kampong Tralach,	Buddhist Blessing, Ox-Cart ride
17	Koh Chen	Copperware Workshops
18-19	Phnom Penh	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
20	Tan Chau	Evergreen Island
21	Sa Dec, Cai Be	Huynh Thuy Le's old house
22-23	Ho Chi Minh City, London	Disembark cruise, Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED
SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels or attend a memorial service at the Long Tan Cross
- EXCLUSIVE! At Luke Nguyen's Vietnam House, enjoy an authentic dinner
- Take in a cooking class at the Red Bridge Cooking School
- Enjoy a three-day Ha Long Bay cruise
- Enjoy a sunrise at Angkor Wat with a drink in hand

KEY

- SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Sightseeing
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Dining

Day 1. Depart London.
Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Vietnam.

Day 2. Arrive Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).
Today you'll arrive in Ho Chi Minh City. Be met and transferred to your luxurious hotel then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Ho Chi Minh City pulses with a vibrant energy that is intoxicating for visitors. Get swept up in the hustle and bustle as you discover its gorgeous French colonial architecture and wide leafy boulevards. Perhaps explore the warren of back alleys, lined with food stalls and vendors offering an array of local dishes. This evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at your hotel.
Two Night Stay: Ho Chi Minh City, Park Hyatt Saigon.

Day 3. Ho Chi Minh City, Long Tan OR Cu Chi Tunnels.
After breakfast this morning, you are able to choose from two Signature Experiences. Perhaps journey to Ba Ria and learn about the Battle of Long Tan. Afterwards, attend a memorial service at the Long Tan Cross, a memorial erected by the 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, which is set in a rubber plantation and marks the site of the Battle of Long Tan. Alternatively, visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible tunnel network constructed by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the war. These tunnels served as Viet Cong hiding spots, supply and communication routes, hospitals and weapon caches, and make for a fascinating visit. This evening, head to Vietnam House where a tantalising and exclusive dinner – a menu created personally by APT Ambassador Luke Nguyen – awaits. BLD

Day 4. Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, Hoi An.
Spend your final morning in Ho Chi Minh City enjoying your selected sightseeing activity. After, board your included flight to Da Nang and, on arrival, take a scenic coach ride to the town of Hoi An on the country's east coast. Arrive at your five-star hotel situated on the banks of the Thu Bon River, where you will enjoy three relaxing nights amid Art Nouveau-inspired surrounds.
Three Night Stay: Hotel Royal Hoi An. BD


Day 5. Hoi An.
It's time to explore this delightful seaside town as you set out on your selected sightseeing activity. Perhaps take a walking tour of Hoi An; enjoy an eco-tour of the surrounding countryside; enjoy a bicycle tour of the countryside; head to the city's finest tailors to be fitted for a complimentary shirt or blouse; or enjoy a spa treatment. Afterwards, a free afternoon gives you the



chance to explore more of the charming city of Hoi An. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

BD

Day 6. Hoi An.

 You can experience the true personality of a city at its markets and Hoi An is no exception. **Venture into the city's beautiful and colourful market to learn about local ingredients that you'll use during an exclusive cooking class with the Red Bridge Cooking School.** After, you'll take a leisurely boat cruise along the graceful Hoi An River to the school and explore the herb garden before learning how to prepare delicious Vietnamese dishes. Sample the results of your efforts at lunch. BL

Day 7. Hoi An, Hue.

Travel past the Marble Mountains, a cluster of five marble and limestone hills located south of Da Nang. Cross the Hai Van Pass,

one of the country's most scenic hillside roads, on your way to Hue. Enjoy lunch in a garden restaurant before visiting Hue's Imperial Citadel and the tallest pagoda in Vietnam, the historic Thien Mu Pagoda. For dinner, enjoy an Emperor Feast unique to this region featuring royal Vietnamese cuisine.



Stay: Hue, La Residence Hotel & Spa. BLD

Day 8. Hue, Hanoi.

This morning, transfer to the airport for your included flight from Hue to Hanoi. Enjoy a day at leisure.


Two Night Stay: Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi. BD

Day 9. Hanoi.

  This morning, a tour of Hanoi will take you to the city's most famous historical and cultural sites. Visit Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum,

Ba Dinh Square and The Temple of Literature. You'll also take in the sights during a cyclo ride. Spend the afternoon on your selected Freedom of Choice activity. Perhaps tour the 500-year-old village of Bat Trang. Or, relax and enjoy a foot massage back at your hotel. Embark on a walking tour to observe Hanoi's French colonial architecture, and explore the interior of the Hanoi Opera House, take in a water puppet show, or a leisurely bicycle ride. How your evening evolves is also up to you – choose from a range of different but equally superb and delicious restaurants for dinner. BD

Day 10. Hanoi, Ha Long Bay.

 Travel by coach to Ha Long and **embark on your luxurious three-day cruise on World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay.** Feel the wind in your hair as you set sail among thousands of spectacular



Enjoy superb views throughout your Ha Long Bay cruise



Explore World Heritage-listed Angkor Wat's intricate passageways

limestone islets this afternoon, gliding slowly over the azure waters. Enjoy lunch on board, as you traverse through the stunning scenery of Ha Long Bay and later, tour the World Heritage-listed Sung Sot Cave with its thousands of beautiful stalactites. Relax on board during dinner this evening.

Two Night Stay: Ha Long Bay, The Au Co.

BLD

Day 11. Ha Long Bay.

Perhaps enjoy tai chi on the sun deck during a morning spent cruising the bay. After breakfast, your ship will sail towards Bai Tu Long Bay, cruising past the floating villages of Cua Van and Vung Vieng before visiting Cong Dam fishing village by bamboo boat or kayak. Here, you can explore the floating village and see how the residents live. After a traditional lunch on board, you will arrive at Cat Ba Island to visit the Cat Ba National Park and Viet Hai Village. Here, explore the sights of the island by bike. Upon retiring to The Au Co for the evening, relax and enjoy dinner.

BLD

Day 12. Ha Long Bay, Hanoi, Siem Reap.

This morning, cruise beside the Surprise Grotto and Titov Island. The stunning islands, a slow creation of humid weather and tectonic activity, are a beautiful sight to be greeted with. After breakfast, transfer to Hanoi airport for your included flight to Siem Reap.

Three Night Stay: Siem Reap, Hotel Sofitel Angkor.

BL

Day 13. Siem Reap.

Today, head to World Heritage-listed Angkor Archaeological Park to visit the last and most enduring capital of the Khmer Empire, Angkor Thom, and the 12th-century temple of Bayon. Later this afternoon, you'll explore the intriguing

temple of Ta Prohm, with its stunning ruins, then visit 'Opportunities of Development thru Art' (ODA), a Siem Reap organisation that provides education opportunities for disadvantaged local children. This evening, take in an exciting Apsara performance before you enjoy dinner.

BD

Day 14. Siem Reap, Angkor.

📅 🚗 🏠 Rise early and travel back to the Angkor Archaeological Park to enjoy a sunrise at Angkor Wat with drink in hand.

Afterwards, embark on a guided tour of the temple and admire the ancient structures in the soft morning light, before breakfast back at your hotel. Later, set out on your chosen Freedom of Choice activity. Options include a Buddhist blessing, a tuk tuk ride to the Senteurs d'Angkor workshop, an interactive Apsara dance class, a quad bike adventure, a leisurely horse and cart ride, a bicycle tour across the countryside, a Khmer cooking class, a shopping trip, learn about landmines at the NPA Explosive Dogs Centre & Landmine Museum or a relaxing spa treatment. This evening, select from a number of local restaurants for dinner.

BD

Day 15. Siem Reap, Prek K'dam, Embark Cruise.

Transfer by coach to Prek K'dam today to board your river ship for your eight-day luxury Mekong River cruise. Tonight, join fellow guests in the dining area for an exclusive Luke Nguyen Welcome Dinner.

Seven Night Stay: Mekong River, RV AMALOTUS.

BLD

Day 16. Kampong Chhnang, Oudong, Kampong Tralach.

Today brings you an authentic glimpse into the local way of life as you jump aboard a small boat and head into the wetlands near Kampong Chhnang. Known as the 'Clay Pot Port', the local people craft pottery under

their stilt homes on the river. Here, watch out for water birds and traditional fishing traps near the riverbank. Afterwards, take a coach to Oudong, the royal capital of Cambodia from 1618 until 1866. Calling in on a local monastery, you are met by Buddhist monks before receiving a special blessing from them – an unforgettable experience. Afterwards, continue to the village of Kampong Tralach for a visit to the Wat Kampong Tralach Pleu pagoda. Then take an exciting ox cart ride through the countryside, passing lush rice fields and smiling locals on your way back to your ship. Discuss the day's adventures over a delicious dinner on board.

BLD

Day 17. Koh Chen, Phnom Penh.

This morning, sail to the village of Koh Chen for a walk to visit the fine copperware workshops. Watch the craftsmanship and learn about the process. Later this afternoon, you are free to explore Cambodia's buzzing capital, Phnom Penh. You might like to wander the streets and familiarise yourself with the city before returning to your luxurious river ship for dinner.

BLD

Day 18. Phnom Penh.

🚗 Step ashore in Phnom Penh today and perhaps enjoy a guided tour of the white and gold Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. Alternatively, take a excursion to the infamous Killing Fields, before visiting the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, located on the site of the Khmer Rouge's notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21). Your other options are a visit to the Cambodian National Museum or a guided city tour through the streets on a tuk tuk.

BLD

Day 19. Phnom Penh, Border Crossing.

Relax on board as you cruise towards the Vietnamese border. You might like to attend a fruit-carving demonstration while border crossing formalities are carried out.

BLD



Day 20. Tan Chau, Evergreen Island.

Transfer to a small boat for a journey along the tiny tributaries that snake around Tan Chau. You'll cruise past a floating fishing farm, then disembark for a rickshaw tour and a visit to a local silk and rattan weaving workshop. Later, visit an evergreen island and see authentic rural Mekong life. BLD

Day 21. Sa Dec, Cai Be.

In the quaint town of Sa Dec, disembark to visit a Cao Dai temple. You'll also enjoy a guided tour of Huynh Thuy Le's old house. Continue on to Cai Be. Step ashore to see its French Gothic cathedral and port area. You'll also visit a local rice paper manufacturer to learn how rice paper is made. BLD

Day 22. My Tho, Disembark Cruise, Depart Ho Chi Minh City.

Disembark the ship at My Tho and transfer to Ho Chi Minh City for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 23. Arrive London.



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Owner's Suites	Owner's	£8,240

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Cruise aboard the RV La Marguerite.
Be tempted by delicious delicacies.
Unwind in an indulgent Deluxe Balcony Suite.*



WELL-APPOINTED SUITES

Exuding a true Asian ambience, you will enjoy an intimate cruising experience in your suite on board the boutique RV La Marguerite. Each one is designed for your convenience and comfort, featuring French Colonial-inspired décor and state-of-the-art appointments.

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In the air-conditioned Mekong Restaurant, indulge in a variety of splendid local and international dishes prepared by the ship's masterful onboard chefs.

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☆ SHINTA MANI SHACK, SIEM REAP

The Shinta Mani Shack is centrally located in the enviable leafy French Quarter, found between the Royal Gardens and the Old Market area. You will love this resort style hotel's accommodating staff and gentle atmosphere, which sets the tone for your entire stay in Siem Reap. We are also proud to support the Shinta Mani Foundation, providing fresh water wells for villagers in the Cambodian community.

☆ FUSION SUITES SAIGON, HO CHI MINH CITY

Nestled in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City, close to all major attractions, Fusion Suites Saigon is perfectly positioned to discover the best of this vibrant city. With a clean, minimalist design, and fantastic ambience, this modern, fully suited hotel thrives off its deeply embedded wellness philosophy for a truly memorable stay.

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MÖVENPICK HOTEL, HANOI

Located in the heart of Hanoi's central business district a short stroll from the city's Old Quarter, this hotel boasts luxury, convenience and attentive service. Here, the Mangosteen restaurant serves innovative Vietnamese cuisine, while Lounge 83 is the perfect place to unwind at the end of a day of discovery with a fine wine in hand.



Clockwise from top left:

Stay in the minimalistic yet modern Fusion Suites Saigon.

Chic influences make for a comfortable stay at the Mövenpick Hotel in Hanoi.

Modern design characterises the Shinta Mani Shack in Siem Reap.



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HO CHI MINH CITY



ESSENTIAL RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Siem Reap	Stay at Shinta Mani Shack
3	Siem Reap, Angkor	ODA, Ta Prohm, Welcome Dinner
4	Siem Reap, Angkor	Angkor Archaeological Park
5	Prek K'dam	Embark your Mekong River cruise
6	Kampong Tralach, Oudong	Ox-cart ride, Buddhist blessing
7	Koh Chen	Tour home workshops
8	Phnom Penh	Killing Fields, Royal Palace
9	Tan Chau	Border crossing
10	Tan Chau, Sa Dec	Rickshaw ride
11	Sa Dec, Cai Be	Huynh Thuy Le's old house
12	Ho Chi Minh City	Cu Chi Tunnels
13	Ho Chi Minh City	Farewell Dinner
14-15	Ho Chi Minh City, London	Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Relax at Siem Reap's Shinta Mani Shack
- ☆ Visit ODA in Siem Reap
- ☆ See an Apsara performance, a traditional Khmer dance
- ☆ Ride on an ox-cart in the Kampong Tralach district
- ☆ Receive a Buddhist blessing in Oudong
- ☆ Stay at the modern Fusion Suites Saigon
- ☆ Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at The Chopsticks Saigon in Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1. Depart London.

Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Cambodia.

Day 2. Arrive Siem Reap.

☆ Arrive in Siem Reap where you will be met and transferred to your hotel, **the stylish and unique Shinta Mani Shack, where you'll settle in for a three-night stay.**

Three Night Stay: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Shack.

Day 3. Siem Reap, Angkor.

☆ Today explore Ta Prohm with its intertwined trees. **Visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), which provides support and education for underprivileged children. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner and get to know your fellow travellers before seeing a traditional Apsara dance.**

BD

Day 4. Siem Reap, Angkor.

This morning, tailor your day by choosing one of Travelmarvel's select experiences. This afternoon, visit Angkor Archaeological Park and explore its ancient wonders including the temple Bayon. Finish your day watching a sunset at the iconic Angkor Wat. B

Day 5. Siem Reap, Prek K'dam, Embark Ship.

Transfer to Prek K'dam to embark your Mekong River cruise. The Mekong's unique charm is found in this stunning region with greenery strewn throughout the riverbank and the floating villages. Board your river ship and indulge in your first dinner on board.

Seven Night Stay: Mekong River, RV La Marguerite.

BLD

Day 6. Kampong Chhnang, Kampong Tralach, Oudong.

☆ Enjoy a small boat expedition of the wetlands near Kampong Chhnang. Afterwards, advance on to Kampong Tralach. **Take an ox-cart ride, coined the 'Khmer limousine', and see how locals live in rural Cambodia. Later, travel to the former royal capital Oudong for a Buddhist blessing.**

BLD

Day 7. Koh Chen, Phnom Penh.

Explore Koh Chen today, a small village specialising in copperware handicrafts. Visit some home workshops before heading to Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital. BLD

Day 8. Phnom Penh.

Join an excursion to the infamous Killing Fields and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, which recalls one of the darkest moments of the 20th century. This afternoon in Phnom Penh, a tour takes you to visit the magnificent Royal Palace complex. BLD

Day 9. Border Crossing, Tan Chau.

Spend today on board as your ship cruises to the Vietnamese border. BLD



Take in the beauty of Angkor Archaeological Complex

Day 10. Tan Chau, Sa Dec.

This morning, transfer to a small boat and travel along tiny tributaries, home to villages made up entirely of stilt houses. Go ashore for a tour of Tan Chau by rickshaw and explore an island lush with greenery. BLD

Day 11. Sa Dec, Cai Be.

This morning, take a boat ride to Sa Dec for a tour. Here, you'll see Huynh Thuy Le's old house (once the lover of French writer Marguerite Duras, the namesake of the RV La Marguerite). After lunch, a local boat takes you to the river-land town of Cai Be. Go ashore to see Cai Be's French Gothic Cathedral and visit a local rice paper manufacturer to learn how rice paper is made. Return to your ship for dinner. BLD

Day 12. Disembark Ship, Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City.

☆ Disembark at My Tho Port today and travel by coach to the Cu Chi Tunnels, a tunnel network built by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the Vietnam War. Part of a larger network, the tunnels were once used by Viet Cong guerrillas as hiding spots during combat. They also served as communication and supply routes, hospitals, weapon caches and living quarters. Tonight, **stay at the modern Fusion Suites Saigon.** Two Night Stay: Ho Chi Minh City, Fusion Suites Saigon. BL

Day 13. Ho Chi Minh City.

☆ Spend time exploring Vietnam's vibrant Ho Chi Minh City at your leisure today. **Savour a Farewell Dinner at The Chopsticks Saigon this evening.** BD

Day 14. Depart Ho Chi Minh City.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 15. Arrive London.



