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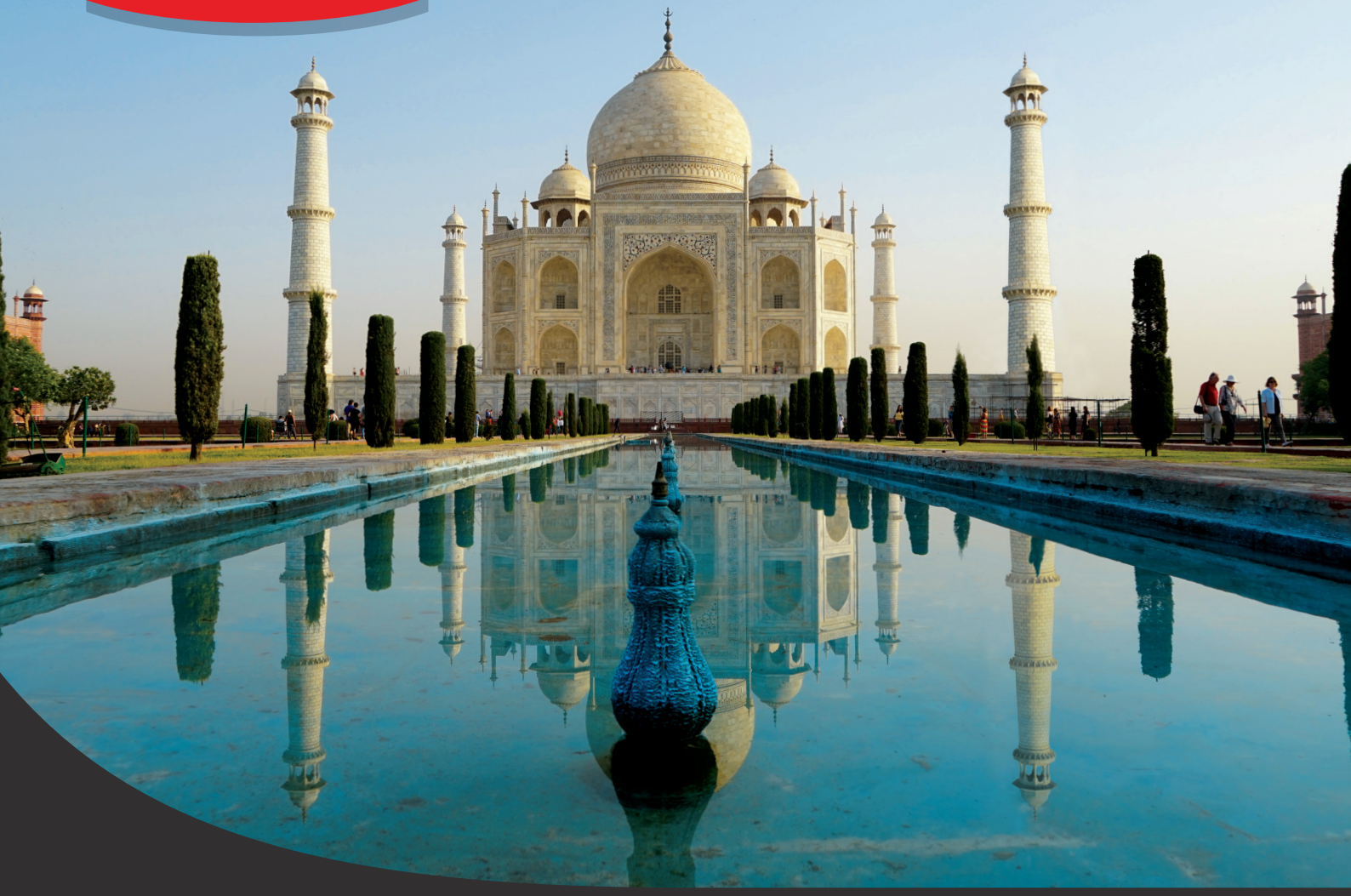

SMALL GROUP TOURING

Asia

2020 | 21

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MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

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FRONT COVER Taj Mahal by Matt Baldock

Cruise & Tour (N) New tour

Maximum Group Size 20

Airfares included

Tailored for Australians by Australians

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Best Tour Operator - International

We're thrilled to have been named the Best Tour Operator - International at the 2019 NTIA. We're committed to delivering the best experience to our clients and this recognition means so much to us!

Welcome to the Bunnik Way of travel

Get packed for the adventure of a lifetime with Bunnik Tours in 2020. We're bringing you some amazing adventures in Asia, spanning the breadth of the continent.

A veritable melting pot of cultures, cuisines and contrasting landscapes, Asia holds a special place in our family's heart. From the bustle of Tokyo, to the giant pandas in China and the breathtaking Halong Bay in Vietnam, there's always something new to discover.

Our itineraries are crafted to really get to the heart of all that a destination has to offer through a balance of organised sightseeing, special local experiences and time for independent exploration. We know that some of the best experiences are when you wander away from the group and make your own discoveries.

In creating our small group tours we are driven by two guiding principles. First, everything we do is about your experience, which is why we only run tours with a maximum of 20 people - less time waiting, more time exploring. Second, when done properly, tourism can be an incredible force for good that generates economic and social benefits in the places we visit.

More than a checklist, our small group tours connect people, places and cultures, which helps to break down barriers, creates lifelong memories and, best of all, shares the benefits of tourism with all.

So come, join our family of travellers and explore the world with equal parts wonder, good humour and curiosity. Let's discover this incredible planet and its inhabitants, and experience Asia the 'Bunnik Way'!

Dennis, Marion & Sacha Bunnik

The Bunnik Tours Difference

Maximum Group Size 20

Less time waiting for others, more time with your guide and room to spread out on the bus - small groups really do give you a better holiday experience.

Airfares included

We include return international airfares from Australia as part of the tour package. It allows us to offer you a complete, stress-free holiday package.

No hidden extras

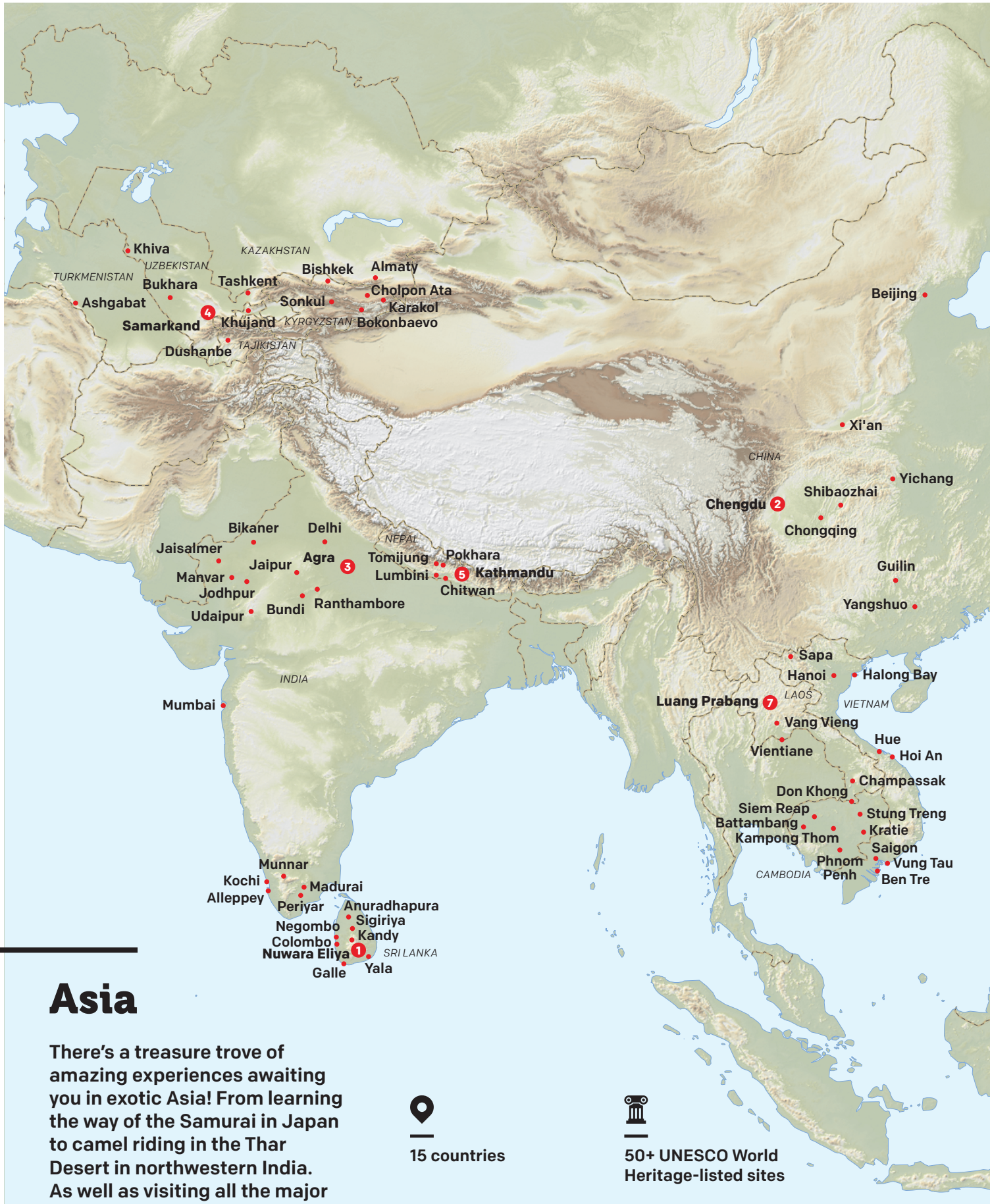
Our tours include flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate. Our 'optional extras' are based on special-interest activities that don't always appeal to everyone, meaning they're truly optional.

Unique, balanced itineraries

Our itineraries are designed to really capture the essence of the places we visit - both on the tourist trail and off it. Multi-night stops, unique local experiences and free time combine to create amazing journeys.

Tips included

Tipping is not part of everyday Australian life, so many of us feel unsure about when or how much to tip. However, tipping is expected in many of the countries we visit and often makes up a large part of people's wages, so it's important to get it right.



Asia

There's a treasure trove of amazing experiences awaiting you in exotic Asia! From learning the way of the Samurai in Japan to camel riding in the Thar Desert in northwestern India. As well as visiting all the major attractions, we take time to meet the locals and share some experiences you'll remember forever.

15 countries

50+ UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites

60+ special experiences

20

Maximum group size 20

1 Nuwara Eliya

Travel to the lush tea-growing region of Nuwara Eliya and visit a tea plantation to learn about Sri Lanka's most famous export.

Sri Lankan Discovery

2 Chengdu

Get up close with the endangered giant pandas at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

China in Depth

3 Agra

Watch the sun rise over the breathtaking Taj Mahal, coating it in a pearly-pink mist.

Colours of Rajasthan

4 Samarkand

Travel to Konigil Village to participate in a hand-made paper workshop.

5 Stans

5 Kathmandu

Explore the backpacker district of Thamel and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Patan Durbar Square by rickshaw.

Discover Nepal

6 Iwate Prefecture

Admire the impressive rock formations on a scenic cruise along the Geibikei Gorge.

Colours of Northern Japan

7 Luang Prabang

Join the locals and experience the tastes and traditions of Laos during a game of Pétanque and a typical Laotian dinner.

Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos in Depth

8 Gyeongju

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto, and enjoy a tea ceremony with monks.

South Korea in Depth / Discover South Korea & Japan

SMALL GROUP TOURING

Benefits of small group touring

Group touring has many well-known benefits. With all the logistics taken care of, you're able to sit back and enjoy every moment of your holiday. See more for your money and make great friends along the way.

However, there is one downside to traditional coach touring that nobody talks about - the practicality of travelling in a large group.

There's a lot of waiting for everybody to catch up or just get on or off the bus, the extra time taken to allocate hotel rooms, check-in or order at a restaurant. Then there is being told where to sit on the bus and not getting the chance to have your questions answered because the guide is busy with everybody else. These issues exist on all large group tours, whether they are 3 or 5 star.

It is for this reason that Bunnik Tours pioneered the concept of small group touring. Small group touring where our maximum group size will never exceed 20 passengers, where we won't ever hide behind the vagaries of average group sizes or stretch the definition of a small group to extend to 40 people.

In a small group you still have all the benefits of a group tour, but none of the irritations of travelling with a large group. Because we know that a smaller group makes for some unforgettable experiences.

The Bunnik Way

Travelling the Bunnik Way means touring in a small group made up of like-minded people. People who want to connect with the places and cultures they visit. People who share a love and passion for this incredible planet and its inhabitants.

With you in mind, our itineraries include a balance between:

- **all the famous landmarks that you rightly expect to see on a tour**
- **unique local experiences that only small groups can access**
- **plenty of time for independent exploration and discovery.**

We believe there is no better way to create lifelong memories and really get to the heart of all that a destination has to offer!