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- ✈ Select complimentary beverages served with lunch and dinner on board the RV La Marguerite* ✈ Travelmarvel Cruise Director and local guides
- ✈ Overseas transfers, port charges and tipping

2019/20 DATES & PRICES

15 Days Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City (VTM15F) from

£2,745

per person twin share*

RV La Marguerite	Category	Twin from*
Standard Suites	C	£2,745
Deluxe Balcony Suites	B, A	£3,145
Sadec Balcony Suites	Sadec	£3,445
Indochina Balcony Suites	Indochina	£3,895

2019/20 Departure Dates

2019: Jan. 5, 11, 19, 25; Feb. 2, 8, 16, 22; Mar. 2, 8, 16, 22, 30; Apr. 5; July 6, 12, 20, 26; Aug. 3, 9, 17, 23, 31; Sept. 6, 14, 20, 28; Oct. 4, 12, 18, 26; Nov. 1, 9, 15, 23.

2020: Jan. 11, 17, 25, 31; Feb. 8, 14, 22, 28; Mar. 7, 13, 21, 27; Apr. 4, 10.

Bold dates indicate the 14 Day Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap (VTMR14F) itinerary, which operates in reverse and varies slightly - Mekong River cruise operates from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap, and guests stay only two nights in Siem Reap. *Prices shown are per person twin share, including saving, based on a Cat. C Standard Suite; Cat. B Deluxe Balcony Suite; Cat. Sadec Balcony Suite; and Cat. Indochina Balcony Suite, departing 23 August 2019. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

For all prices, visit aptouring.co.uk/VTM15F

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18 DAYS
HANOI TO SIEM REAP



ESSENTIAL RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Hanoi	Welcome Dinner at KOTO
3	Hanoi	City tour, Rickshaw ride
4-6	Ha Long Bay	Two-night Ha Long Bay Cruise
7	Ho Chi Minh City	Cu Chi Tunnels
8	Ho Chi Minh City	Embark your Mekong River cruise
9	Cai Be, Sa Dec	Huynh Thuy Le's old house
10	Tan Chau	Rickshaw ride
11	Phnom Penh	Killing Fields, Royal Palace
12	Koh Chen	Tour home workshops
13	Oudong, Kampong Tralach	Buddhist blessing, ox-cart ride
14	Kampong Chhnang	Boat excursion
15	Siem Reap, Angkor	ODA, Ta Prohm,
16	Siem Reap, Angkor	Farewell Dinner
17-18	Siem Reap, London	Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Stay at Hanoi's Mövenpick Hotel
- ☆ Dine at the unique KOTO in Hanoi
- ☆ Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Hanoi
- ☆ Take a two-night cruise on Ha Long Bay
- ☆ Relax at the Fusion Suites Saigon
- ☆ Receive a Buddhist blessing in Oudong
- ☆ Take an ox-cart ride through the Kampong Tralach district
- ☆ Relax at Siem Reap's Shinta Mani Shack
- ☆ Visit ODA in Siem Reap
- ☆ See an Apsara performance

Day 1. Depart London.

Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Vietnam.

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi.

☆ On arrival, be met at the airport and transferred to Hanoi's elegant Mövenpick Hotel. Later today, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at KOTO on Van Mieu. KOTO stands for 'Know One, Teach One', and gives disadvantaged youths the opportunity to train at its culinary school.

Two Night Stay: Hanoi, Mövenpick Hotel. D

Day 3. Hanoi.

☆ Today, see Hanoi on a guided sightseeing tour, including the French-colonial Ba Dinh Square and Ho Ch Minh Mausoleum. Afterwards, take an afternoon rickshaw ride through Hanoi's Old Quarter. B

Day 4. Hanoi, Ha Long Bay.

☆ After breakfast, travel to Ha Long. Board your Bhaya Cruises' Classic Junk for an incredible two-night cruise on World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay. Set off cruising and explore the mysterious Tien Ong Cave.

Two Night Stay: Ha Long Bay, Bhaya Cruises' Classic Junk. BLD

Day 5. Ha Long Bay.

Savour a full day to immerse yourself in the region. Enjoy a visit to a floating pearl farm, before relaxing on the beach and see the limestone pillars from sea-level. BLD

Day 6. Ha Long Bay, Ho Chi Minh City.

☆ Visit a unique floating village this morning, then dock back at Ha Long. Transfer to Hanoi airport and fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Unwind at Fusion Suites Saigon, your home for the next two nights.

Two Night Stay: Ho Chi Minh City, Fusion Suites Saigon. BD

Day 7. Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City.

Visit the pristine Cu Chi Tunnels, built by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War. B

Day 8. Ho Chi Minh City, Embark Ship.

Drive to My Tho Port and board your river ship. Tonight, enjoy your first dinner prepared by your onboard chef.

Seven Night Stay: Mekong River, RV La Marguerite. BLD

Day 9. Cai Be, Sa Dec.

Take a local boat to Cai Be. Visit floating markets that boast bountiful produce, then cruise to Sa Dec. Tour Huynh Thuy Le's old house and visit an ornate Cao Dai Temple. BLD

Day 10. Tan Chau, Border Crossing.

Explore the village of Tan Chau. Go ashore for a rickshaw tour and visit a local island. Later, relax as you cross the border into Cambodia towards Phnom Penh. BLD



Explore the Royal Palace in Phnom Penh

**Day 11. Phnom Penh.**

Visit the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum. After lunch on board, tour the Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda. BLD

Day 12. Phnom Penh, Koh Chen.

Enjoy time at leisure in Phnom Penh. Later today, cruise to Koh Chen to visit a copperware village. BLD

Day 13. Oudong, Kampong Tralach.

☆ Disembark and travel by coach to Oudong. **Travel to the former royal capital for a Buddhist blessing.** Continue to Kampong Tralach and **take an ox-cart ride, coined the 'Khmer limousine'.** BLD

Day 14. Kampong Chhnang.

Enjoy a boat excursion into the wetlands near Kampong Chhnang, then cast off to Prek K'dam. BLD

Day 15. Disembark Ship, Prek K'dam, Siem Reap, Angkor.

☆ Transfer to Siem Reap and **stay at the stylish Shinta Mani Shack. Afterwards, visit Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), which provides support and education for underprivileged children.** Later, discover Ta Prohm temple.

Two Night Stay: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Shack. B

Day 16. Angkor, Siem Reap.

☆ Enjoy the morning at leisure. Later, see Bayon temple and Angkor Wat, before admiring the sunset. **This evening, savour a Farewell Dinner and watch an traditional Apsara dance.** BD

Day 17. Depart Siem Reap.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 18. Arrive London.

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- ✈ Select complimentary beverages served with lunch and dinner on board the RV La Marguerite* ✈ Travelmarvel Cruise Director and local guides
- ✈ Overseas transfers, port charges and tipping

2019/20 DATES & PRICES

18 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VTMR18F) from

£3,645

per person twin share†

RV La Marguerite	Category	Twin from*
Standard Suites	C	£3,645
Deluxe Balcony Suites	B, A	£4,045
Sadec Balcony Suites	Sadec	£4,345
Indochina Balcony Suites	Indochina	£4,795

2019/20 Departure Dates

2019: Jan. 1, 7, 15, 21, 29; Feb. 4, 12, 18, 26; Mar. 4, 12, 18, 26; Apr. 1; July 2, 8, 16, 22, 30; Aug. 5, 13, 19, 27; Sept. 2, 10, 16, 24, 30; Oct. 8, 14, 22, 28; Nov. 5, 11, 19.

2020: Jan. 7, 13, 21, 27; Feb. 4, 10, 18, 24; Mar. 3, 9, 17, 23, 31; Apr. 6.

Bold dates indicate the 19 Day Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City (VTM19F), which operates in reverse and varies slightly - Mekong River cruise operates from Siem Reap to Ho Chi Minh City, and guests stay three nights in Siem Reap.

*Prices shown are per person twin share, including saving, based on a Cat. C Standard Suite; Cat. B Deluxe Balcony Suite; Cat. Sadec Balcony Suite; and Cat. Indochina Balcony Suite, departing 16 July 2019. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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WONDERS OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

22 DAYS
HANOI TO SIEM REAP



ESSENTIAL RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



ITINERARY OVERVIEW		
DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Hanoi	Welcome Dinner at KOTO
3	Hanoi	City tour, Rickshaw ride
4-6	Ha Long Bay	Two-night Ha Long Bay Cruise
7-8	Hoi An	Morning Glory Cooking School
9	Hue	Imperial City
10-11	Ho Chi Minh City	Cu Chi Tunnels
12	My Tho	Embark your Mekong River cruise
13	Cai Be, Sa Dec	Huynh Thuy Le's old house
14	Tan Chau	Rickshaw ride
15	Phnom Penh	Killing Fields, Royal Palace
16	Koh Chen	Tour home workshops
17	Oudong, Kampong Tralach	Buddhist blessing, Ox-cart ride
18	Kampong Chhnang	Boat excursion
19-22	Siem Reap, Angkor, London	Sunset at Angkor, Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- ☆ Stay at Hanoi's Mövenpick Hotel
- ☆ Dine at the unique KOTO in Hanoi
- ☆ Enjoy a rickshaw ride in Hanoi
- ☆ Take a two-night cruise on Ha Long Bay
- ☆ Cook Vietnamese cuisine in Hoi An
- ☆ Relax at Pilgrimage Village in Hue
- ☆ Stay at the Fusion Suites Saigon
- ☆ Dine at The Chopsticks Saigon
- ☆ Take an ox-cart ride from Oudong
- ☆ Receive a Buddhist blessing in Oudong
- ☆ Stay at Siem Reap's Shinta Mani Shack
- ☆ Visit ODA in Siem Reap
- ☆ See an Apsara performance

Day 1. Depart London.
Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Vietnam.

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi.
☆ On arrival in Vietnam's dynamic capital, Hanoi, you'll be met at the airport and transferred **to the beautiful Mövenpick Hotel.** Tonight, enjoy a delicious Welcome Dinner at KOTO on Van Mieu.
Two Night Stay: Hanoi, Mövenpick Hotel. D

Day 3. Hanoi.
☆ Known for its centuries-old architecture, picturesque pagodas and rich history, take in the iconic sights of Hanoi on a guided tour, including the historic French-colonial Ba Dinh Square and final resting place of the well-respected Vietminh leader Ho Chi

Minh at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely rickshaw ride through the bustling city streets and charming colonial architecture of Hanoi's Old Quarter, located within its thriving major commercial district. Later this evening, explore the exciting city and enjoy dinner at your leisure. B

Day 4. Hanoi, Ha Long Bay.
☆ After breakfast, travel to Ha Long. Known for its picturesque emerald waters and towering limestone islands, board your premium Bhaya Cruises' Classic Junk for a two-night cruise on the World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay. Enjoy a Welcome Drink as you set sail among a spectacular scatter of islands. Have lunch on board as you continue cruising. Visit the mysterious Tien Ong Cave. Back on board this evening, enjoy a delicious dinner and a range of entertainment options before retiring to your cabin for the night.
Two Night Stay: Ha Long Bay, Bhaya Cruises' Classic Junk. BLD

Day 5. Ha Long Bay.
Today you will absorb the romantic scenery of Ha Long Bay, as you enjoy a full day sailing in this captivating region of Vietnam. Relish the opportunity to explore the beautiful islands, admire the picturesque waters or sunbathe onboard. Later, explore a floating pearl farm and see the limestone pillars from sea level. BLD

Day 6. Ha Long Bay, Hoi An.
This morning, explore a colourful floating village before docking back at Ha Long. From here, transfer to Hanoi for your included flight to Da Nang, followed by a transfer to Hoi An.
Three Night Stay: Almanity Hoi An Wellness Resort. BLD



Cruise between the limestone jungles of Ha Long Bay for two nights

Day 7. Hoi An.

☆ Discover the time-honoured art of cooking delicious Vietnamese cuisine with the Morning Glory Cooking School.

Take a guided tour of Hoi An's market, prepare a selection of dishes and sample the results of your efforts at lunch.

BL

Day 8. Hoi An.

Today, is a day at leisure. The choice is yours if you wish to enjoy a select experience in Hoi An. Perhaps you may enjoy learning the ancient art and methods of rice cultivation; discover the My Son ruins; or even a leisurely countryside bicycle ride. B

Day 9. Hoi An, Hue.

☆ See the stunning white sanded Lang Co Beach before traversing the impressive 13 mile long twisting Hai Van Pass. Later, arrive into Hue and visit

the walled fortress and palace, the Imperial City, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. Later today, relax in the lakeside surrounds of Pilgrimage Village.

Stay: Pilgrimage Village, Hue.

BLD

Day 10. Hue, Ho Chi Minh City.

☆ Today, board your included flight to Ho Chi Minh City, commonly known as Saigon. Here, spend time exploring southern Vietnam's famous, vibrant and thrilling city of Ho Chi Minh City at your leisure. Perhaps take an exciting history tour; an impressive shopping tour; or explore the lively and buzzing city on a guided tour.

Be close to the city's energetic action as you stay at the minimalistic and modern Fusion Suites Saigon. Tonight, savour dinner at The Chopsticks Saigon. Once the residence of Mr Tran Van Huong, the former Vice President of the Southern Vietnamese

Government, The Chopsticks Saigon has been beautifully restored with many of its original features retained. Here, enjoy authentic Vietnamese dishes, fresh in flavour.

Two Night Stay: Ho Chi Minh City, Fusion Suites Saigon.

BD

Day 11. Cu Chi Tunnels, Ho Chi Minh City.

This morning take a step back in time and revisit the military history of the area. Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, built by Vietnamese resistance fighters during the Vietnam War. Part of a larger network, the tunnels were used by Viet Cong guerrillas as hiding spots during combat. They also served as communication and supply routes, hospitals, weapons caches and living quarters for numerous guerrilla fighters. Nowadays, Cu Chi has since become a place of pilgrimage, offering a unique hands-on historic engagement. B



Experience life along the Mekong



Learn of the dynasties that lived in the walled Imperial City of Hue

Day 12. Ho Chi Minh City, Embark Ship.

After a hearty breakfast, drive to My Tho Port to board your river ship. Built to provide a gratifying and immersive onboard experience, enjoy the sophisticated design and premium facilities of the unique RV La Marguerite. Enhancing the sights of your Mekong River cruise, exuding a true Asian ambience, you will enjoy an intimate experience designed especially for your convenience and comfort. Featuring French Colonial-inspired décor and state-of-the-art appointments, your river ship offers superior service and premium accommodation, combining colonial era with a contemporary edge. Tonight, enjoy a delicious dinner on board, before retiring to your elegant suites.

Seven Night Stay: Mekong River, RV La Marguerite.

BLD

Day 13. Cai Be, Sa Dec.

Take a local boat to the town of Cai Be. Go ashore to see Cai Be's French Gothic Cathedral and a visit to a local rice paper manufacturer to learn how rice paper is made. Visit floating markets, then cruise to Sa Dec. Here, you'll see Huynh Thuy Le's old house (once the lover of French writer Marguerite Duras, the namesake of the RV La Marguerite) and visit a Cao Dai Temple.

BLD

Day 14. Tan Chau, Border Crossing.

Transfer to a small boat for a journey along the tiny tributaries that snake around Tan Chau, step ashore for a rickshaw tour and visit a local island. Spend the remainder of the day on board as your ship cruises to the Cambodian border. Offering views, reclining lounges, a swimming pool and cold drinks from the bar, the Sun Deck is a great place to relax. This afternoon, you might like to attend a fruit-carving demonstration by

the ship's chef while border formalities are carried out and you cross into Cambodia. Tonight, perhaps watch a documentary about Pol Pot, leader of the Khmer Rouge, as your ship cruises towards Phnom Penh. BLD

Day 15. Phnom Penh.

Today join an excursion to the infamous Killing Fields and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum, on the site of the Khmer Rouge's notorious Security Prison 21 (S-21). Here, you'll learn of the atrocities inflicted upon Cambodians during Pol Pot's regime in the mid-to-late 1970s. Later this afternoon in Phnom Penh, a tour takes you to visit the Royal Palace. You'll also see the opulent and extravagant Silver Pagoda, located within the Royal Palace complex. After dinner, perhaps step out for an evening walk around the capital.

BLD

Day 16. Phnom Penh, Koh Chen.

Today enjoy time at leisure in Phnom Penh. Later, cruise to Koh Chen, a village specialising in the manufacture of copperware. Here, you'll visit some small family home-workshops and have the opportunity to buy souvenirs.

BLD

Day 17. Oudong, Kampong Tralach.

☆ Today, disembark in Prek K'dam before you travel by coach to Oudong. **Later, take an authentic ox-cart ride, also know a "Khmer Limousine", a popular method of transport in rural Cambodia.** Continue to Kampong Tralach and enjoy a small boat excursion of the lush wetlands. **Afterwards, travel to the former royal capital of Oudong for a traditional Buddhist blessing.**

BLD

Day 18. Kampong Chhnang.

Enjoy a boat excursion into the watery streets near the river port town that is Kampong Chhnang, before casting off to Prek K'dam.

BLD

Day 19. Disembark Ship, Prek K'dam, Siem Reap, Angkor.