Just some of the reasons why smaller is better

More time with your guide

Our low guest-to-guide ratio means you'll have more one-on-one time to ask questions and take advantage of your guide's expert local knowledge.

Less time waiting

Getting on and off the bus, hotel check-ins, comfort stops, meals - with a smaller group everything is easier and quicker, giving you more time to enjoy your holiday.

More space on the bus

Our groups are small but our vehicles are not! You'll have plenty of room to spread out with ample spare seats.

More hotel choice

Big groups stay in the big hotel chains. We have the flexibility to choose from a wider range of accommodation based on factors such as character, service and location.

Better views

Being in a small group means you'll get a better view of the places we visit. You won't have to jostle with dozens of fellow travellers to get the best views and photo opportunities.

Getting off the tourist trail

The logistical challenges of large groups mean that they are restricted to places and experiences that can cater for large numbers. Small groups can get off the beaten track and really experience a destination.

More fun!

Being in a small group means you get to know your fellow travellers and many of our guests establish lasting friendships on our tours.

Being a responsible tourist

Bunnik Tours firmly believes that tourism can create understanding between cultures and generate economic and social benefits in the places we visit. Our small tour groups are low-impact and don't ruin the very places we go to see.

NO HIDDEN EXTRAS
WE INCLUDE MORE!

The integrity of our family name stands behind every tour we sell. We are committed to transparency in our advertising, pricing and tour inclusions. There are no unsubstantiated, over-inflated 'typical' or 'normally' comparison prices here, on our website or in our advertising. Just genuine value for money and a tonne of sightseeing experiences for an unforgettable small group tour.

No Hidden Extras

Our tours include flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate. Our 'optional extras' are based on special-interest activities that don't always appeal to everyone, meaning they're truly optional.

Special Experiences

A tour through Asia with Bunnik Tours is not just about clocking up countries or ticking off major sights. Of course we'll show you the famous attractions, but by staying an extra day here and there, and moving beyond the regular tourist areas, you'll discover the real essence of the places we visit.

Transportation

We like to mix our transportation up when we travel because we believe it makes for a better holiday. After all, anybody can give you a bus tour. For us it's all about the experience!

Tipping Made Easy

Tipping is not part of everyday Australian life, so many of us feel unsure about when or how much to tip. However, tipping is expected in many of the countries we visit and often makes up a large part of people's wages, so it's important to get it right.

Meals

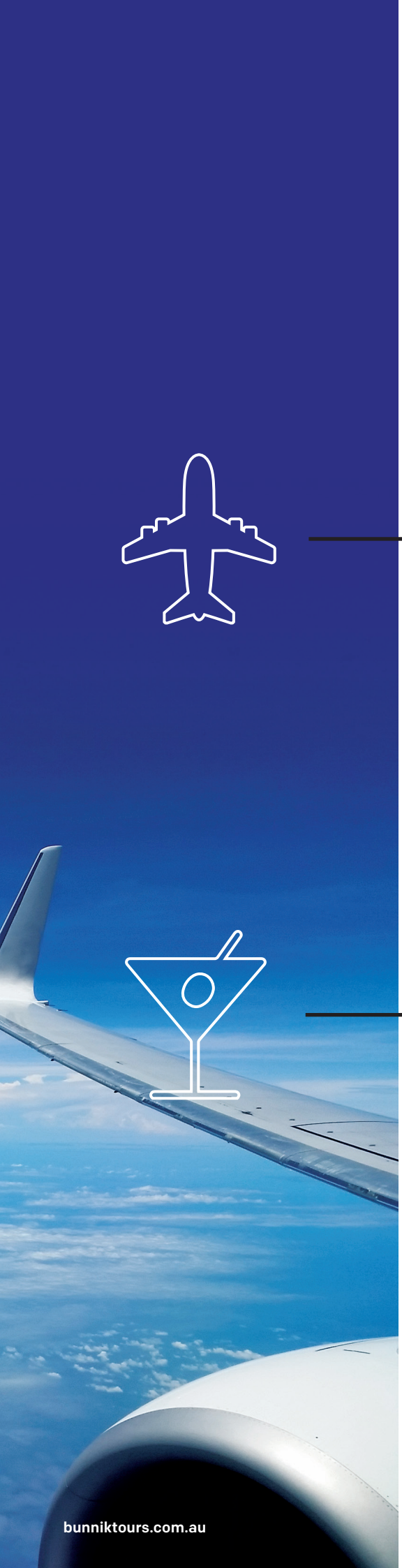
Breakfast is included daily along with group welcome and farewell dinners. We'll also include some special dining experiences along the way and meals where it might otherwise be tricky to get it for yourself. We purposefully do not include all meals to give you the opportunity to eat outside a hotel setting and really experience life as a local.

Nights

We include multi-night stops to give you time to breathe and take in your surrounds. It's about finding that balance between making the most of your time away and recognising that you are on holidays and need the time to just 'be'.

Character Accommodation

From a traditional Japanese ryokan guesthouse in Hakone to the Manvar Desert Camp in India's Thar Desert, if it's worth the experience, we'll include it.



Airfares included

We include return international airfares from Australia as part of the tour package, using reputable carriers such as Singapore Airlines. It allows us to offer you a complete, stress-free holiday package yet still gives you the flexibility to extend your stay or upgrade to premium economy or business class.

We're flexible

Did we mention we're flexible? If you'd like to fly out to your destination earlier or spend a few extra days away at the end of your tour, we're happy to assist. Anything is possible, just ask our friendly team of consultants.

Upgrade to business class

If you are looking for that extra bit of comfort, then we are also able to upgrade your flights to premium economy or business class.

We have access to some of the best rates in the industry so if you are travelling for an extra-special birthday or celebration, or just simply prefer to travel this way, then be sure to ask your travel consultant for more details.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES
A great way to fly

TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

How we travel

Like all tour companies, we have clean, comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles. Our small group policy means there are always plenty of empty seats. Where we differ is that we offer much more than just buses. We like to mix it up because we believe it makes for a better holiday. After all, anybody can give you a bus tour. For us it's all about the experience!

Train

Trains are an easy and relaxing way to travel in Asia, and a great way to see some of the continent's most scenic countryside. Whether you're zipping through Japan, China or South Korea on board one of their renowned high-speed trains, or taking one of the local trains through India or Sri Lanka, you are guaranteed some fantastic views!

Tuk tuk, rickshaw and ox cart

There's nothing fun about being stuck in traffic while on holiday. Our small group philosophy means we have the flexibility to jump on some of the more unique and local transport. Imagine taking a tuk tuk through Siem Reap to dinner, or travelling by rickshaw through Chandni Chowk. You'll feel like a local and see, smell and hear more of the places we visit!

By ocean, river and sea

Whether you're enjoying a leisurely cruise through the towering limestone pillars of Halong Bay, cruising around Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido or floating through India's Alleppey backwaters on board a traditional houseboat, one thing is for sure - there are few better ways to relax than being out on the water.

Where we stay

Our small group sizes mean we can stay where the big groups can't. Location, character and cleanliness beat bland chain hotels every time. From a traditional ryokan in Hakone, Japan to a beautiful tented camp in India's Thar Desert, if it's worth the experience, we'll include it.

Our ratings

In Asia we use 3 to 5-star hotels - clean, comfortable and in the right location. All rooms have private facilities (unless otherwise stated) and daily breakfast is included. We stay in big bustling cities, small scenic towns and historic buildings with varying room sizes and lots of character.

Manvar Desert Camp

Nestled in the mystical sand dunes of India's Thar Desert, Manvar Desert Camp is an oasis. The pristine beauty, tranquility and unbelievable silence are truly awe-inspiring. Head out from here to explore the ever-changing and enchanting sand dunes at sunset on camelback.

Traditional Japanese ryokan

After the hustle and bustle of ultra-modern Tokyo, enjoy a slower pace and experience the charm of old Japan with a stay at a ryokan - a traditional style of Japanese accommodation dating back centuries. Relax in the beautiful on-site hot springs and savour a delicious typical Japanese dinner.

Scarlet Pearl Cruise on Halong Bay

There are few better ways to experience Halong Bay than spending a night on board the beautiful Scarlet Pearl Cruise Ship - peaceful, relaxing and simply unforgettable.

FESTIVAL & SPECIAL DEPARTURES

Kandy Festival & Pushkar Camel Fair

Witness some of Asia's most unique and exciting events and celebrations on our selected festival and special departures. Our festival departures include the carnival spectacle of India's fascinating Pushkar Camel Fair and the pageantry of Sri Lanka's Kandy Festival!

Kandy Festival, Sri Lanka

Watch in awe as decorated elephants and thousands of dancers, drummers, torchbearers and whip-crackers in traditional costumes weave their way through the crowds during Sri Lanka's biggest and most spectacular festival. Our departures include seats to a special viewing gallery to watch the pageant.

Sri Lankan Discovery

Pushkar Camel Fair, India

Experience one of the world's largest camel fairs. The festival is held on the banks of Pushkar Lake and is attended by thousands of people each year. Livestock is bought and sold and stalls abound with jewellery and textiles. The festival begins each year with a camel race followed by music and exhibitions.

Colours of Rajasthan

Mt Maisan in South Korea by Craig McBey

Cherry Blossom & Autumn Colours

Japan and South Korea put on a spectacular natural show every year in spring and autumn.

During spring, travellers can participate in the 1000-year-old tradition of 'hanami' (Japanese) meaning 'viewing of flowers'. Pure white, palest pinks to rich cerise flowers bloom as the temperature grows warmer.

Or experience the autumn leaves in a myriad of reds and yellows, decorating the land in a kaleidoscope of colours during 'momiji-gari' (Japanese), meaning 'viewing of the changing leaves.'

Cherry Blossom, Japan & South Korea

Travelling to Japan or South Korea in spring is a truly magical experience as the cherry blossoms blanket the land in colour. Discover this incredible region while the countries are in full bloom in late March to early April and May (North Japan).

Japan Discovery / Colours of Northern Japan / Discover South Korea & Japan / South Korea in Depth

Autumn Colours, Japan & South Korea

The viewing of autumn leaves has been a popular activity in Japan and South Korea for centuries. Discover these beautiful countries while they are bathed in red and gold from late September to early November.

Japan Discovery / Colours of Northern Japan / Discover South Korea & Japan / South Korea in Depth

NOTHING BEATS LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

All of our guides are carefully selected for their expertise, passion and genuine love of their country. Dennis, Marion and Sacha travel yearly around the world, conducting intensive training sessions and sharing their insight into how Australians really love to experience a destination on tour. You'll find our guides have an energy and enthusiasm that is infectious and once you've experienced a Bunnik tour, we're sure you'll agree that we have some of the best tour guides in the world. In short, these important members of our family are Bunnik Tours!

Yogi, India

Yogi hails from the beautiful state of Rajasthan, known as the 'Land of Kings'. He has 12 years of experience as a tour guide throughout different parts of India and has a deep passion for travel. Yogi's attention to detail, great sense of humour and love for India ensures that he provides a fantastic touring experience.

Canh Hoa, Vietnam

As a well-studied and well-travelled tourism scholar, Hoa's great passion is taking his guests through the history and culture of his much loved home, Vietnam. Hoa has been part of the Bunnik family since 2013 and loves to share his real life experiences, leaving most wanting more.

Priya, Sri Lanka

Priya is possibly one of the most passionate guides you'll come across. Always wearing a hearty smile, he is an embodiment of the warm hospitality for which Sri Lanka is known. With over 18 years of experience, he still loves sharing his knowledge on history, flora, fauna and social customs, helping all of his guests fall in love with Sri Lanka.

Halong Bay by Priscilla Aster

Floating Markets in the Mekong Delta by Priscilla Aster

We take great pride in the tours we create and are pleased to say that the images featured in this brochure were taken by Bunnik Tours team members and clients, where possible. We believe they provide a truer representation of the places we visit.

A picture is worth a $1,000 voucher

Want to see your photo featured in glossy print? Bunnik Insiders can submit their best and brightest photos via our website *www.bunniktours.com.au/photocontest*
You'll also go in the running for our $1,000 GRAND PRIZE!

We have monthly winners who receive a copy of Lonely Planet's beautiful coffee table guide - "The Travel Book", and our annual winner is awarded the $1,000 Bunnik Tours Voucher grand prize to put towards their next small group tour!

Need more inspiration?

Check out our website for inspiring image galleries, travel stories and links to Bunnik Tours' social media. You can even sign up for our monthly newsletters to keep up to date with the latest travel news and deals. Visit bunniktours.com.au

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BOOKING YOUR TOUR

How to book a Bunnik Tour

Planning your holiday is half the fun and it pays to be prepared.
You'll find lots of information on our website including videos, client reviews, loads of photos and more detailed itineraries.