☆ This morning, disembark in Prek K'dam, where floating villages line the tributaries of this stunning region. Where quaint towns and sleepy villages lend the Mekong a unique charm, transfer to Siem Reap. Later, **meet with underprivileged children at Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA), and get a glimpse into the organisation that supports them by providing a creative, educative and loving environment.** Afterwards, explore Ta Prohm, famous for its verdant intertwined trees. **This evening, stay in the beautiful and sophisticated Shinta Mani Shack, centrally located in the leafy French Quarter.**

Two Night Stay: Siem Reap, Shinta Mani Shack.

B

Day 20. Angkor, Siem Reap.

☆ After a morning at leisure in Siem Reap, visit the ancient Bayon Temple. This evening, enjoy a sunset at Angkor Wat before **savouring a delicious Farewell Dinner and Apsara dance performance with your new-found friends and fellow guests.**

BD

Day 21. Depart Siem Reap.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

B

Day 22. Arrive London.



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2019/20 DATES & PRICES

22 Days Hanoi to Siem Reap (VTMR22F) from

£4,295

per person twin share†

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Standard Suites	C	£4,295
Deluxe Balcony Suites	B, A	£4,695
Sadec Balcony Suites	Sadec	£4,995
Indochina Balcony Suites	Indochina	£5,445

2019/20 Departure Dates

2019: Jan. 11, 25; **Feb.** 8, 22; **Mar.** 8, 22; **June** 28; **July** 12, 26; **Aug.** 9, 23; **Sept.** 6, 20; **Oct.** 4, 18; **Nov.** 1, 15.

2020: Jan. 3, 17, 31; **Feb.** 14, 28; **Mar.** 13, 27.

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Known as the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', Sri Lanka is a treasure trove of discovery. Hugged by the glistening Indian Ocean, this sun-kissed island is home to heavenly white sands, charming colonial townscapes, luscious tea plantations and an abundance of exotic wildlife.

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LUXURY HOTELS

From palatial ocean-front hotels, to modern nature sanctuaries, indulge yourself in breathtaking accommodation.

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EARL'S REGENCY, KANDY

Live life like Sri Lanka's last and most exotic monarchy at the Earl's Regency in Kandy. Surrounded by breathtaking views of lush mountains and the Mahaweli River, indulge yourself in a luxury base from which to explore from. Providing an oasis of calming serenity, devour all the richness of Sri Lankan gems and beautiful traditions that the Earl's Regency has to offer.

GALLE FACE HOTEL, COLOMBO

Blessed with the best location in Sri Lanka, situated along the seafront of Colombo facing the famous Galle Face Green and Indian Ocean, the Galle Face Hotel is one of the oldest hotels east of the Suez. Engrossed in royalty, rich history, legendary traditions and blissful nostalgia, this majestic residence, built in 1864, was recently restored back to its former glory.



Clockwise from top:*Relax between dunes, trees and Sri Lanka's southern coastline at the Chena Huts.**Enjoy the magnificent views of the tea plantations at the Heritance Tea Factory.**Experience timeless grandeur, and colonial architecture at the Galle Face Hotel.***HERITANCE TEA FACTORY, NUWARA ELIYA**

Reveal the rich heritage of tea production in Sri Lanka at the elegant Heritance Tea Factory. In one of the best hotels in Nuwara Eliya, located high in the mountains, return to the old world charm of 19th century Ceylon as you stay in a converted tea factory of yesteryear. Cloaked in lush green organic plantations, with centuries of tea delicately infused in the air, enjoy the unforgettable views and natural light this extraordinary haven is renowned for.

CHENA HUTS, YALA NATIONAL PARK

Resting amongst the dunes and trees on the boundary of Yala National Park, Chena Huts is an ocean-facing jungle haven. At this unique property, seek comfort within the elevated, contemporary, private and stylish cathedral-domed residences, inspired by the lofty tree huts of farmers. With Sri Lanka's premier game reserve less than a ten minute drive away, expect frequent visitors to the resort.

SPIRIT OF SRI LANKA

16 DAYS
NEGOMBO TO COLOMBO

LUXURY TOURING



Travel through Nuwara Eliya's lush green tea plantations

ITINERARY OVERVIEW		
DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Negombo	Arrive in Negombo
3	Negombo	Guided tour
4	Dambulla	Cave of Heritance dinner
5	Sigiriya Rock Fortress	Sigiriya
6	Polonnaruwa, Minneriya	Minneriya National Park
7	Kandy	Cultural show
8	Kandy	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
9	Nuwara Eliya	Scenic train ride
10	Nuwara Eliya	Railway Carriage restaurant dinner
11	Yala National Park	Dinner in the Sri Lankan bush
12	Yala National Park	Jeep safari
13	Galle, Colombo	Guided tour
14	Colombo	Ministry of Crab
15-16	Colombo, London	Farewell

- YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES**
- Indulge in local specialities as you dine by candle and torchlight at the Cave of Heritance
 - Enjoy a special dinner in a converted Railway Carriage restaurant at the Heritance Tea Factory in Nuwara Eliya

- KEY**
- SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE**
 - FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Sightseeing**
 - FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Dining**

- Day 1. Depart London.**
Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Sri Lanka.
- Day 2. Arrive Negombo.**
On arrival in Negombo this evening you will be met and transferred to your hotel.
Two Night Stay: Heritance Negombo.
- Day 3. Negombo.**
Embark on a guided tour of Negombo. Visit a local fish market, then embark on a sunset cruise on the city's spectacular lagoon. BD
- Day 4. Dambulla.**
Today, travel to Dambulla Cave Temple. Savour a dinner in the Cave of Heritance and indulge in a variety of local Sri Lankan dishes.
Three Night Stay: Heritance Kandalama. BLD

- Day 5. Sigiriya Rock Fortress.**
Delve into Sri Lanka's majestic past with a tour of the World Heritage-listed Sigiriya Rock Fortress, an ancient citadel and castle ruins, once the home to King Kasyapa. This afternoon, you might choose to head out on a village trek, cycle around the local countryside, or relax with a spa treatment. Tonight, dine like royalty as you indulge in a delicious seven-course feast for dinner. BD
- Day 6. Polonnaruwa, Minneriya.**
After breakfast, the World Heritage-listed ancient city of Polonnaruwa awaits. Later, embark on a safari of the captivating Minneriya National Park, to spy Sri Lankan elephants in their natural environment. Choose from a range of dining options for dinner this evening. BLD

- Day 7. Kandy.**
This morning, visit the exquisite Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. Later, take to Tuk Tuks for a city tour and visit to The Temple of The Buddha's Toot. Afterwards, enjoy a cultural show. This evening, choose from a range of dining options for dinner.
Two Night Stay: Kandy, Earl's Regency. BLD

- Day 8. Kandy.**
Today, a number of exciting culinary experiences await. Spend the day with local legend Suzy, as she leads you through her favourite fresh produce market to gather the finest ingredients. Alternatively, journey to Tamarind Gardens, a sustainable local community farm which boasts a wonderful restaurant with views over the surrounding hills. Discover the paddock to plate ethos of the farm as your lunch is prepared before your very eyes, then immerse yourself in village life to learn about incense stick making. BLD



Day 9. Nuwara Eliya.

Today, travel through countless tea plantations aboard a scenic train en route to Nuwara Eliya. Upon arrival at your hotel this afternoon, take in the view while enjoying high tea.

Two Night Stay: Nuwara Eliya, Heritance Tea Factory.

BLD

Day 10. Nuwara Eliya.

☞ After breakfast, sample the region's famed produce with a trained tea taster to discover how tea leaf varieties, climate, soil conditions and processing influences the quality of the final product. **Dine tonight in a converted Railway Carriage restaurant at the Heritance Tea Factory as the evening mist rolls in.**

BD

Day 11. Yala National Park.

Descend from the mist shrouded hills of Sri Lanka's interior, back to the island's coastal lowlands. Your hotel for the next two nights sits on the border of the Yala National Park. This evening, enjoy a barbecue dinner in the heart of the Sri Lankan bush.

Two Night Stay: Yala National Park, Chena Huts.

BLD

Day 12. Yala National Park.

Today you will discover your wild side on a Jeep safari of the neighbouring Yala National Park. From herds of elephants, sloth bears, and jackals, to the elusive leopards that can be spotted reclining in the park's trees, there are plenty of opportunities for viewing a plethora of wildlife today.

BLD

Day 13. Galle, Colombo.

En route to Colombo, discover the eclectic history and culture of Galle. Founded by Portuguese colonists in the 16th century, this fortified port city is known for its impressive fort and charming colonial architecture.

Two Night Stay: Colombo, Galle Face Hotel.

BL

Day 14. Colombo.

This morning embark on a guided walking tour of Colombo to experience the colonial influences that make this a much loved city. Enjoy dinner at the Ministry of Crab seafood restaurant.

BLD

Day 15. Depart Colombo.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK.

B

Day 16. Arrive London.

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- ☞ APT Tour Director and expert local guides
- ☞ Overseas transfers and tipping

2019/20 DATES & PRICES

16 Days Negombo to Colombo (SL16F) from

£5,295

per person twin share*

2019/20 Departure Dates

2019: Sept. 23; Oct. 21.

2020: Feb. 10; Mar. 9.

*Prices shown are per person twin share, including free flights, based on the 21 October 2019 departure. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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Stay in perfectly positioned comfort after each day of discovery.

☆ SIGIRIYA JUNGLES

Built amidst 10 acres of lush landscaped vegetation, overlooking the iconic rock plateau, create everlasting memories at Sigiriya Jungles. Offering a welcoming blend of laid-back seclusion, natural beauty, traditional design and modern comforts, make yourself at home in this enchanting hideaway.

☆ AMAYA HILLS, KANDY

Situated on a picturesque rocky outcrop above Kandy, set within tranquil, lush, wooded surroundings, experience royalty at the Amaya Hills. Offering a breathtaking peak over the verdant Hanthana mountains, this contemporary retreat also draws inspiration from ancient Kandyan architectural concepts, carvings and motifs.

☆ JETWING YALA

In arguably the best place in the world to spot leopards, sloth bears and elephants, prepare to bask in the beauty of Yala while staying just outside its entrance. Set within the immediate outskirts of Sri Lanka's most popular national park, be invited to experience a unique one-with-nature concept at Jetwing Yala – sharing tremendous wildlife in the finest of comfort.

HERITANCE AHUNGALLA

Boasting excellent service, sweeping views and beautifully designed chic rooms, the Heritance Ahungalla is a comfortable, eco-friendly beachfront hotel. Styled by sophistication and graceful elegance, relax by the infinity pool, unwind at the hotel's Diviyan Spa, or simply indulge in a delicious cocktail from the bar.



Clockwise from top:
Experience a remarkable stay at the Amaya Hills, Kandy.
Soak up the breathtaking views at Jetwing Yala.
Relax by Heritance Ahungalla's stunning infinity pool.



SPLENDOURS OF SRI LANKA

15 DAYS
NEGOMBO TO COLOMBO



ESSENTIAL TOURING



Take a tour of Polonnaruwa, the second most ancient Sri Lankan kingdom

ITINERARY OVERVIEW		
DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1	London, Negombo	Depart
2	Negombo	Arrival
3	Negombo, Sigiriya	Dambulla Cave Temple, Welcome Dinner
4	Sigiriya	Sigiriya Rock Fortress
5	Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa	World Heritage-listed Polonnaruwa
6	Sigiriya, Kandy	Temple of the Tooth, Cultural Performance
7	Kandy, Peradeniya	Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya
8	Kandy, Nuwara Eliya	Tea Factory and Plantation Visit
9	Nuwara Eliya, Ella, Yala National Park	Train Journey to Ella
10	Yala National Park	Jeep Safari
11	Galle, Ahungalla	Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home
12	Ahungalla, Lunuganga	Lunuganga Estate
13	Colombo	Farewell Dinner
14-15	Colombo, London	Farewell

- YOUR INCLUDED INSIDER EXPERIENCES**
- ☆ Find tranquillity at the enchanting Sigiriya Jungles
 - ☆ Stay for two nights at the superb Amaya Hills, nestled in the beautiful hilltops of Kandy
 - ☆ Take an unique train ride through tea plantations and picturesque hill country to Ella
 - ☆ Immerse yourself in nature at the stunning Jetwing Yala
 - ☆ See how displaced baby elephants are cared for at the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home

Day 1. Depart London.
Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Sri Lanka.

Day 2. Negombo.
Today you'll arrive at the Bandaranaike International Airport, located near the fishing village of Negombo. Here, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel, the Jetwing Lagoon.
Stay: Negombo, Jetwing Lagoon.

Day 3. Negombo, Sigiriya.
Today, venture to the World Heritage-listed Dambulla Cave Temple – the largest preserved cave temple complex in Sri Lanka. **Continue to Sigiriya Jungles where you'll enjoy a Welcome Dinner with your fellow travellers.**
Three Night Stay: Sigiriya Jungles. BD

Day 4. Sigiriya.
This morning visit the World Heritage-listed ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya. If you're feeling active, climb the open staircases to the top of Sigiriya and take in the impressive views at its summit. Alternatively, visit the Sigiriya Museum and learn more about the cultural significance behind the iconic rock mass. Take a guided tour of the area before returning to your hotel. The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure. B

Day 5. Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa.
Today after breakfast, head to the World Heritage-listed site of Polonnaruwa for a tour of its ancient city. Explore the fascinating ruins and discover a world of archaeological treasures, including the beautiful Buddha statues, impressive stupas and intricately carved Hindu sculptures. Have lunch in Polonnaruwa, before returning to the hotel. This afternoon, you may wish to embark on a safari to see the herds of elephants at Minneriya National Park. BL

Day 6. Sigiriya, Kandy.
☆ This morning travel from Sigiriya to the historic city of Kandy. Here, you'll depart on a guided tour of Kandy's major sights. See the World Heritage-listed Temple of the Tooth, which houses one of Buddhism's most sacred relics – the tooth of Buddha. Later this evening, experience the energy of a traditional Sri Lankan cultural performance before returning to your hotel. **Situated in the picturesque hilltops of Kandy, Amaya Hills is a breathtaking retreat that looks out onto the lush green mountains of Hanthana.**
Two Night Stay: Kandy, Amaya Hills. BD

Day 7. Kandy, Peradeniya.
Today you will visit the exquisite Royal Botanical Gardens of Peradeniya. The rest of the day is yours to spend as you wish. BL



Day 8. Kandy, Nuwara Eliya.

Today, journey to Nuwara Eliya. On route, you'll visit a tea plantation and factory. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of Nuwara Eliya.

Stay: Nuwara Eliya, Araliya Green Hills Hotel. BLD

Day 9. Nuwara Eliya, Ella, Yala National Park.

☆ **Head to Nanu Oya to board a unique train for the journey to Ella.** Enjoy the scenery on the train, as it rolls past leafy green tea plantations and local villages. Later, travel to Yala where you'll check-in to your hotel. **Nestled amid splendid vegetation, enjoy both style and privacy at Jetwing Yala.** **Two Night Stay:** Jetwing Yala. B

Day 10. Yala National Park.

Board a Jeep and venture out on an early morning safari in Yala National Park. The park is home to over 32 species of mammals including elephants, crocodiles and sloth bears. Its star attraction however is the spectacular Sri Lankan leopard. Spend the afternoon at your leisure, or head out on an optional afternoon safari for a chance to see more of the park's wonderful wildlife. B

Day 11. Galle, Ahungalla.

☆ **Enroute to Galle this morning, stop in at the Udawalawe Elephant Transit Home, where displaced baby elephants are cared for and rehabilitated.**

Later, continue on to Galle, a fortified port city steeped in history. Here you'll depart on a tour and see many of its major landmarks. Continue to your beachside hotel in Ahungalla.

Two Night Stay: Heritance Ahungalla. BL

Day 12. Ahungalla, Lunuganga.

After breakfast this morning, travel to the Lunuganga Estate. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy at your relaxing beachfront hotel. B

Day 13. Colombo.

This afternoon, venture to the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo, home to diverse races, religions and cultures. Go on a guided tour of the city and see many of its major sights. This evening, enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at Lagoon Seafood Restaurant.

Stay: Cinnamon Grand, Colombo. BD

Day 14. Depart Colombo.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 15. Arrive London.

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- ✈ Travelmarvel Tour Director and expert local guides
- ✈ Overseas transfers and tipping

2019 DATES & PRICES

15 Days Negombo to Colombo (TS15F) from

£2,695

per person twin share*

2019 Departure Dates

Jan. 31; Mar. 7, 28; Apr. 4; Sept. 26; Oct. 17; Nov. 7, 14.

*Prices shown are per person twin share, including free flights, based on the 26 September 2019 departure. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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While the famous attractions of Beijing, Xi’an and Shanghai require little introduction, there is no denying the power of the Yangtze. Winding a distance of 3,900 miles, the river has carved its path through the highlands of Tibet and the mountains over millions of years to create inspiring gorges. Cruising through the idyllic Three Gorges region, you will be transported through one of the world’s truly stunning natural landscapes and venture off the beaten track to explore sacred sites and tranquil backwaters.

From the high altitudes of Tibet, with its monasteries, chanting monks and sublime mountain views, you are sure to appreciate and absorb the mesmerising scenery and intriguing daily rituals of rural life in China.



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SANCTUARY YANGZI EXPLORER

The Yangtze's only luxury all-suite ship has recently undergone a beautiful makeover.