- **1800 286 645**
- **bunniktours.com.au**
- **See your local travel agent**

Loyalty discount

We love to travel and hope you'll want to again, too! So, on top of other applicable discounts, we'll give you $100 towards your next tour. And once you have travelled on 4 or more Bunnik Tours, you'll receive a loyalty discount of $250 per person!

SAVE UP TO $250 PER PERSON

Deposit

To confirm your booking, we will need a non-refundable deposit. Other deposits may be required, depending on extra arrangements you book with us.

Payment schedule

45 days after your booking has been confirmed, we'll request a progress payment in order to cover airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges.

Travel safety

For the latest government advice on travel safety and security please visit and register your holiday on www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Passport & visas

Australian travellers require visas for a number of countries. We can help you obtain them. It's important to note that they can take time to arrange.

Travel insurance

You will need to arrange travel insurance. This is not a choice, it's compulsory, as we'd hate for something to happen to you and you're not covered.

Your travel documents

Your documents, including itineraries and hotel lists, are prepared approximately three weeks before you depart.

Tipping Made Easy

Tipping is not a part of everyday Australian life, so many of us feel unsure about when or how much to tip. However, tipping is expected in many of the countries we visit and often makes up a large part of people's wages, so it's important to get it right.

For this reason we have developed a program for selected destinations. This simple system sees us collect tips at the time of booking. We then pass these tips to our local staff and they take care of all the tipping. Easy! It is compulsory for logistical reasons that all tour members participate.

Angkor Wat by Dennis Bunnik

Let's talk fitness

At Bunnik Tours we don't put specific age limits on our tours, but we also recognise some travellers may find our itineraries challenging.

We have a duty of care to all tour participants and the tour guides, so we do impose a firm policy on the level of fitness required by all our clients to prioritise your safety and the safety of other travellers on our tours.

Our goal is for all our travellers to enjoy their tour, not struggle through it! This is why we want to work with you to ensure you are on the best possible tour for your fitness level. We do reserve the right to refuse bookings if we feel that the requirements of the tour are too demanding.

Bunnik Tours are for independently-minded travellers with good levels of mobility.

Our tours include:

1. Generous amounts of free time
2. Lots of walking
3. Local and authentic experiences including various modes of transport and accommodation

Bunnik Tours travellers need to:

1. Be able to walk 2-3 hours on uneven surfaces, on any given day
2. Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
3. Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
4. Carry their own luggage
5. Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats

Please note: Passengers who are 75 and over will be required to obtain a doctor's clearance before travelling.

A TASTE OF ASIA

Tasting the flavours of different countries is one of our favourite things about travel. It's not everyday you get to enjoy a traditional Chanko Nabe lunch in Tokyo, discover Saigon's best local eating spots in Vietnam or join a local family for dinner along the Gin Oya River in Sri Lanka. We place a big emphasis on special food experiences in Asia.

Japan & China

Japan and China are known for their fresh, delicious and unique cuisines. Your taste buds will be enticed by our variety of special food experiences from Tokyo to Beijing.

Chanko Nabe

Watch a sumo wrestling demonstration before enjoying a traditional Chanko Nabe (sumo stew) lunch at a local restaurant.

Japan Discovery

Dumpling mania

Stroll through Beijing's hutongs (narrow streets and alleys) to explore a different side of the city. We'll also visit a local home to try some homemade dumplings.

China in Depth

Southeast Asia

The dishes in Southeast Asia will leave your mouth watering. Vietnam is renowned for its simple and vibrant meals, while Laotian cuisines are filled with sticky rice, fresh herbs and spices. From Hoi An to Luang Prabang, there's so much to try!

Red Bridge Cooking School

Visit the colourful local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an aromatic and informative cooking class.

All Vietnam Tours

Vespas & Vietnamese

Go off the beaten track to discover Saigon's best food spots. Touring by vespa, we'll taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine.

Vietnam in Depth / Vietnam & Cambodia in Depth / Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos in Depth

Laotian dinner

Join the locals to experience the tastes and traditions of Laos during a game of Pétanque, followed by a typical Laotian dinner.

Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos / Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos in Depth

Sri Lanka & India

Longing to discover more about food in Sri Lanka or India? Why not delve into dinner with a local family in Negombo or try your hand at traditional Indian cooking in Jaipur?

Dinner on the banks of a river

Watch the sunset along the jungle-fringed Gin Oya River, before joining a local family for a hosted dinner on the banks of the river.

Sri Lankan Discovery

Indian cooking lesson and dinner

Visit a colourful market and interact with a local family during a traditional Indian cooking lesson, then join them for dinner.

India in Depth

JAPAN, CHINA & SOUTH KOREA

"I enjoyed the diversity of sightseeing included in the tour and the autumn colours. Our tour guide was the best - very knowledgeable and always there to help!"

Yvonne D
Colours of Northern Japan

Japan, China & South Korea Snapshot

6 tours | 3 countries | 15+ special experiences | 30+ special departures

Despite relations between Japan, China and South Korea stretching back hundreds, and even thousands of years, each country has its own unique history, culture, customs and traditions, and are all fantastic travel destinations in their own right.

From Japan's iconic Mt Fuji, to the Great Wall of China and the neon-lit alleyways of South Korea's Seoul, one of the most technologically-advanced cities in the world, there is plenty to discover in beautiful East Asia.

Airfares Included | Cruise & Tour

Japan Discovery

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Colours of Northern Japan

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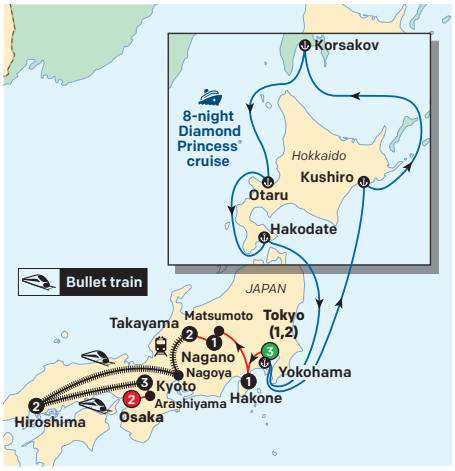

Circle Hokkaido & Japan Discovery

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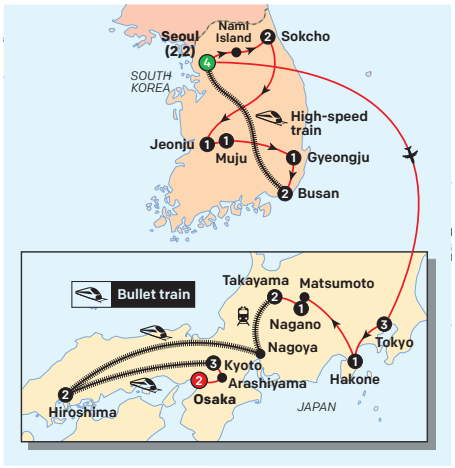