YOUR LUXURIOUS RIVER SHIP

Contemporary Chinese chic is the overarching theme of the superbly detailed refurbishment which is reflected in each one of the 62 luxury suites' colour palette and artwork. With the highest crew-to-guest ratio on the Yangtze, you are certain to experience a personalised and intuitive service that is second to none.

THE ONBOARD EXPERIENCE

Lay back and relax on deck as you watch the ever-changing landscapes drift by aboard the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. Take part in traditional tai chi, Chinese cooking, calligraphy or silk embroidery classes; watch films and live cultural performances; or disembark for exciting excursions.

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

On board facilities include a main lounge and bar, library, observation deck, a two-floor theatre and a fitness centre. Additionally, an onboard spa features six treatment rooms offering various spa services. For your peace of mind, a doctor is on board for the duration of the cruise.

From top:

A refurbished Deluxe Balcony Suite.

Enjoy an early morning tai chi lesson on board.

Cruise the Yangtze on the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.



From top:

Savour the superb amenities in the exquisite Regent Hotel Beijing.

Opulence awaits at the Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai.



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Stay in truly extraordinary hotels.

REGENT HOTEL BEIJING

One of the capital's premier leisure hotels, the Regent Hotel Beijing is located within walking distance of the historic 'hutong' district, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. A welcome respite from the frantic modern metropolis, this hotel offers exceptional and traditional Chinese service, comfort and attention to detail.

FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL, SHANGHAI

A landmark property, this sumptuous hotel boasts an opulent past and an impeccably modernised present. Here, you will enjoy state-of-the-art furnishings and appointments.

INTERCONTINENTAL LHASA PARADISE

In one of the highest cities in the world, stay within a short distance of Tibet's most treasured landmarks and sacred temples at the Intercontinental Lhasa Paradise. Situated along the majestic Lhasa River, savour warm hospitality from this glass pyramid-shaped architectural masterpiece.

BEST OF CHINA

14 DAYS
BEIJING TO SHANGHAI


LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING






Relish the awe-inspiring scenery of the Yangtze River

ITINERARY OVERVIEW		
DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Beijing	Welcome Reception
3	Beijing	Forbidden City
4	Beijing	Private lunch at the Great Wall of China
5	Beijing, Yichang	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
6	Xiling Gorge	Three Gorges Dam tour
7	Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge	Picturesque cruising
8	Fuling	816 Underground Project
9	Chongqing, Xi'an	Giant Pandas, Freedom of Choice Dining
10	Xi'an	Terracotta Army, Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
11	Shanghai	Maglev train, Freedom of Choice Dining
12	Shanghai	Acrobatic show
13	Shanghai	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
14	Shanghai, London	Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

 **EXCLUSIVE!** Enjoy a private lunch overlooking a rarely visited stretch of the Great Wall of China



KEY

-  SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
-  FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Sightseeing
-  FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Dining


Day 1. Depart London.
Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to China.

Day 2. Arrive Beijing.
Be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel for a Welcome Reception.
Three Night Stay: Regent Hotel Beijing.

Day 3. Beijing.
Your sightseeing begins today with a tour of Tiananmen Square. Afterwards, head to the Forbidden City. Enjoy time at leisure, followed by an authentic Peking Duck banquet. BLD

Day 4. Beijing, Great Wall of China.
  Wander along an unrestored and rarely visited stretch of the Great Wall of China before enjoying a lunch prepared especially for you. Following dinner at

leisure, you may choose to attend a Peking Opera show at Qianmen Liyuan Theatre or watch a Kung Fu Show at the Red Theatre. BLD

Day 5. Beijing, Yichang, Embark Cruise.
 This morning choose your sightseeing activity. Choose to visit the Temple of Heaven and explore the main building. Perhaps visit the modern 798 Art Zone, an iconic contemporary art district in Beijing. Alternatively, head to the Hutong district by rickshaw and visit a local calligrapher's home. Enjoy lunch before transferring to the airport for an evening flight to Yichang. On arrival, transfer to the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.
Four Night Stay: Yangtze River, Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. BLD

Day 6. Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge.
Cruise along the Yangtze River through China's most picturesque area, the spectacular Three Gorges region. Arrive at the Three Gorges Dam and take a tour. After the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening, enjoy a special Welcome Dinner. BLD

Day 7. Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge.
Disembark in Badong and transfer by ferry to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). Continue to Wu Gorge before gracefully gliding between the Chijia Mountain and Baiyan Mountain to enter Qutang Gorge. BLD

Day 8. Fuling.
Following breakfast, disembark in Fuling, a sleepy town along the Yangtze. Here, enjoy the extraordinary chance to visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site hidden in the mountains. In the afternoon, choose from a range of activities. Perhaps attend a Chinese brush painting and calligraphy demonstration, learn how to play the ancient game of Mahjong, learn a few words of Mandarin, or participate in



a dumpling making session run by the ship's chef. This evening, enjoy the Emperor's Farewell Dinner, a Chinese banquet feast. BLD

Day 9. Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Xi'an.

i Head to the Chongqing Zoo to see the famous Giant Pandas before flying to Xi'an. This evening, choose where to dine.

Two Night Stay: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel. BLD

Day 10. Xi'an, Terracotta Army.

ti This morning, see Xi'an's ancient city wall. Visit the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses, as well as the Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum, to view the terracotta warriors. Tonight, enjoy a Tang Dynasty cultural performance with a dumpling dinner, or take a tour of the Muslim Quarter markets with dinner at a local restaurant. BLD

Day 11. Xi'an, Shanghai.

i Fly to Shanghai. On arrival, ride the high-speed train. Choose where to dine tonight.

Three Night Stay: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel. BD

Day 12. Shanghai.

Today, take a tour through Shanghai and head to the Jin Mao Tower, one of the tallest buildings in the world, for city views. This evening, enjoy a thrilling acrobatic show. BL

Day 13. Shanghai.

ti Cruise the Huangpu River, explore Yu Garden and enjoy a traditional Chinese tea ceremony followed by a dim sum lunch. Alternatively, take part in a French concession walking tour. Or, take in a full day excursion to Jinxi, an ancient water town. Savour a special Farewell Dinner. BLD

Day 14. Depart Shanghai, Arrive London.

After a delicious breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

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- 🍷 Complimentary soft drink, beer and wine with lunch and dinner on board the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer*
- 👤 APT Tour Director and expert local guides
- ✈ Overseas transfers, port charges and tipping

2019 DATES & PRICES

14 Days Beijing to Shanghai (CHYC14F) from

£4,645

per person twin share[†]

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer	Category	Twin from [†]
Private Balcony Suites	E, D, C	£4,645
Deluxe Balcony Suites	B, A	£5,295

2019 Departure Dates

Mar. 20; Apr. 10, 24; May 1, 22; June 5; Aug. 21; Sept. 4, 18; Oct. 16, 30; Nov. 6.

[†]Prices shown are per person twin share, including free flights, based on a Cat. E Private Balcony Suite; and Cat. B Deluxe Balcony Suite, departing 20 March 2019. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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CHINA WITH TIBETAN DISCOVERY

18 DAYS
BEIJING TO SHANGHAI

LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING



See Lhasa's incredible Potala Palace

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Beijing	Welcome Reception
3-4	Beijing	Forbidden City, Private lunch at the Great Wall of China, Freedom of Choice Touring
5	Beijing, Xi'an	798 Art Zone, Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
6	Xi'an	Terracotta Army
7	Xi'an, Chengdu	Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Freedom of Choice Touring
8	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding
9-11	Lhasa	Barkhor Bazaar market, Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple and Norbulinka
12	Lhasa, Chongqing	Embark Cruise
13	Fuling	816 Underground Project
14	Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Shennong Stream, Xiling Gorge	Picturesque cruising, Freedom of Choice Sightseeing, Freedom of Choice Touring
15	Yichang, Shanghai	Disembark Cruise, Maglev train
16-18	Shanghai, London	Acrobatic Show, Freedom of Choice Sightseeing, Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- Explore a private section of the Forbidden City
- EXCLUSIVE!** Indulge in a private lunch at the Great Wall of China
- Experience the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding

KEY

- SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE**
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Sightseeing**
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Dining**

Day 1. Depart London.

Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to China.

Day 2. Arrive Beijing.

Be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel for a Welcome Reception.

Three Night Stay: Regent Hotel Beijing.

Day 3. Beijing.

S Visit a private section of the Forbidden City. Indulge in a Peking Duck banquet. BLD

Day 4. Beijing, Great Wall of China.

S **FC** Set out for the iconic Great Wall of China and **be captivated by the magnitude of this 8th-century monument as you wander along an unrestored and**

rarely visited stretch of the Badaling section. Afterwards, savour a buffet lunch overlooking the wall, prepared exclusively for APT guests. Following dinner at leisure, choose your night's touring option. BL

Day 5. Beijing, Xi'an.

FC Enjoy a visit to the modern 798 Art Zone. Enjoy lunch before a flight to Xi'an. Choose from a range of touring options.

Two Night Stay: Xi'an, Sofitel Legend Hotel. BLD

Day 6. Xi'an.

FC See Xi'an's ancient city wall before visiting the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses, and Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum. Choose from a range of touring options. BLD

Day 7. Xi'an, Chengdu.

FC Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi'an's most iconic landmark. Afterwards, transfer to the airport for your flight to Chengdu. This evening, choose from two dining options.

Two Night Stay: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel. BD

Day 8. Chengdu.

S Today, visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. After lunch, visit Jinli Old Street, one of China's oldest commercial streets. BLD

Day 9. Lhasa.

Head to the airport for your flight to the Tibetan city of Lhasa. You'll have the remainder of the day to acclimatise to explore at your own pace.

Three Night Stay: InterContinental Lhasa Paradise. BD

Day 10. Lhasa.

Today, explore the World Heritage-listed sites of Potala Palace and Jokhang Temple. After lunch, arrive at the Barkhor Bazaar market and visit its wonderful stalls. BL



Day 11. Lhasa.

Head to Norbulinka, the former summer palace of the Dalai Lama. Following lunch, visit the Sera Monastery and witness a debate on Buddhist doctrines between monks. BLD

Day 12. Lhasa, Chongqing, Embark Cruise.

Bid farewell to Tibet as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Chongqing. Upon arrival, enjoy a tour of the city. This afternoon, board your luxury river ship.

Three Night Stay: Yangtze River, Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. BLD

Day 13. Fuling.

Here, enjoy the chance to visit the 816 Underground Project. Tonight, enjoy a Captain's Welcome Reception. BLD

Day 14. Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Shennong Stream, Xiling Gorge.

Take a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat) to a riverside village for a glimpse of rural Chinese life. Tonight, relish in a traditional Chinese Banquet Farewell Dinner. BLD

Day 15. Yichang, Disembark Cruise, Shanghai.

Fly to Shanghai and on arrival, board the high-speed Maglev train to the city. Choose from a range of exquisite restaurant options. **Three Night Stay:** Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel. BLD

Day 16. Shanghai.

Take a tour through Shanghai. This evening, enjoy a thrilling acrobatic show. BL

Day 17. Shanghai.

Choose from three sightseeing options. Savour a special Farewell Dinner. BLD

Day 18. Depart Shanghai, Arrive London.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

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2019 DATES & PRICES

18 Days Beijing to Shanghai (CHYCT18F) from

£6,895

per person twin share[†]

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer	Category	Twin from [†]
Private Balcony Suites	E, D, C	£6,895
Deluxe Balcony Suites	B, A	£7,545

2019 Departure Dates

Apr. 14; June 2; Aug. 25; Oct. 20.

[†]Prices shown are per person twin share, including free flights, based on a Cat. E Private Balcony Suite; and Cat. B Deluxe Balcony Suite, departing 2 June 2019. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

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*Discover a land of beautiful contradictions
where age-old traditions pair seamlessly
with modern innovation.*

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Absorbing and redefining the architecture and mannerisms of traditional Asia, Japan presents a fascinating contrast of conventional and modern customs. Whether it is the ancient temples and beautiful shrines or the sprawling neon-lit metropolis and technology that surpasses the realm of the possible, Japan's wonders lie in its marriage of the ancient world and the innovative future.

As fascinating as it is wonderful, whether it is by luxury coach or high-speed Bullet Train, there seems to be no end to the discoveries one can make in the Land of the Rising Sun. From the intriguing world of the geishas, forested natural wonders and sublime culinary delights, to the iconic Mt Fuji and Dotonbori district, the charming nation's ever-changing offerings are endless.



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LUXURY HOTELS

Warm, welcoming and incredibly intriguing, our range of lavish hotels will enhance your perspective of Japan.

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SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TOKYO

In the heart of Tokyo, surrounded by glistening skyscrapers and designer shopping complexes, enchantment and harmony waits within this urban sanctuary. Where pleasure harmoniously interweaves heritage design with a modern flourish, the Shangri-La Hotel is a tranquil retreat from the lavish Marunouchi district.

ANA CROWNE PLAZA, KANAZAWA

A stones throw from Kanazawa Station, surrounded by lush green gardens, enjoy a comfortable stay in the crescent-shaped, recently renovated ANA Crowne Plaza. Boasting a collection of inviting modern rooms, dedicated quiet zones and Kenroku-en styled gardens, peaceful moments are not hard to come by in this ideally-placed hotel.



Clockwise from top:*Enjoy luxurious amenities at the Shangri-La Hotel in Tokyo.**Stay in the heart of Osaka at the luxurious InterContinental Osaka.**Savour quietness and tranquillity at the Kyoto Brighton Hotel.***KYOTO BRIGHTON HOTEL**

Located to the west of Kyoto's grand Imperial Palace, savour a relaxing stay at the prestigious Kyoto Brighton. Renowned for its accommodating hospitable service and impressive dining facilities, enjoy a flood of natural light and comfortable and spacious guest rooms.

INTERCONTINENTAL OSAKA

In Osaka, contemporary glamour and traditional touches, such as a Japanese bathhouse, will make for a memorable stay at the InterContinental Osaka. As well as incomparable luxury, modern sophistication and unparalleled service, artfully adorned guest rooms are just some of the alluring features that await your stay. Adjoining the Grand Front Osaka mall and Osaka Station, the InterContinental Osaka is a contemporary gateway to the city.

BEST OF JAPAN

15 DAYS
TOKYO TO OSAKA

LUXURY TOURING



In Kyoto, meet with a genuine geiko or maiko

ITINERARY OVERVIEW		
DAY	DESTINATION	HIGHLIGHT
1-2	London, Tokyo	Welcome Reception
3	Tokyo	Freedom of Choice Sightseeing
4	Tokyo	Mt. Fuji, Hakone Open-Air Museum
5	Tokyo	Cooking class with a local sushi chef
6	Kanazawa	Bullet Train, Kenroku-en Garden
7	Kanazawa	Freedom of Choice Dining
8	Kyoto	Tea ceremony, taiko drum performance
9	Nara	Fushimi Inari Shrine, Todaiji Temple, Sake Brewery Museum
10	Kyoto	Meet with a genuine geiko or maiko
11	Hiroshima	Peace Memorial Park and Museum
12	Hiroshima, Osaka	Miyajima Island, Bullet Train
13	Osaka	Osaka Castle, Dontonbori district
14-15	Osaka, London	Farewell

YOUR INCLUDED SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

- During a cooking class, a local sushi chef will demonstrate how to create the Japanese art of sushi making
- Enjoy an evening of traditional entertainment and meet with a local geiko (geisha) or maiko (apprentice geisha)

KEY

- SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Sightseeing
- FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ – Dining

Day 1. Depart London.
Make your way to London Heathrow for your flight to Japan.

Day 2. Arrive Tokyo.
Be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure. Tonight, meet your APT Tour Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at the hotel.

Four Night Stay: Tokyo, Shangri-La Hotel.

Day 3. Tokyo.
After breakfast, enjoy a tour of Tokyo. Afterwards, take a step back in time in Asakusa and wander through old Tokyo. Pass through the iconic Thunder Gate entrance to the ancient Sensoji temple, Tokyo's most colourful and popular Buddhist temple. This afternoon, choose to visit the

Edo Museum and Tokyo Sky Tree; take in the views from the Roppongi Hills Observatory Deck; alternatively, choose to embark on a walking tour of Shibuya and enjoy an authentic glimpse of Tokyo. Tonight, indulge in a sumptuous Welcome Dinner. BD

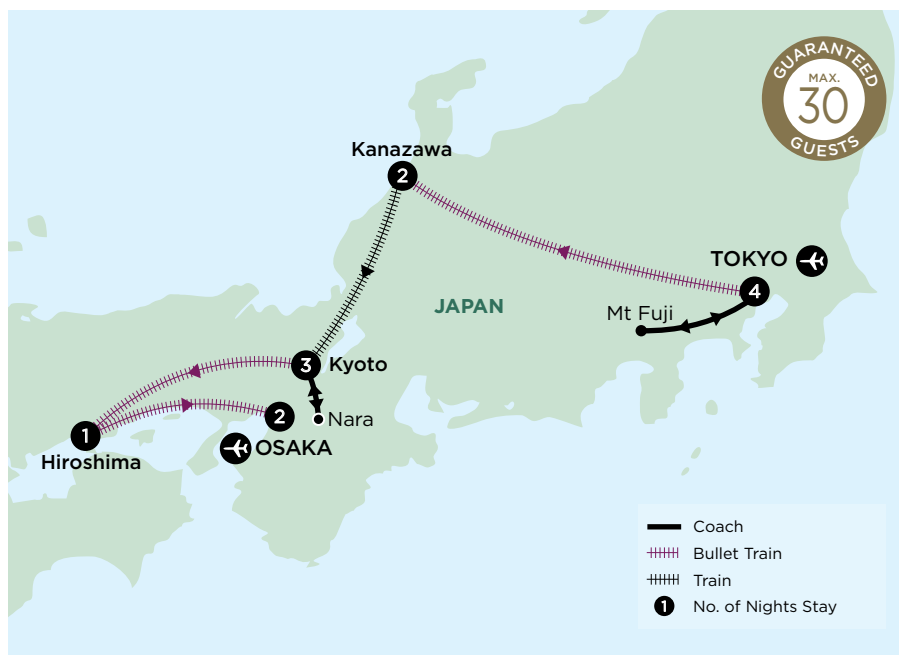
Day 4. Hakone, Tokyo.
Today travel to Hakone, a city renowned for its natural beauty. En route to Hakone, stop at Honma Yosegi Museum and admire the exhibition of Edo-period artisan crafts. Following lunch, ride the Hakone Ropeway and, if the sky is clear, see Mt. Fuji. Visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum and be immersed in a wonderland of art and nature. BL

Day 5. Tokyo.
This morning you will learn the art of sushi making. **During a cooking class, a local sushi chef will show you how to create three types of the traditional delicacy, which you will enjoy for lunch.** There is a choice of dining options at the hotel this evening. BLD

Day 6. Tokyo, Kanazawa.
Board the Bullet Train to Kanazawa. Upon arrival, visit the Kenroku-en Garden. One of Japan's most beautiful landscaped gardens, the surrounds change with the seasons. Tour the old castle town including the Nagamachi Samurai district.

Two Night Stay: Kanazawa, ANA Crowne Plaza. BL

Day 7. Kanazawa.
Today, enjoy time at the Omicho Market, Kanazawa's largest fresh food market. After, explore the Higashi Chaya district, Kanazawa's largest geisha district. Later, visit the historic village of Shirakawa-go and wander the Gassho-style houses with their steeply-pitched thatched roofs, the only of their kind in Japan. Return to your hotel for a choice of dining options this evening. BD



Day 8. Kanazawa, Kyoto.

Board the train this morning to Kyoto. Upon arrival, take part in a tea ceremony before strolling through Higashiyama district with a chance to see a geisha. Tonight, the rhythms of a taiko drum performance elevates your dining experience. **Three Night Stay:** Kyoto Brighton Hotel. BD

Day 9. Kyoto, Nara.

In the former capital, Nara, visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine and receive a Shinto blessing by a priest. See the iconic Todaiji temple and the Kasuga Taisha shrine. Later, stop by at the Sake Brewery Museum and delight in the chance to sample the local brew. BLD

Day 10. Kyoto.

(S) Today, discover the incredible attractions of Kyoto on a full day tour. Visit Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion), the World Heritage-listed Tenryuji temple, and Arashiyama's famous bamboo groves. **This evening enjoy a special night of traditional entertainment, where you will dine and experience the art of conversation and dancing by genuine geiko (geisha) or maiko (apprentice geisha).** BLD

Day 11. Kyoto, Hiroshima.

(H) After breakfast, take the Bullet Train to Hiroshima before checking into your hotel. Spend the afternoon at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum. Here, observe displays left by victims, photos and other materials that convey the horror of the event. Later, visit the picturesque Shukkei-en Gardens. Tonight, choose where to dine.

Stay: Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel. BLD

Day 12. Hiroshima, Osaka.

Today, enjoy a short ferry ride to Miyajima Island to view the spectacular 'Floating Torii Gate'. After lunch at a local restaurant, board a Bullet Train to Osaka.

Two Night Stay: InterContinental Osaka. BL

Day 13. Osaka.

Enjoy a morning at leisure followed by an afternoon tour of Osaka where you will visit Osaka Castle, the Floating Observatory and the colourful district of Dotonbori. In the evening, you'll enjoy a Farewell Dinner. BD

Day 14. Depart Osaka.

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK. B

Day 15. Arrive London.

Your Luxury Holiday Includes

- ⊗ Home-to-airport transfers by private car* ⊗ Return scheduled flights from the UK* ⊗ Unique cultural experiences in up to 7 towns, villages and cities ⊗ Signature Experiences ⊗ Freedom of Choice Sightseeing & Dining ⊗ 12 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) and 8 dinners (D)
- ⊗ APT Tour Director and expert local guides
- ⊗ Overseas transfers and tipping

2019 DATES & PRICES

15 Days Tokyo to Osaka (JA15F) from

£8,895

per person twin share†

2019 Departure Dates

May 24; Aug. 16; Sept. 6; Nov. 8.

*Prices shown are per person twin share, including free flights, based on the 24 May 2019 departure. Please enquire for solo traveller prices.

For all prices, visit aptouring.co.uk/JA15F

PLEASE NOTE: Disruptions to itinerary may occur. *For further information, all terms and conditions and glossary, see pages 76-96.

ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIAL OFFERS

Call 0800 012 6686 or consult your travel agent

GLOSSARY

Your guide to understanding the intricacies of river cruising and touring with APT.

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ADAPTORS & ELECTRICITY

Electricity is 220V on board all river ships and a plug adaptor is necessary if you plan to bring appliances from the UK.

AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING

Suites and cabins on all river ships have individual climate control.

ALLERGIES

If you have a food allergy or another condition that needs to be managed on holiday, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible. In some cases you might be asked to fill out a form or waiver. Please note, most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate this.

AUDIO GUIDES

Each guest will have an audio headset. These lightweight headsets allow you to hear every word of your local guide's commentary.

Please note that audio headsets are not available in Sri Lanka.

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BEDDING CONFIGURATION

The majority of suites and cabins on all river ships can be configured as either double or twin share. Your preference will be noted at the time of booking.

BEVERAGES

On board your river ship, coffee and tea are available free of charge throughout the day and during meals. Bottled water is provided and replenished each day.

In addition, the following complimentary beverages are served throughout your cruise.

Vietnam & Cambodia

- *Luxury River Cruises*: A selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day. French Champagne, premium spirits and selected wines are offered at an additional cost.
- *Essential River Cruises*: International wine, local beer, spirits and soft drink served with lunch and dinner.

China

- *Luxury River Cruises*: House wine, local beer and soft drink served with lunch and dinner.

BOUTIQUE

In Vietnam & Cambodia and China there is an onboard boutique offering limited accessories and souvenirs, as well as a small selection of personal and toiletry items.

BUTLER & LAUNDRY SERVICE

On *Luxury River Cruises* aboard the RV AMALOTUS in Vietnam & Cambodia, the following services are available:

Laundry service is included for guests in Cat. C, B, B+, A and Sadec suites. Two garments will be laundered per suite, per day.

Guests in Sadec Twin Balcony Suites will enjoy Silver Butler Service. Benefits include the laundering of two garments per day, shoe shining, booking of appointments, one spa treatment per person, per cruise and a fruit platter daily.

Guests in Owner's Suites will enjoy Gold Butler Service. Benefits include a packing and unpacking service, the laundering and light pressing of four garments per day, shoe shining, booking of appointments, one spa treatment per person, per cruise, a bottle of Champagne, a fruit platter daily, pre-dinner canapes and tea & coffee service.

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CLIMATE

Southern Vietnam and Cambodia are always hot and humid. The temperatures and humidity are lower around November to February, and the humidity is at its peak from May to August. Northern Vietnam is more seasonal and will experience a cooler winter from December to February, with temperatures ranging between 12-18 degrees Celsius (and even lower at night time).

In Sri Lanka the weather is hot most of the year. The coolest weather lasts from around the end of November to the beginning of March, with fresh mornings and evenings and mostly sunny days. The really hot weather is between March and June and monsoon rains occur in most regions anywhere between June and September.

China's extreme size means it has a great diversity of climates, but being located entirely in the northern hemisphere means its seasonal timings are broadly comparable to those in Europe. In summer, most areas are hot and rainy, while in winter they become cold and dry.

Japan's weather patterns and temperatures vary across the country throughout the year. During June to August, most cities experience humid conditions as well as heavy rainfall. However, from March to May and September to November, expect pleasant, dry and sunny days. A perfect time for natural beauty, these seasons are optimal for cherry blossom and autumn leaf viewing.

CURRENCY

Vietnam's official currency is the Vietnamese Dong, however US Dollars are usually accepted at markets and some restaurants.

In Cambodia, the official currency is the Cambodian Riel. Similar to Vietnam, US Dollars are widely accepted and in most locations preferred.

In Sri Lanka, the official currency is the Sri Lankan Rupee.

In China, the official currency is the Yuan Renminbi.

In Japan, the official currency is the Japanese Yen.

For your convenience, all onboard purchases and paid services are billed to your shipboard account. At the end of your river cruise, you will receive a total that can be paid with cash or credit card. The river ships do not accept payments made by Diners Club cards, prepaid Visa or MasterCard, Travelex cards, cash passports, prepaid cash cards or travellers cheques.

For the most up-to-date exchange rates, please check with your preferred local bank, or www.xe.com (universal currency converter).

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DINING

All meals on board your river ship are included. Meals are served in the dining room in a single sitting. No table reservations can be made in the main restaurants.

On our *Luxury River Cruises* in Vietnam & Cambodia, guests have the option of making a reservation on board at the private dining restaurant.

Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available – please notify APT of any special dietary requirements when making your booking. All dietary requirements are subject to availability.

DISRUPTION TO CRUISING & ITINERARY ARRANGEMENTS

Itineraries are subject to alteration without notice and are intended as a guide only. Although every effort will be made to keep them as they are shown in the brochure and final documents, deviations to the planned cruising/touring itineraries and hotels are possible due to road, river or weather conditions, strikes, or other reasons beyond our control.

Should conditions render cruising/touring routes unsafe for navigation, APT reserves the right to provide alternative services including, but not limited to, accommodation not on the docked ship and/or substitute touring arrangements.

DRESS CODE

The dress code is relaxed. Light, comfortable clothing is ideal for during the day, but smart casual clothing for evenings on board the ship is recommended. You may wish to bring something a little dressier for the Welcome and Farewell dinners and any special events, however there will be no black tie or formal evenings.

We recommend that you pack a variety of light to medium weight clothing, plus rain-wear in case of cooler or wet weather. Layers are a good option to cover a range of temperatures and to suit changing conditions. Comfortable footwear is imperative, as some excursions involve steps or ramps to embark/disembark.

If your sightseeing includes places of worship, please ensure your clothes are clean with sufficient body cover. As a general guideline, shoulders and knees should be covered (for both men and women) when entering buildings of a religious nature and family homes. When entering temples and pagodas, shoes and socks may need to be removed. For this reason, please ensure you bring footwear that can be easily removed.

E

ELEVATOR

In China, all passenger decks are accessible by elevator. There is no elevator on any of the river ships in Vietnam & Cambodia.

ENTERTAINMENT

Onboard entertainment varies for each ship and depends on the region you are in and the availability of performers.

ESSENTIAL RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

All *Essential Holidays* are operated by Travelmarvel, part of the APT Travel Group, and are escorted by a Travelmarvel Cruise or Tour Director. You will enjoy several Insider Experiences as indicated throughout itineraries, and a range of Enhance Your Journey excursions will be available to purchase locally to tailor your holiday.

F

FLIGHTS WITHIN SOUTH EAST ASIA

Economy Class flights included in your holiday within Asia are booked by APT's ground operator. Your flight details will not appear on your final documentation, your Cruise or Tour Director or local guide, will carry all necessary paperwork for these flights.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ INCLUSIONS

Freedom of Choice Inclusions are included on *Luxury Holidays* as indicated throughout itineraries. Minimum and maximum group numbers may apply on some activities.

Due to poor weather and/or venue closures on some dates, some options may not be available as listed. All options will be booked while on holiday with your APT Cruise or Tour Director, who will be able to provide you with further information. If your first choice of option is unavailable, you may be asked to choose an alternative.

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GENERAL PHYSICAL FITNESS

APT river cruises and tours are not overly physically demanding, however because of the nature of many of the sites you will be visiting, some excursions will require a good level of fitness and health to participate. Some trips may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions. Walking tours are often on uneven ground and may include stairs as well as steep inclines. Due to the infrastructure in Asia, ships may dock to the side of the river. Passengers may be required to climb the riverbank as the villages we visit may not have port facilities. This may also result in smaller boats (tenders) being used for the shore excursions.

You should be able to stand on your feet for an extended period of time to visit museums, attractions and other sites, as well as when checking in for your river cruise.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are included for all Cruise and Tour Directors, cruise staff, local guides and drivers on all holidays. Gratuities cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

H

HOTELS

The official check-in time at hotels is 3pm local time. Where possible, the hotel will try to have your room available earlier. If your flight arrives in the morning, luggage can be dropped off at the hotel before check-in and delivered to your room later. You may be required to present a credit card upon check-in to cover incidentals. If you do not have a credit card, a monetary deposit in local currency may be required. Amounts differ for each hotel. Normal check-out times vary, but are usually at 11am or noon. If you have a late afternoon or evening flight, most hotels have a luggage room where you can store your luggage until you depart for the airport.

HOUSEKEEPING

Our onboard housekeeping staff will attend to your suite or cabin twice daily – once during the day and again with a turndown service in the evening. Bottled water will be replenished at this time. Reception can be contacted 24 hours a day for any additional housekeeping requests.

I

INTERNET & WI-FI

Complimentary wireless internet (Wi-Fi) is available on all river ships, however, you will need to bring your own laptop or tablet to gain access. As all ships use a satellite system due to the remoteness of regions visited, routing may cause reception to be restricted at times.

L

LANGUAGE

The official language used by APT staff worldwide is English. All staff, crew and local guides speak fluent English. For your convenience, all guided tours, announcements and lectures will be presented in English.

LAUNDRY

Laundry services are available on board and price lists will be available in your suite or cabin. Clothes cannot be dry-cleaned on board. Self-service laundry facilities are not available on board. For safety reasons, it is not permitted to use an iron in your suite or cabin. Included on our *Luxury River Cruises* in Vietnam & Cambodia, we offer a complimentary laundry service (see BUTLER & LAUNDRY SERVICE).

LIBRARY

All river ships have a collection of books and games available for guests to borrow free of charge.

LOUNGE

All river ships feature a large, comfortably furnished main lounge which serves as a gathering place for port talks, lectures and entertainment.

LUGGAGE

As a general rule, airlines permit passengers in economy class to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160cm (63 inches), or weigh more than 20kg (44 pounds). We advise you to contact your airline carrier or booking

agent for specific information prior to departure, as size and weight limitations may vary. Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage on your cruise and internal flights that does not exceed the above specifications. Please limit your hand luggage to one bag that fits under your aircraft seat or in the overhead compartment.

If your holiday includes flights within Asia, these airlines carry a strict luggage limit of 20kg. An additional charge may be imposed if your luggage exceeds this weight.

LUXURY RIVER CRUISING & TOURING

All *Luxury Holidays* and land journeys are escorted by an APT Cruise or Tour Director, unless indicated otherwise. You will enjoy Signature Experiences as well as Freedom of Choice Inclusions as indicated throughout itineraries.

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MAPS

Maps featured within this brochure are indicative only and are not to scale.

MEDICAL

Aside from China where there is a doctor, there is no medical personnel on board. Medical services can be called from shore, as ships are usually close to a town, but this may incur additional cost and should not be used as a substitute for travel insurance.

R

RECEPTION

A staffed reception area is found on all river ships.

S

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Participation in shore excursions is at your discretion. If you would like to explore independently, your Cruise or Tour Director can make suggestions as to places to visit. You must make sure to return to the ship before it departs. Please note, unused shore excursions cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside any of the river ships, including on balconies in your suite or cabin. Smoking is only permitted in designated outside areas. The same policy applies for electronic cigarettes.

SWIMMING POOL

In Vietnam & Cambodia a swimming pool is located on the Sun Deck of both the RV AMALOTUS and RV La Marguerite.

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TELEPHONE

Throughout Asia, all suites and cabins on board all river ships are equipped with a telephone that can be used for internal calls only.

TRANSFERS

Overseas airport transfers must be pre-arranged at the time of booking and flight details need to be provided to confirm this service.

On all *Luxury Holidays*, we provide complimentary transfers from your door. These home-to-airport transfers are included within a radius of 75 driven miles from the UK departure point confirmed in your cruise package (including regional airports and all three Eurostar railway stations). No cash alternative will be given. For journeys over 75 miles there will be an additional charge per car, per mile. This service is only available for UK mainland.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. For your protection, we strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking that includes (without limitation) coverage for medical expenses, loss of luggage, cruise and land content, and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes.

V

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations may be required for travel to Vietnam, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, China and Japan. We suggest seeking medical advice prior to your travels. Consult your GP or visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk for the latest immunisations and medical advice.

VISAS

All passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements, and paying all associated costs. Passengers must hold a passport with a minimum of 6 months validity and carry proof of onward or return flights.