Discover South Korea & Japan

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South Korea in Depth

Days 14 | From $6,995pp | Page 32

China in Depth

Days 19 | From $7,595pp | Page 34

SMALL GROUP TOURING

Japan Discovery

Special Departure Japan

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 17

From $10,895 pp

Airfares Included

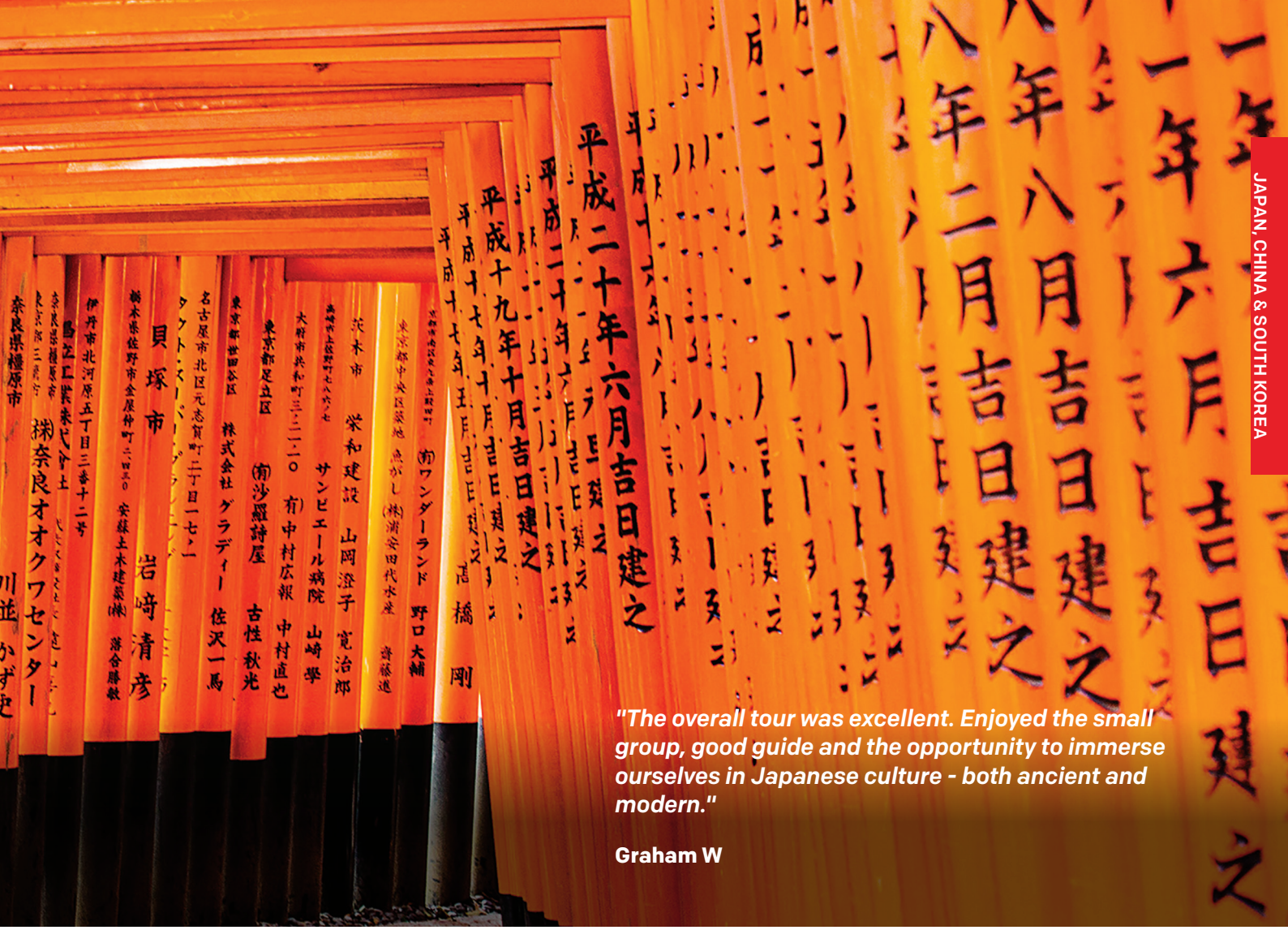
No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes where appropriate!

Explore the true highlights of Japan on this fascinating adventure. Discover Tokyo, one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities. Be amazed at the beauty of Mt Fuji, experience an authentic ryokan guesthouse in Hakone and ride the bullet train to cultural Kyoto.

Top sights

- Imperial Palace East Garden
- Traditional ryokan guesthouse
- Matsumoto Castle
- Takayama
- Himeji Castle

TOP **Fushimi Inari Shrine by Graham Meale**
ABOVE **Bullet Train by Dennis Bunnik**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Matsumoto Castle**



"The overall tour was excellent. Enjoyed the small group, good guide and the opportunity to immerse ourselves in Japanese culture - both ancient and modern."

Graham W

Sightseeing Highlights

- Visit Imperial Palace East Garden, a calm oasis in buzzing Tokyo
- Watch a sumo wrestling demonstration before enjoying a traditional Chanko Nabe (sumo stew) lunch
- Walk through the famous Ginza district and Shibuya crossing
- Admire the city lights of Tokyo Bay while cruising in a traditional Japanese houseboat
- Visit Iyashi no sato Nenba, a former farming village, reopened as a museum
- Spend a night in a traditional ryokan guesthouse
- See the iconic Mt Fuji while riding the Hakone Ropeway (weather permitting)
- Enjoy a soba noodle making class on the way to Nagano
- Take in the sights of historic Takayama by foot
- Wander through Shirakawago, with its famous gasshō-zukuri thatched roofs
- See Hiroshima's sites including the giant Itsukushima Torii Gate
- Explore Kyoto and sample the famous sake beverage
- Learn the way of the Samurai, Japan's pre-modern warriors, in Osaka

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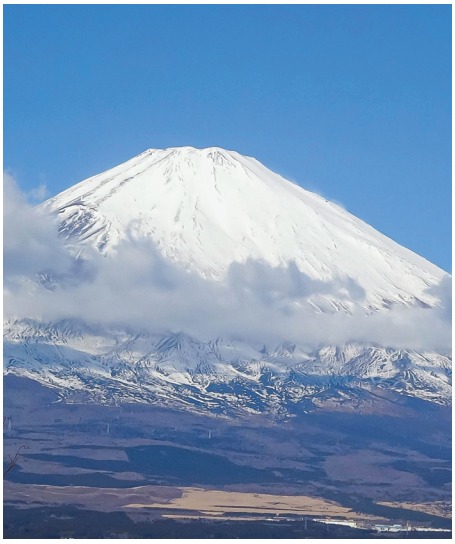

"The beautiful and fascinating Japan, how could anyone not love it! I also very much appreciated and enjoyed the company, wisdom and knowledge of our tour guide, Kyoko, who constantly went above and beyond to ensure the group was okay and enjoying the experience."