At the time of printing, the following visa requirements apply for British Citizen passport holders:

Vietnam

Passengers making a single entry into Vietnam for up to 15 days are exempt from requiring a visa to travel. Passengers travelling to Vietnam for stays of more than 15 days, or for multiple entries, must obtain a visa prior to departure from the UK.

Cambodia

Passengers can obtain a single entry visa on arrival at Siem Reap Airport, or while cruising from Ho Chi Minh City to Siem Reap aboard the RV AMALOTUS or RV La Marguerite.

Passengers must carry two passport size photographs to obtain the visa. Payment must be made in US Dollars.

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Gain a greater insight into the sensational wonders of our cruises with online videos and 360° ship tours available at aptouring.co.uk.

Sri Lanka

Passengers must obtain a visa prior to departure from the UK through the Sri Lankan Government on the Embassy website www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa.

China

Passengers must obtain a visa prior to departure from the UK.

Japan

Passengers entering Japan for up to 90 days are exempt from requiring a visa to travel.

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WELLNESS CENTRE

All river ships have a wellness or fitness centre boasting a range of cardiovascular equipment. Use of equipment is at the sole risk of the user. The range of facilities and experiences vary on board each river ship. On all river ships in Vietnam & Cambodia, massage and hair styling services are available. Appointments can be made on board.



APT CLUB

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From the moment you book your first unforgettable journey, we welcome you to the APT Club.

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	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM	DIAMOND
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Welcome home voucher Valued at £100 per person	•	•	•	•
Your personal Travel Concierge APT's exclusive app	•	•	•	•
Invitations to special events	•	•	•	•
Access to our dedicated APT Club hotline	•	•	•	•
Exclusive member communications Be among the first to learn about our latest offers and new destinations	•	•	•	•
Travel kit Complete with a luggage label, a ticket wallet, a personalised itinerary and touring information	•	•	•	•
Complimentary home-to-airport transfers By private car*		•		
Complimentary home-to-airport transfers By private car, with greater distance allowance*			•	•
One night's accommodation Before or after your journey (select hotels)*			•	
Two nights accommodation Before or after your journey (select hotels)* or, Receive a free iPad Mini Access your personal Travel Concierge and capture holiday moments				•

*See pages 93-95 for further information and conditions. Subject to tier level and style of cruising/touring, APT Club members may receive additional complimentary merchandise with their travel kit.

YOUR PERSONAL TRAVEL CONCIERGE

Interactive Maps

Access GPS interactive local maps with points of interest, local secrets and iconic sights without requiring Wi-Fi.

Day-to-day Essentials

With a currency converter, weather and world times, you will feel prepared wherever you go.

Real-time Updates

Find out exactly where your journey is at and get notified of any changes with real time updates.

Interact With One Another

Stay in touch with your travelling companions with this built-in feature. You can also contact your APT Cruise or Tour Director.

Personalised Information

Free yourself of pages and pages of trip information. Keep everything on the app for easy access and convenience.



FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ SIGHTSEEING



On our Luxury Holidays, you can personalise your holiday with a choice of sightseeing experiences at no extra cost. Further details will be available through your APT Tour Director.

VIETNAM

HANOI



Bat Trang Pottery

Take an insightful walking tour of the 500 year-old village of Bat Trang, famous for producing some of the world's best pottery, and meet some of the expert artisans.



Bicycle Tour

After a brief tour of Tay Phuong Pagoda, hop on your bicycle for a leisurely ride. Feel the breeze in your hair as you cycle through the city and past rice paddy fields.



Half-Hour Poolside Foot Massage at Hotel

Your hotel's stately swimming pool offers carefree rest and recreation in sophisticated surrounds. Enjoy a gentle foot scrub followed by a truly relaxing foot massage.



Walking Tour of Hanoi

Enjoy a new perspective on the city as you appreciate Hanoi's French Colonial buildings during this walking tour which includes a visit to the city's Opera House.



Water Puppet Show

Enjoy a visit to the Thang Long Theatre for a water puppet show. This ancient and revered art form dates all the way back to the 11th century and is important to Vietnamese culture.

HO CHI MINH CITY



Artist Home Visit

Tour the Ky Long Art Villa and see active artist workshops. You will also learn the techniques and processes used to create Vietnamese lacquer art.



Cooking Class

Whip up some wonderfully fragrant Vietnamese food as you learn about the local cuisine at a cooking class, hosted by an expert chef at GRAIN by Luke Ngyuen.



Motorbike Tour

Jump on the back of a motorbike and tour the chaotic streets of Saigon. See the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office and Saigon Opera House. You will also ride to Chinatown.



Shopping Tour

Experience the hustle and bustle of an authentic Vietnamese market as you treat yourself to a little retail therapy. Find clothing, lacquer art, jewellery, shoes and more.



Walking Tour of Ho Chi Minh City

On a walking tour, admire the French-Colonial architecture, including the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Central Post Office.



Early Bird Walking Tour

Beat the heat, and the tourists, joining the likes of locals as you visit iconic city sites. Stop by the luscious Tao Dan Park, Reunification Palace and Notre Dame Cathedral among other sites.

HOI AN



City Walking Tour

On this guided tour, you'll visit Quan Cong Temple, Diep Dong Nguyen House, a handicraft workshop and the Japanese Covered Bridge, an emblem of Hoi An.



Countryside Bicycle Tour

Pedal at a most peaceful pace from the city across bridges and through forests as you see local rural life at its most picturesque. It's truly a wonderful new outlook on Hoi An.



Guided Eco-Tour

Enjoy an agricultural insight to the city on this fascinating eco-tour. Head into the countryside for a glimpse into the unique farming and fishing techniques adopted by the locals.



Local Tailor

The tailors of Hoi An are well known for their fine skills. Visit one of the city's best tailors and be fitted for a beautiful tailored shirt or blouse made from tussore fabric (or similar).



Spa Treatment

Relax and rest your legs with a rejuvenating spa treatment at your hotel. Choose a revitalising 60-minute Vietnamese Aroma or Swedish massage.

CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH



City Tuk Tuk Tour

Tour Phnom Penh from an authentic tuk tuk. See icons like the Independence Monument and Wat Prohm, and watch the theatre of daily life play out on the busy city streets.



Killing Fields Excursion

On this sombre excursion, learn about a confronting part of Cambodian history with a sobering visit to the Killing Fields and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum.



National Museum of Cambodia

At Cambodia's leading archaeological and historical museum, you will uncover fascinating pieces of history beneath this beautiful terracotta facade.



Royal Palace & Silver Pagoda

Radiating a magnificent glow, the golden Cambodian royal residence and adjoining Silver Pagoda are a sight to behold. Enjoy an in-depth tour of both important edifices.

SIEM REAP



Apsara Dance Class

A traditional ballet-like performance, learn about the historical significance of the Apsara dance – and some basic steps yourself – in a fun dance class.



Buddhist Blessing

On a tour of the temple of Wat Preah Phrom Rath, meet Buddhist monks studying and living there, then be part of a Buddhist blessing.



Horse Cart Ride

Enjoy the fresh air and rural countryside scenery on a horse cart ride, which brings you to the real Cambodia. Meet local farmers and see traditional villages.



Khmer Cooking Class

Cambodian cuisine is all about the delicate balance of flavours. Learn the ins and outs from an adept local chef during an authentic Khmer Cooking Class.



Quad Bike Adventure

Drive automatic Quad bikes that are built to travel safely over all types of terrain. Zip past rice fields and through forests, then slow down as you travel through the villages.



NPA Explosive Dogs Centre & Landmine Museum

Witness a demonstration and see canines who detect landmines. Then at the museum, learn about ridding the country of landmines.



Shopping Tour

Be guided through a warren of markets and shops in search of the perfect bargain or perhaps a special memento to remember Cambodia by.



Spa Treatment

Unwind and soothe your soul with a rejuvenating spa treatment. Choose from a relaxing foot massage or body spa.



Village Bicycle Tour

Pedal at a peaceful pace through the scenic countryside to a remote village and experience local rural life at its most idyllic.



Workshop at Senteurs d'Angkor

Visit the workshops of Senteurs d'Angkor, where you can admire traditional weaving and the treatment of spices then shop for local handmade crafts.

SRI LANKA

KANDALAMA



Bicycle Tour

Head out on a leisurely bike ride through the countryside and experience local life at its most idyllic.



Village Trek

Take in stone ruins and miniature forests within the countryside, in a glimpse of village life.



Spa Treatment

Take a break from sightseeing and unwind with a rejuvenating spa treatment at your hotel.

KANDY



Cooking Class

Discover the secrets of Sri Lankan cuisine as you learn to prepare mouth-watering local cuisine through an interactive and fun culinary experience.



Tamarind Gardens

Committed to sustainability and community service, and built overlooking the picturesque Victoria reservoir, enjoy an unforgettable opportunity to immerse yourself in village life at Tamarind Gardens.

CHINA

BEIJING



Calligraphy in the Hutong District

Dip your paintbrush into Chinese culture and learn about the traditional art of calligraphy from a master.



Kung Fu Show at Red Theatre

A mix of traditional martial arts, dance, acrobatics and modern theatre, this story has become the most loved Kung Fu show in China.



Peking Opera Show

Marvel at the costumes, acrobatics and performances as you enjoy an introduction to Chinese Opera.



Temple of Heaven

Visit the largest ancient sacrificial building in China. Here, you'll learn about the history and religious significance of this immense structure which was first built in 1420.



798 Art Zone

Art lovers will delight in a visit to a cluster of military factories turned contemporary art galleries that exhibit work from established and emerging Chinese artists.



French Concession Walking Tour

Walk amongst the quaint cafes, boutiques and quiet, tree-lined streets on a tour and marvel at Shanghai's European-style French Concession district.



Huangpu River Cruise & Yu Garden

Marvel at the enduring beauty of Shanghai. Cruise the Huangpu River through the heart of the city and explore Yu Garden, before feasting on dim sum for lunch.



Jinxi Excursion

This beautiful ancient water town, though not too far from Shanghai, seems like worlds away. Experience its rustic charm on a guided walking tour and during a boat cruise.

XI'AN



Muslim Quarter Tour

Filled with buildings from the Ming and Qing dynasties, enjoy an in depth tour of these fascinating streets to experience their profound cultural atmosphere.



Tang Dynasty Cultural Performance

Indulge yourself on expertly prepared dumplings and enjoy a magical journey through an incredibly entertaining Tang Dynasty performance, told through song and dance.

JAPAN

TOKYO



Edo Museum & Sky Tree

Fans of the Samurai era will enjoy a visit to the Edo Museum which has an extensive and sometimes quirky collection. The Tokyo Sky Tree tower is one of Tokyo's newest attractions and is fast becoming one of its most iconic.



Rappongi Hills & Observatory Deck

Delight in the views of Tokyo's incredible skyline from the Rappongi Hills Observatory Deck. On a clear day you can see out to Mt Fuji.



Walking Exploration

Embark on a walking tour of Tokyo. See the iconic sights, as well as the lesser known hidden gems you may have never discovered otherwise.



FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ DINING



On our Luxury Holidays, you can enjoy a selection of personalised dining experiences at no extra cost. Further details will be available through your APT Tour Director.

VIETNAM

HANOI



Club De L'Oriental

Located close to the Opera House, this is considered one of the city's finest restaurants, offering guests a relaxed dining experience.



Hanoi Press Club

Housed within the Hanoi Press Club, this fine dining restaurant reflects a 1920s Vietnamese theme while specialising in Western cuisine.



Grandma's Restaurant

Sample a range of northern Vietnamese cuisine at Grandma's Restaurant, where the menu has been specifically designed to match traditional Vietnamese tastes.



KOTO on Van Mieu

Dine at the unique KOTO on Van Mieu restaurant, which supports disadvantaged youths by teaching them skills in culinary arts and hospitality.



Ly Club

Set within a whitewashed colonial-style villa, this fine dining restaurant serves contemporary Vietnamese and Western cuisine which can be enjoyed al fresco when the weather permits.

CAMBODIA

SIEM REAP



The Kitchen

Raising the standard of Khmer-style cooking, The Kitchen's seasonal dishes are the ideal way to experience Cambodia's authentic cooking style with a contemporary presentation.



Mahouts Dream

With floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the hotel's picturesque pond, the romantic Mahouts Dream offers a sublime fusion of French and Khmer cuisine.



Malis Restaurant

A quintessentially Cambodian menu with modern and innovative touches reveal the fundamental and utterly delicious flavours at the centre of this vibrant nation.



Marum

Set in a delightful wooden house with a spacious garden, Marum offers a range of unique Khmer style dishes as well as traditional local meals that celebrate Cambodian flavours.



Nest Angkor

Comprising a collection of exotic plants in an almost "no walls" concept, the unique Nest Angkor offers delicious traditional Khmer-style dining.



Sokkhak River

Located in the heart of Siem Reap along the riverside, Sokkhak River provides traditional Khmer culinary delights as well as a range of Western dishes.



The Square 24

Centrally located in Siem Reap, The Square 24 offers a modern fine-dining experience complete with fantastic Khmer cuisine and atmosphere.

SRI LANKA

KANDALAMA



Kanchana Restaurant

Located on the sixth floor, with full length glass windows providing superb views over the lake, Kanchana Restaurant offers a range of dining options for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Kaludiya Restaurant

Savour the very best of fusion cuisine at Kaludiya Restaurant. From oven baked red snapper to Iranian mutton kofta, the dishes at Kaludiya showcase a sophisticated blend of cultural influences from around the globe.

KANDY



Far Pavilions

Experience the best gastronomic delights as you sample an array of cuisines, surrounded by mountains.



Royal Spice

Enjoy traditional dishes from a land of mystique, with a selection of authentic and fresh flavours.



Mountbatten Lounge

Savour iconic pub favourites, in an informal and relaxed atmosphere, at this lounge named after British Lord Mountbatten.

CHINA SHANGHAI



Dragon Phoenix

Enjoy a set menu of Shanghainese and Cantonese cuisine in this stylish establishment, located within Shanghai's iconic Fairmont Peace Hotel.



Lost Heaven

Specialising in the tribal cuisine of China's Yunnan province, Lost Heaven has all the makings of a destination restaurant: exotic cuisine, enchanted atmospheric music and flickering candlelight.



Amanda Restaurant

Located in the heart of Shanghai's buzzing French Concession district, Amanda Restaurant serves contemporary western cuisine with seafood influences.

XI'AN



Siam Garden

Indulge in a delicious meal whilst overlooking a manicured outdoor garden. Siam Garden serves the finest traditional Thai cuisine in Xi'an prepared by a Thai Master Chef.



Tian Xiang Ge

Enjoy authentic Cantonese cuisine from dim sums to freshly made noodles. Tian Xiang Ge also serves famous dishes from other regions of China, as well as local specialities.



Yi Café

Embark on an international culinary journey at the Yi Café. The walk-through market style design presents cuisine from China, South-East Asia and Europe.

JAPAN HIROSHIMA



Bridges

Feast on an all-you-can-eat international buffet, which fuses cuisines from all over to create a memorable dining experience.



Miyabi Tei

Savour a Japanese Kaiseki course meal of carefully selected ingredients sourced fresh from the mountain to the sea.

KANAZAWA



Cascade Dining

Offering sophisticated service and a western inspired menu, Cascade Dining is located at the ANA Crowne Plaza.



Unkai

Enjoy a rich variety of traditional Japanese dishes at Unkai restaurant.

TOKYO



Piacere

Located on Level 28 of the Shangri-La Hotel, the Italian restaurant Piacere offers exquisite food and delightful views over Tokyo's Imperial Gardens.



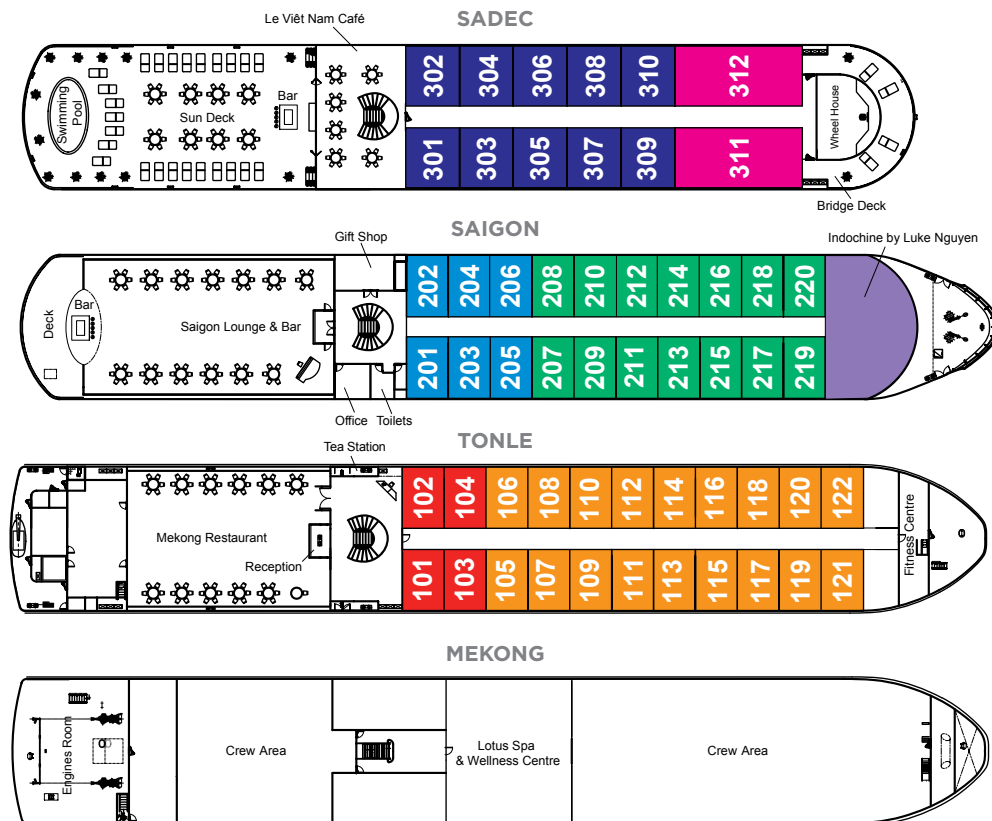
Nadaman

Nadaman is the Shangri-La Hotel's signature restaurant. Its contemporary Japanese cuisine sets a new standard for dining in Tokyo.



Please Note: Please refer to itinerary pages to determine which sightseeing activities apply to your chosen itinerary. Minimum and maximum group numbers may apply on some activities for them to operate. If your first choice is not available, you may be asked to make an alternative selection. Dining options are subject to availability and seasonal opening times of restaurants. Limited numbers and dining times apply. Freedom of Choice Sightseeing and Dining Inclusions are not available on our *Essential Holidays*.

RV AMALOTUS



SUITE CATEGORIES

- **Owner's**
French Balcony, Outside Balcony & Balcony Terrace
- **Sadec**
French Balcony & Outside Balcony
- **Cat. A**
French Balcony & Outside Balcony
- **Cat. B+**
French Balcony & Outside Balcony
- **Cat. B**
French Balcony & Outside Balcony
- **Cat. C**
French Balcony & Outside Balcony

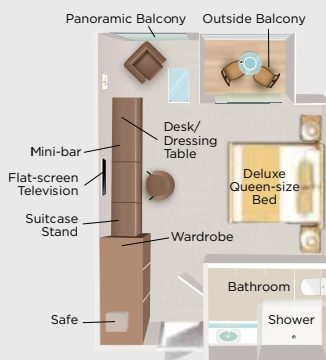
TECHNICAL DATA

RV Amalotus - Launched 2011 - Refurbished 2016

• Decks: 4 • Length: 92.5 m • Crew: 50 • Suites: 54

Deluxe Twin Balcony Suite

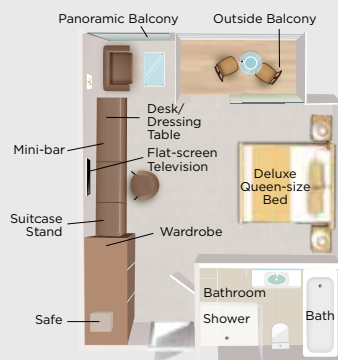
Categories: C, B, B+ and A



226 square feet/21 square metres

Sadec Twin Balcony Suite

Category: Sadec



290 square feet/26.9 square metres

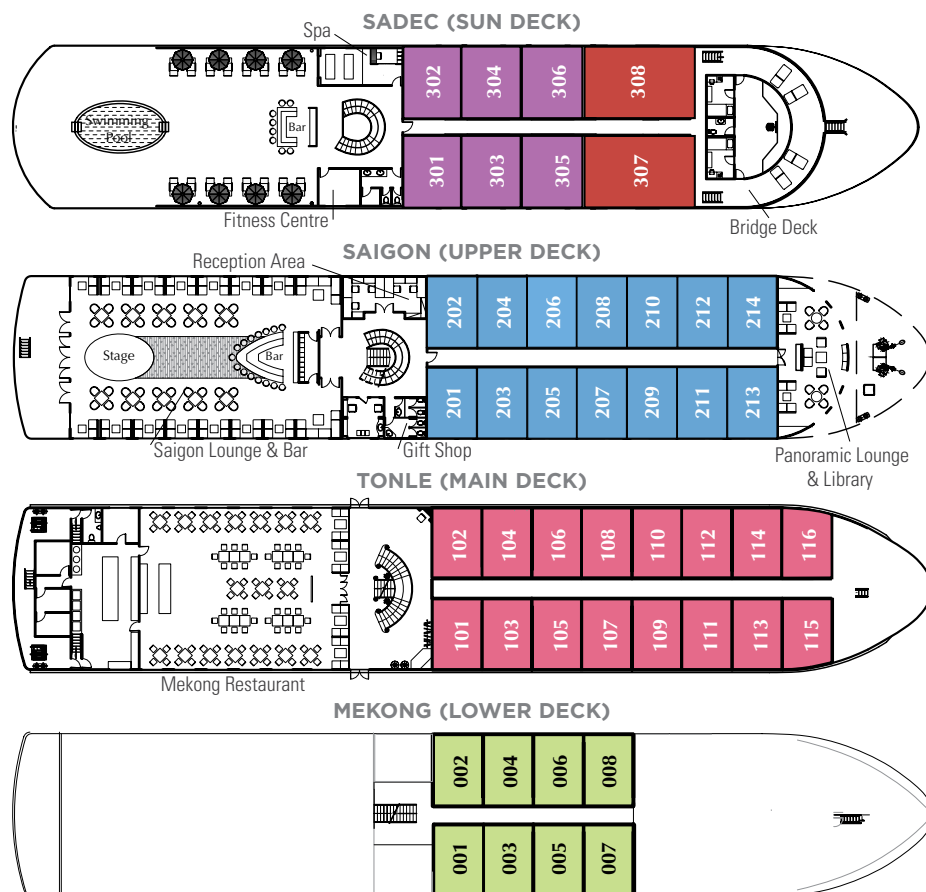
Owner's Suite

Category: Owner's Suite



624 square feet/58 square metres

RV LA MARGUERITE



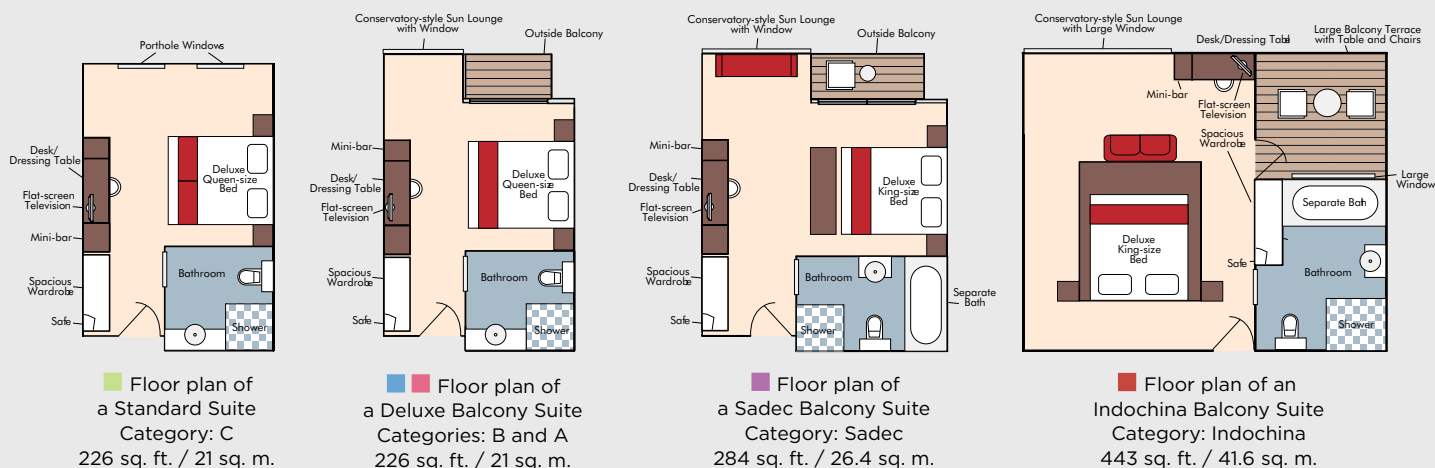
SUITE CATEGORIES

- **Indochina**
Large Balcony Terrace & Conservatory-Style Sun Lounge
- **Sadec**
Outside Balcony & Conservatory-Style Sun Lounge
- **Cat. A**
Outside Balcony & Conservatory-Style Sun Lounge
- **Cat. B**
Outside Balcony & Conservatory-Style Sun Lounge
- **Cat. C**
Porthole Windows

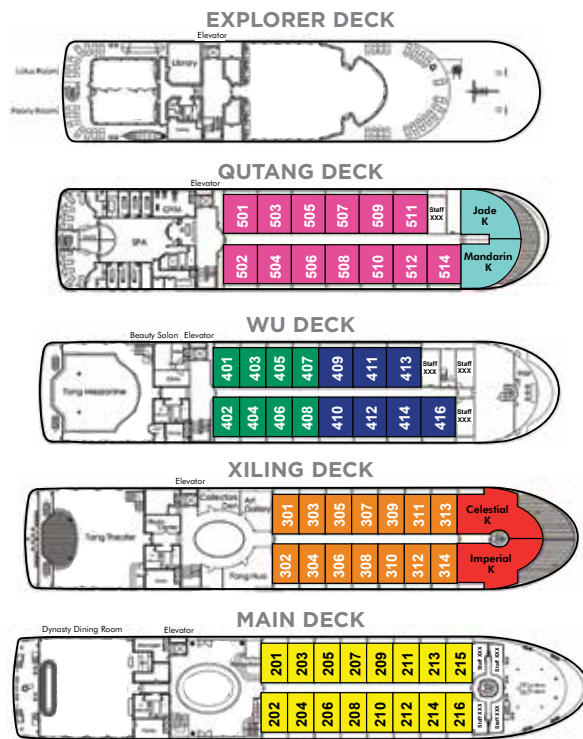
TECHNICAL DATA

RV La Marguerite - Launched late 2009

• Decks: 4 • Length: 71.6 m • Crew: 43 • Suites: 46



SANCTUARY YANGZI EXPLORER



SUITE CATEGORIES

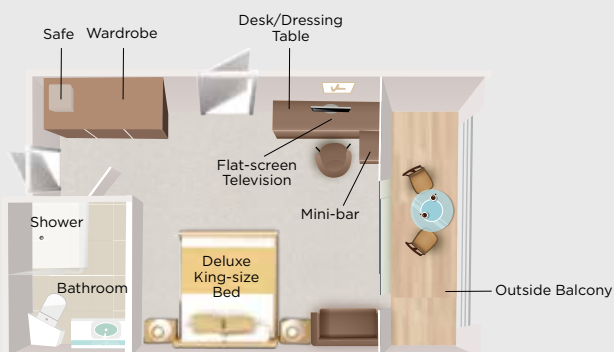
- **Category A**
Deluxe Balcony
- **Jade & Mandarin**
Suite
- **Category B**
Deluxe Balcony
- **Category C**
Private Balcony
- **Category D**
Private Balcony
- **Celestial & Imperial**
Suite
- **Category E**
Private Balcony

TECHNICAL DATA

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer - Launched 2008 - Refurbished 2017

• Decks: 5 • Length: 91.44 m • Crew: 130 • Suites: 62

Private Balcony Suite Categories: E, D and C



333 square feet/31 square metres

Deluxe Balcony Suite Categories: B and A



420 square feet/39 square metres



Please note deck and suite plans are indicative only and may vary slightly.

GENERAL INFORMATION & CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions ('Booking Conditions') form the basis of your contract with Australian Pacific Touring (U.K.) Limited ('APT', 'Travelmarvel by APT', 'we' or 'our') of First Floor, Chalfont Court, 5 Hill Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP6 5BD, which is registered in England under company number 01662539. Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations. By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read and have read these Booking Conditions, that you agree to them and that you agree to them applying to your holiday arrangements that you book with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you.

References in these booking conditions to your 'holiday package' are references to the tour or cruise package you have booked with APT. References to 'excursions' are references to short trips or tours included or available as part of your holiday package.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Prices - Deposits - Discounts - Payments

The holiday price will be confirmed to you at the time of booking. We endeavour to ensure that the most up to date and accurate prices are in our brochure and on our website. However, in the event that an incorrect price is advertised, due to an unfortunate error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of the booking (if we are aware of the error at that time), or within seven days of the booking or as soon as reasonably practicable. We reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the correct price applicable to your holiday. In such circumstances you will be given the choice of amending your booking to an alternative holiday. Changes in transportation costs, including the cost of fuel dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports and exchange rates mean that the price of your travel arrangements may change after you have booked. However, there will be no change within 30 days of your departure. We will absorb and you will not be charged for any increase equivalent to 2% of the price of your travel arrangements, which excludes insurance premiums and any amendment charges. You will be charged for the amount over and above that, plus an administration charge of £1 per person together with an amount to cover agents' commission. If this means that you have to pay an increase of more than 8% of the price of your travel arrangements, you will have the option of accepting a change to another holiday if we are able to offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling and receiving a full refund of all monies paid, except for any amendment charges. Should you decide to cancel you must do so within 14 days from the date on your final invoice. We will consider an appropriate refund of insurance premiums paid if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy. Should the price of your holiday go down due to the changes mentioned above, by more than 2% of your holiday cost, then any refund due will be paid to you. However, please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place. Prices for holiday packages in this brochure are based on exchange rates published in September 2018. A £400 deposit per person is required within seven days of booking confirmation. Deposit amounts may vary when booking a special offer and details will be advised at the time of booking. Air prices and taxes are subject to change and can only be confirmed once your deposit has been received. This will be mentioned at the time of booking. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure unless stated in the terms of a special offer. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by APT within the specified time. All fares are in British Pounds. Prices are per person twin share (unless otherwise specified). Fares are subject to change at any time without notice. Rooms are subject to availability at the time of booking. Please visit www.aptouring.co.uk for the most up-to-date pricing and availability. Prices correct at time of brochure going to print.

Travelling With Minors

Children under 8 years of age are not recommended on tours and cruises. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult. We reserve the right to limit the number of children between the ages of 8 and 18 on board any particular vessel.

Included in Holiday Package Price

All cruise and hotel accommodation as indicated, all transport, airfares (as indicated in individual itinerary), gratuities, airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals and beverages, admissions, port charges and the services of a Cruise/Tour Director as stated in your itinerary.

Home-to-Airport Transfers

Complimentary home-to-airport transfers are included on all APT Luxury tours, when booking within a radius of 75 driven miles from the UK departure airport confirmed for your package. No cash alternative will be given. For journeys over 75 miles there will be an additional charge per car per mile. This service is only available for UK mainland and Northern Ireland. APT reserves the right to remove complimentary home-to-airport transfers on Special Offers.

Transfers at Your Destination

Transfers are included on the first and last day of the holiday package. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the ship/hotel at their own expense.

Not Included in Our Cruise and/or Tour Price

Airport taxes, laundry (unless specified (included in some Butler Service)), passport and visa fees, courier fees, food not on the regular

table d'hôte menu, drinks may or may not be included as indicated in your itinerary, excess baggage, fuel surcharges and optional excursions and gratuities not specified in your itinerary.

Choosing Your Holiday

The holidays contained within this brochure are for departures between January 2019 to April 2020. To maximise your enjoyment of your APT holiday and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations it is important that you choose the right holiday package for you. Our brochures contain limited information, however, there is more information online at www.aptouring.co.uk and our qualified staff are available to discuss your options.

Gratuities

Gratuities are included for all services as indicated in the itinerary on all APT tours and cruises and cannot be redeemed as a cash refund.

Hotels

In more remote locations, hotel standards may not be quite as high as in major centres. APT endeavours to utilise the most suitable accommodation available in each destination to ensure that passengers enjoy high levels of cleanliness, comfort and service. Hotel rooms are generally not available for check-in before 3pm and require check-out by 10am.

Twin or Double Rooms

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms based on twin beds or a double bed unless otherwise stated.

Cruising - Cabin/Suite/Stateroom Selection

APT will make every effort to assign specific cabins, cabin numbers or locations on the ship if requested. If this is not possible, APT reserves the right to make changes to cabin assignment, within the category booked, without prior notice. Pre-allocated cabins are not available on our Yangtze River cruises in China.