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Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Tokyo
Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's buzzing capital. This fascinating city combines the ultra-modern with the ultra-traditional. Here we'll find an unlimited choice of shopping, entertainment, culture and exquisite food. After we check in to the hotel, we'll have the rest of the day at leisure to unwind after our flight.

Day 3. Tokyo ***BLD***
Today is an exciting and fascinating day, dedicated to exploring Tokyo. We begin with a visit to the scenic and spacious Imperial Palace East Garden, which provides a calm oasis amid the bustle of Tokyo. The garden is the former site of Edo Castle's innermost circle of defence. As none of the castle's main buildings remain today, the garden has been created in their place.

Watch a sumo wrestling demonstration before enjoying a traditional Chanko Nabe (sumo stew) lunch at a local restaurant.

This afternoon we'll stroll through the shopping district of Ginza on our way to dinner. We'll also experience the hustle and bustle of Shibuya, including the famous Shibuya crossing - one of the busiest in the world! Approximately 3,000 people can make their way across the intersection at any one time.

Admire the city lights on a dinner cruise around Tokyo Bay in a typical Japanese-style houseboat from the Heian period, known as a Yakatabune.

Day 4. Tokyo ***BL***
Enjoy another exciting day exploring one of the world's largest and most cosmopolitan cities. Our first stop is Asakusa Sensoji Temple. This Buddhist temple is one of Tokyo's most colourful and popular. Nakamise shopping arcade is our next destination, one of the best places in Tokyo to purchase souvenirs. We'll then learn the age-old culinary art of making sushi and enjoy the results for lunch.

The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy at leisure.

Day 5. Tokyo - Hakone ***BD***
This morning we'll visit a former farming village, Iyashi no sato Nenba, recently reconstructed and reopened as a museum after being destroyed by a typhoon in 1966. The village has been converted into restaurants, museums and galleries.
We'll then arrive in the mountainous town of Hakone, where we'll enjoy a cable car ride on the Hakone Ropeway and see magnificent views of the iconic Mt Fuji (weather permitting). Tonight we will stay in an authentic ryokan guesthouse, where we'll sleep on traditional Japanese-style bedding made up of a futon bed on top of tatami mats on the floor. We will also have the chance to bathe in a natural onsen (hot springs) and enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner.

1 night: traditional ryokan guesthouse

Day 6. Hakone - Matsumoto - Nagano ***B***
Today we'll travel to Matsumoto, where we'll visit its beautiful castle, one of Japan's premier historic castles built in the 16th century.

Immerse your yourself in Japanese culture during a soba noodle making class on our way to Nagano. These delicious noodles are used in a variety of Japanese dishes.

We'll then visit the historic Old Battlefield of Kawanakajima, where the famous provincial battle took place in 1561.

Day 7. Nagano - Takayama ***B***
We travel to the historic town of Takayama. This city retains a traditional touch, especially in its beautiful old town. We'll explore the narrow streets on foot. Highlights include Takayama Jinya, a beautiful and traditional Japanese building and Sanmachi Street, lined with old-style merchant houses and restaurants.

Day 8. Takayama ***BL***
This morning we'll explore the Miyagawa open air market and see the range of fruits,

TOP **Philosopher's Walk in Kyoto**
ABOVE **Mt Fuji by Dennis Bunnik**

vegetables and sweets at the numerous stalls. We'll then wander through the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed site of Shirakawago with its famous gasshō-zukuri ('like hands in prayer') thatched roofs, designed to withstand the massive snowfalls of winter. This afternoon we discover the traditional art of Japanese rice paper-making.

Day 9. Takayama - Hiroshima *B*
Today we'll take the local train to Nagoya, and then enjoy a bullet-train ride to Hiroshima, located within the Chugoku region. The city was destroyed during World War II, but has since been rebuilt.

Day 10. Hiroshima *B*
We begin today with a cruise to tranquil and sacred Miyajima Island where we'll see the giant Itsukushima Torii Gate. This afternoon we'll visit some of Hiroshima's important sites. Our first stop is Peace Memorial Park, which was built to commemorate the dropping of the atomic bomb. We'll then visit the very moving Peace Memorial Museum and the Atomic Bomb Dome, the city's only remaining bomb-damaged building.

Day 11. Hiroshima - Kyoto *B*
Travelling by bullet train, we make our way to historic Kyoto, Japan's cultural capital. We explore the incredible orange torii gates that make up Kyoto's famous Fushimi Inari Shrine, dedicated to the god of rice and sake in the 8th century. The magical path consists of more than 5,000 gates that wind through the hills at the base of Inari mountain.

Sample the famous Japanese beverage, sake, and learn about the brewing process.

Day 12. Kyoto *B*
We'll discover more about fascinating Kyoto on a half day sightseeing tour. Learn how to wear a Japanese Kimono and discover the history of this traditional garment. Later this morning, we'll experience a Japanese tea ceremony before enjoying a stroll along the Philosopher's Walk. This path was taken by the influential 20th-century philosopher & Kyoto University Professor, Nishida Kitaro, during his meditation.

Day 13. Kyoto *B*
Today is at leisure for you to relax or explore more of Kyoto.

Day 14. Kyoto - Arashiyama - Osaka *BL*
This morning we visit the stunning Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). The temple's top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf and the pavilion is set amongst beautiful gardens. We'll then enjoy a typical Buddhist lunch before touring the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed Tenryu-ji Temple, ranked first of Kyoto's five great Zen temples. Later we'll walk through the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and visit the Togetsukyo Bridge before travelling to Osaka.

Day 15. Osaka *BD*
This morning we visit Himeji Castle, Japan's largest and most-visited castle. It is regarded as the finest surviving example of Japanese castle architecture.

Learn the way of the Samurai, the warriors of pre-modern Japan, during an interactive lesson. Samurai were elite soldiers and adept with the bow and sword.