Passengers Needing Special Assistance

APT welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs however, please note the following:

1. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be reported to APT at the time of booking including all important information relating to your health, mobility and fitness which may affect your partial or total participation in the cruise or tour. This information is also crucial to allow APT to ensure the tour you have chosen is suitable and meets your needs. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to APT as soon as possible and prior to departure. Where possible APT will make reasonable adjustments to the tour to accommodate your special needs however, it cannot do so if the adjustment required would be unreasonable in all of the circumstances, including if such adjustments would affect your safety and/or the safety and/or enjoyment of other passengers.
2. If you require special assistance or care (such as assistance with dressing or assistance with walking), you must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. Please be aware that APT does not provide personal assistance. APT is unable to assist any passenger with walking, dining, boarding or disembarking any transportation vehicles (including river and ocean cruise ships and trains). To safely participate in embarkation and disembarkation you must be able to do so without the need for special assistance. You must also be able to do so without unreasonably impacting other passengers' safety and/or enjoyment.
3. While APT will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of disabled passengers, it is not responsible for any denial of services by any third party entities it has travel arrangements with, such as carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses charges by those parties.
4. Please note coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. As the APT ships on the Mekong and Irrawaddy River do not have elevators, guests will be required to use stairs to go between decks. Further, side by side docking may require passengers to climb and descent stairs to cross over vessels to disembark and embark at times. APT ships often sail through remote areas that do not have convenient docking facilities. In such circumstances it will be necessary for passengers to negotiate temporary gangplanks and uneven surfaces. If the crew decide that it is not safe for a passenger to negotiate such operations they may require passengers to stay on board. Due to the lack of infrastructure along the river ways of Asia, facilities do not allow wheelchairs to be used and therefore, are not permitted on Asia tours.

Health & Fitness

A good level of fitness and health is required to participate on APT's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightseeing excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed boarding or alighting coaches, river cruise ships and trains. We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling and consult with them regarding any vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise APT of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers.

Altitude Sickness

Also known as acute mountain sickness (AMS), altitude sickness is a condition caused by ascending to high altitudes. Itineraries that travel to Tibet visit Lhasa (3,700 metres above sea level). Some people can experience some effect from these high altitudes and may suffer mildly from AMS. Symptoms can include: headache, lack of appetite, nausea, fatigue or weakness, dizziness or light-headedness. Symptoms can be reduced by ascending to higher altitudes slowly, which is how we have planned each itinerary. Please consult your doctor before departure.

Visa & Passports

All passenger must have a valid passport with at least six months validity from your return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure any applicable visas for countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and all associated costs. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of your holiday package relating to incorrect travel documents. APT cannot obtain group visas on your behalf.

Excursions

The timing and order of the excursions on holiday packages may differ slightly for each holiday package. Times are a guide only and are subject to change without notice. It is impossible for large coaches to be used for some city sightseeing excursions and many towns and cities will be visited by way of walking tours - some with cobblestone streets, ox-carts or similar depending on the destination. For river cruising, clients must be able to climb ramps to embark or disembark river cruise ships. Depending on river levels, these may have a number of steep steps. APT reserves the right to substitute a suitable alternative.

Visiting Temples, Pagodas & Mosques in Asia

When entering temples, pagodas and mosques, shoes will need to be removed and arms and knees will need to be covered.

Freedom of Choice™ & Signature Experience Excursions

Valid on Luxury tours only. Minimum and maximum group numbers apply on some Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience excursions. If your first choice is unavailable you may be asked to choose an alternative. Freedom of Choice Sightseeing for Japan land tours must be pre booked prior to departure from the UK. All other options will be booked on tour with your APT Tour Director.

Travelmarvel Select Experience Tours

Valid on Essential tours only. Experiences are subject to availability and cannot be pre-booked unless specified. These Select experiences must be booked and paid for whilst on tour.

Butler Service in Vietnam & Cambodia

During a Mekong River Cruise on the RV AMA Lotus the following services are available to guests as listed below. Silver Butler Service is available to guests in Sadee Twin Balcony Suites. Services include: the laundering and pressing of two garments per day; shoe shining and booking of appointments; one spa treatment per person per cruise and a daily fruit platter. Gold Butler Service is available to guests in Owner's Suites. Services include: laundering and light pressing of four garments per day; daily fruit platter and pre-dinner canapés; shoe shining; tea & coffee service; booking of appointments; packing and unpacking service; one bottle of champagne and one spa treatment per person per cruise.

Public Holidays/Festivals

Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. These may temporarily disrupt your holiday and/or may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

Visiting Temples & Pagodas

When entering temples and pagodas, shoes and socks may need to be removed and arms and knees will need to be covered.

Late Bookings & Special Offers

Special Offers may be promoted by APT after the brochure is released. For full details relating to any Special Offer, please visit www.aptouring.co.uk/offers. Special offer terms & conditions may differ and full details will be advised at the time of booking. These new special offers do not apply to existing bookings unless otherwise stated.

BOOKING & PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

Your Contract

When you make a booking you guarantee that you have the authority to accept and do accept on behalf of your party the terms of these Booking Conditions. A contract will exist as soon as we issue our confirmation invoice. You will also be provided with an ATOL certificate (see clause 'Consumer Protection - ATOL' for more information). This contract is made on the terms of these Booking Conditions, which are governed by English Law, and the jurisdiction of the English Courts. If your booking is made through a travel agent we will address all communications to that travel agent, who will act as agent for you in regard to all communications from us to you. When you buy a flight-based holiday, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by the agent on behalf and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times. This is subject to the agent's obligation to pay it to us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted from you by the agent, is and continues to be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us. When you buy a holiday not including a flight, all monies you pay to the travel agent are held by them on our behalf at all times.

Airfares

Air travel is arranged with independent airlines. APT will arrange air travel as advertised in connection with your holiday package or otherwise arranged with APT. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability. Once sold out surcharges may apply. Airfares may be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airline. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, tickets are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. APT is not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued APT will have no other liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights. Please note flights may be indirect and some airlines charge for luggage separately.

Flights within Asia

Economy flights within Asia and airport taxes are included in the price. All internal flights must be booked by APT.

Out of Date Range Flights

If airlines have not published their schedule at the time this brochure was printed or at the time of booking, APT will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline releases flight inventory and airfares, APT will confirm pricing to you by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you or your travel agent and payment has been received APT will issue your ticket/s.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. You are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package, repatriation, medical expenses, loss of luggage, personal liability, delay, cancellation curtailment, missed departure, airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit, strikes and legal expenses. Please note that special insurance may be required if you intend to participate in sports or activities that have been independently arranged. Before departures we will require proof of your insurance policy.

Travel Information & Documents

After making a booking you will receive an invoice with important information relevant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information. Approximately 21 days before departure you will receive your ticket together with your final itinerary. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets, particularly early morning departures. Documentation may be emailed to you in the case of late booking, changes, late payments or special offers where stated in the Terms and conditions.

Special Requests

Where a special request (e.g. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals) is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. APT will pass your request onto the supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. APT will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

Changes or Additions to Your Holiday

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking, or his or her travel agent. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge of £50 and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change. You should be aware that these costs could increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made and you should contact us as soon as possible.

Cancellation Policy

For all holiday packages in this brochure, if you choose to cancel the following APT cancellation fees apply:

Days of Notice: Fee Per Person:

100 days or more	Loss of deposit
99-61 days	50% of holiday package price
60 days or less	100% of holiday package price

All cancellations must be received in writing by APT and are not effective until this notification has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed. Additional cancellation fees may also be charged in respect of accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by APT and your travel agent (if any). You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of APT's loss and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT. If you request changes after APT has issued your documents, APT may charge you an administration and processing fee of £50 per person in addition to any applicable cancellation fees. Cancellation charges may vary when booking a special offer and details will be advised at the time of booking.

Cancellation of Airfares

Scheduled airlines normally regard name changes and changes to departure dates as a cancellation and rebooking, which may attract a cancellation fee. Applicable cancellation fees may amount to 100% of the airfare.

IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

Brochure Accuracy

APT has endeavoured to ensure that the information given in this brochure about accommodation, itineraries etc., is correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to print. However, advertised descriptions and facilities and prices may change after publication. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, hotels, carriers and routes in the brochure are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your tickets. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described in the brochure, or on the website, as a result of, by way of example but not limited to, local conditions, weather conditions and or annual events. APT can give no guarantee as to exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used on the cruise/tour. APT will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure.

Flight Changes

The flights shown in our brochure, on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are set by airlines and affected by events outside our control. Scheduled flight timings, and days of operation are also subject to change. APT will advise you of any significant changes as soon as it is informed by the airline. Minor timing changes will be shown on your flight tickets. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying any applicable cancellation fees except where specified in these booking conditions. APT is not liable for any additional costs incurred due to airline schedule changes.

BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE

APT endeavours to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and APT reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly. If we make a major change to your holiday, we will inform you or your travel agent as soon as reasonably possible if there is time before your departure. You will have the choice of either accepting the change of arrangements, accepting an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us if available (if you choose an alternative which is more expensive you must pay the difference but we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value), or cancelling your holiday and receiving a full refund of all monies paid to APT. Please note that carriers such as airlines used in the brochure may be subject to change. We will not cancel your travel arrangements less than 100 days before your departure date, except for reasons of Force Majeure or failure by you to pay the final balance. We may cancel your holiday package before this date if, e.g., the minimum number of clients required for a particular travel arrangement is not reached, of which you will be informed in writing ('Low Bookings'). If your holiday is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid to APT or accept an offer of alternative travel arrangements of comparable standard from us, if available (if you choose an alternative which is more expensive you must pay the difference but we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value). If we cancel or make a major change and you accept a refund, we will consider an appropriate refund of your travel insurance premiums if you can show that you are unable to transfer or reuse your policy.

Force Majeure

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond APT's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by APT, which includes, but is not limited to: (a) war, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts; (b) natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; (c) nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; or (d) change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or the law in any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

Termination of Booking Contract or Change of Travel Arrangements due to Force Majeure

If APT, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents APT (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services the subject of the booking contract with you, APT may immediately by written notice: (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or in part); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice you for any additional costs.

Limitation of Liability in the Event of Force Majeure

In the event of a force majeure event making it impossible or unsafe for APT to deliver all or part of the Holiday Package, APT will refund the customer for the unperformed part of the Holiday Package less any reasonable losses incurred before cancellation. Losses may amount to a substantial proportion of the booking price. APT will use reasonable endeavours to minimise losses incurred by customers. Customers must take out travel insurance to protect themselves against loss in the circumstances.

ON HOLIDAY

Noise & Vibration

APT and our partners takes reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on cruise ships. You acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that APT is not be liable to you for any such noise or vibration.

Docking Position

During port stops, river ships may dock side-by-side, obstructing views and requiring you to pass through or over other ships to embark or disembark. On Asia cruising programmes, river ships frequently dock midstream and use small tender ships to reach the shore, or alternatively dock near the shore and you will need to disembark the vessel via a gang plank and walk up the embankment to start the shore excursion.

Local Purchases

APT is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e. jewellery/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

Tour Directors

A dedicated Tour Director will only be available on land tours with 10 or more passengers, unless indicated otherwise.

Personal Belongings & Lost Items

For security reasons, valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines, camera, film, electrical or battery-operated appliances. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are

adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss.

Disruption to Cruising & Itinerary Arrangements

Itineraries are intended as a guide only and are subject to alteration without notice. Alternations may be necessary for various reasons beyond APT's control. If conditions render any routes unsafe for navigation, APT reserves the right to provide alternative services including, but not limited to, accommodation on the docked ship or substitute land arrangements. Sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. APT will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs that you incur as a result of any event or other factor beyond our control which necessitates a change in your itinerary. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any events or such other events which are beyond our control. Where disembarkation is necessary, services such as Wi-Fi and complimentary all-day beverages cannot be provided. Complimentary beverages are guaranteed during evening meals, where dinner is included on itinerary. In addition, if there is a water level problem it may be necessary to operate part of the itinerary by coach. A revised cruising itinerary and alternative sightseeing may be required. APT cannot guarantee exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by APT and APT will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

Changes due to weather

Sometimes due to elements beyond control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary.

Complaints

If you have a problem during your holiday, please inform the relevant supplier (e.g. your hotelier) and our representative immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If your complaint is not resolved locally, please follow this up within 28 days of your return home by writing to our Customer Services Department at First Floor, Chalfont Court, 5 Hill Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP6 5BD giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. It is strongly recommended that you communicate any complaint to the supplier of the services as well as to our representative without delay and complete a report form whilst on holiday. If you fail to follow this procedure we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify your complaint whilst you were in resort and this may affect your rights under this contract. In the rare event of a dispute which cannot be settled amicably we can also offer you an arbitration scheme for the resolution of disputes arising out of this contract. The scheme is arranged by ABTA and administered independently. The upper limit on claims is £5,000 per person and £25,000 per booking form. This scheme does not apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. It can however deal with claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your request for arbitration must be received by ABTA within eighteen months of the date of return from holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA Mediation Procedure and we have the option to agree to mediation. Please also see clause 'Consumer Protection - ABTA'.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Data Protection Policy

APT is fully committed to compliance with all applicable data protection laws. We process information about you that you provide when making a reservation in accordance with our privacy policy. By providing this information you consent (on your behalf and on behalf of any person for whom you are booking) to such processing and you warrant that all information provided by you is accurate. Full details on our Privacy Policy may be found on our website www.aptouring.co.uk/privacy or by request to us at dataprotection@aptouring.co.uk.

Limitation of Liability

1. APT agrees that the holiday arrangements it will make, perform or provide, as applicable, as part of the contract with you will be made, performed and provided, as applicable, with reasonable care and skill. We will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to: you; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall. We will only be responsible for what employees do or do not do if they were acting within the course of their employment and we will only be responsible for what agents or suppliers do or do not do if they were at that time carrying out work that we had asked them to do. Please note that it is your responsibility to show that reasonable care and skill has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us.

2. Our suppliers (such as accommodation or transport providers) have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage, and these conditions are binding between you and the supplier. Some of these conditions may limit or remove the relevant transport provider's or other supplier's liability to you. You can get copies of such conditions from our offices, (First Floor, Chalfont Court, 5 Hill Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP6 5BD or 0800 012 6686) or the offices of the relevant supplier.

3. Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements. Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that make up your package. These terms are incorporated into this booking; and

b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of and conditions under which compensation can be claimed for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of the extent of or the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions. You can ask for copies of the travel service contractual terms, or the international conventions, from our offices (First Floor, Chalfont Court, 5 Hill Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire HP6 5BD or 0800 012 6686. Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details will be publicised at EU airports and available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your holiday cost from us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in these booking conditions. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline or any other service provider will be deducted. If it is impossible to ensure your return as scheduled due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, we will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights. The limit doesn't apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified us of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your holiday.

4. The optional excursions are not operated by or at the direction or on behalf of APT or its employees or agents or any other persons or companies associated with APT. By taking bookings for these cruises/tours, APT acts as each optional tour operator's agent.

5. On cruises/tours including activities such as but not limited to trekking, quad biking, ox-carts, rickshaw rides, electric bikes and swimming, passengers accept that there is a material element of risk involved.

6. In the event that you wish to make a claim or complaint against us, both the services that we have agreed to provide or arrange as part of the contract between you and us and the laws and regulations of the country in which the claim or complaint occurred will be taken into consideration in determining whether or not the services were properly provided. If the services provided comply with local laws and regulations, the services will be treated as having been properly provided, even if the services did not comply with the laws and regulations of the UK, unless the claim or complaint relates to the failure to provide a safety feature which may cause a reasonable holiday maker to refuse the particular arrangements.

7. If you, or any member of your party have a medical condition or disability which may affect your cruise/tour, please tell us before you confirm your cruise/tour booking so we are able to advise as to the suitability of your chosen arrangements. In any event, you must provide us with full details in writing at the time of booking. If we reasonably feel we are unable to properly accommodate particular needs of the person concerned, we reserve the right to decline the booking or ask for the person to be accompanied by a person who is able to provide full assistance to them throughout their cruise/tour. If, in the opinion of any representative of APT, your mental or physical condition, or general behaviour is such as to affect your own health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff, you will not be permitted to embark or continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. Harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other guests may result in immediate removal from the tour or cruise. APT is not liable to you for any costs associated with such a decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Our staff are trained to serve alcohol in a responsible manner and are obliged by law to refuse service to any guest who is in the reasonable opinion of any employee, intoxicated or behaving in a dangerous, aggressive or offensive manner.

Medical Assistance

APT does not employ medical staff on our ships. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. APT is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

Luggage Limits

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed the weight limit of 20 kg (44 pounds). Airlines may impose excess baggage fees at time of check-in. On internal flights, a luggage limit of 20 kg applies. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your Tour / cruise Director will advise you of the exact additional charge. All luggage is at 'owner's risk'. For passengers travelling in Premium Economy, Business and First Class the luggage allowance will be advised at the time of booking. You will be required to pack-down to one small carry-on bag for your Vietnam & Cambodia stays in Ha Long Bay and Luxury Japan stays in Kanazawa and Hiroshima.

APT Club

Details including the full range of benefits and conditions may be viewed on our website at www.aptouring.co.uk/apclub

Smoking

For other passengers' comfort there is no smoking on coaches or river cruise ships, except in designated areas, where available.

Consumer Protection - ATOL

The flight-inclusive cruises/tours in this brochure are ATOL protected. APT holds an Air Organisers Licence granted by the civil aviation authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 6781. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where we aren't able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). For more information please visit www.atol.org.uk

Consumer Protection - ABTA

APT is also a member of ABTA with membership number V9080. ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. APT has provided a bond to ABTA for the protection of monies paid to us in respect of package holidays that do not include flights. This protection follows the guidelines of the latest European legislation and complies fully with all legal requirements within the UK. For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint, please contact ABTA, 30 Park Street, London SE1 9EQ. Telephone: 020 3117 0500 or visit: www.abta.com

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