Tonight we'll enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Day 16. Depart Osaka *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 17. Arrive Australia

Please note: *From June 2019, Miyajima's famous floating Torii Gate is undergoing renovations, which are expected to take at least one year. During the renovation works, the Torii Gate will be covered under partially transparent scaffolding. A bridge is being built on the left side of the gate to aid the renovation works.*

TOP RIGHT **Shibuya crossing in Tokyo by Dennis Bunnik**
ABOVE **Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto by Dennis Bunnik**
RIGHT **Maiko in Kyoto by Roy Bisson**

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Japan. Taxes included
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour (if arriving into Narita airport at other time-slots you will be provided a scheduled limousine coach transfer to your hotel)
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- 13 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- 1 night in a traditional ryokan guesthouse, Hakone

Meals
14 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
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Departures for 2020/21

Apr	19	**2021**	
May	10, 24	**Mar**	22, 23, 25, 26,
Oct	04, 11, 18, 25		28, 29, 30
Nov	08	**Apr**	01, 02, 04, 05,
			06, 08, 09

Special Departure
Experience the magic of Cherry Blossom (Mar - Apr departures) or witness stunning Autumn Colours as they sweep the country (Oct - Nov departures).

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Price valid from: **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide Brisbane & Perth**

Single supplement: **From $1,750**

All prices are per person, twin share and include taxes and charges. For full terms and conditions please refer to pages 66 to 67.

SMALL GROUP TOURING

Colours of Northern Japan

Highlights | Special Departure | Japan

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 17

From $10,895pp

Airfares Included

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes where appropriate!

Discover the incredibly scenic and historic areas of northern Japan on this unique adventure. Admire the impressive waterfalls and limestone caves along the Geibikei Gorge, discover the history of the Samurai in Morioka and wander through the stunning Hirosaki Castle Gardens.

Top sights

- Nikko National Park
- Matsushima Bay
- Lake Towada
- Oirase Gorge
- Hokkaido Shrine

TOP **Geibikei Gorge in Iwate Prefecture**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Hirosaki Castle in Hirosaki**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Tokyo
Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling, ultra-modern capital city.

Day 3. Tokyo *BD*
We begin the day at the grounds of the Imperial Palace, residence of Japan's Imperial Family, and situated on the former site of Edo Castle. We'll also visit the Meiji Shrine, an oasis in the heart of the bustling Shibuya district, dedicated to the deified spirits of Emperor Meiji. This afternoon we'll experience the neon lights and hustle and bustle of Shibuya, before cruising around Tokyo Bay in a typical Japanese-style houseboat from the Heian period, known as a Yakatabune.

Day 4. Tokyo - Nikko - Sendai *BL*
This morning we travel to Nikko National Park to visit Lake Chuzenji and Kegon Waterfall. We will then see Toshogu Shrine, the final resting place of Tokugawa Ieyasu, who ruled Japan for over 250 years. This lavishly decorated shrine complex consists of more than a dozen buildings set in a beautiful forest. This afternoon we'll travel by bullet train to Sendai.

Day 5. Matsushima Excursion *BD*
On our way to Matsushima we will visit the Sendai City Museum, which houses a reproduction model and digital display so you can imagine how it stood during its heyday. Upon arrival in Matsushima, we'll enjoy a cruise along the stunning bay, regarded as one of Japan's most scenic views for centuries. This area was hit by the earthquake and tsunami of 2011, so we'll visit the City Earthquake Memorial Museum and the area devastated by the tsunami. Our final stop is Entsū-in Temple.

Experience the local cuisine at a special dinner where we'll try the delicacy of gyutan (beef tongue).

Day 6. Sendai - Morioka *B*
Today we explore the Iwate Prefecture at the easternmost point of the island of Honshu. We'll visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Buddhist temple of Chūson-ji, founded in 850 according to the Tendai sect, and Konjikido Hall.

Admire the impressive waterfalls, rock formations and limestone caves on a scenic cruise along the Geibikei Gorge. Enjoy local folk songs sung by the boatmen as they guide us through the spectacular gorge.

Day 7. Morioka *BD*
This morning we'll discover the garden city of Tono, known as a treasure trove of Japanese folklore, thanks to its legends of spirits, animals and supernatural creatures. Our sightseeing includes the Municipal Museum and Tono Furusato Mura, a recreation of a traditional farming village. This afternoon we'll explore the Morioka Castle Ruins Park.

Take part in the local Wanko Soba tradition for dinner tonight. These soba noodles originated in Morioka and Hanamaki; by tradition you quickly eat small servings from small bowls, which are repeatedly refilled.

Day 8. Morioka - Oga *BLD*
We depart for Tezukurimura this morning and tour the Japanese Cultural Arts and Crafts mall, where we'll take part in an indigo-dyeing experience. We'll then travel to Oga.

Explore the Kakunodate Aoyagi Samurai Manor open air museum and discover the rich history and way of life of Samurai and their wealthy families.

We'll spend the next two nights at a traditional ryokan guesthouse, a unique style of accommodation with tatami mat floors and authentic cuisine. We'll be sleeping on traditional Japanese-style bedding made up of a futon bed on top of the tatami mats on the floor.

2 nights: traditional ryokan guesthouse

Day 9. Oga *BLD*
Learn about the fascinating legend of Namahage and the tradition of its yearly festival this morning at the museum. We'll then tour the Shinzan Folklore Museum and Shrine before visiting the Mt Kanpuzan Rotating Observatory for spectacular views. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to enjoy the natural onsen (hot springs) and facilities of our ryokan accommodation.

Day 10. Oga - Aomori *BL*
Sit back and enjoy the scenic drive this morning to Aomori. After stopping for lunch, we'll discover majestic Lake Towada, the largest crater lake on the island of Honshu. The water here is so clear that you can peer down more than 10 metres into it. We'll also visit Oirase Gorge, one of the most beautiful river areas in Japan.

Day 11. Hirosaki Excursion *BD*

Wander through the stunning Hirosaki Castle Gardens, one of the best places in Japan to witness the breathtaking cherry blossoms and autumn colours.

This afternoon we'll continue to Tsugaru Neputa Village to see the exhibits of local crafts and enjoy a shamisen live music performance.

Day 12. Aomori - Hakodate *B*
We board the bullet train for Hakodate on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido. We'll then take the Hakodate Ropeway to the top of Mt Hakodate and enjoy the views of the city and surrounds.

Day 13. Hakodate *B*
Today we discover the city of Hakodate, starting with the Jomon Culture Centre, which provides insight into the distinctive Japanese culture that has lasted for more than 10,000 years. We'll also visit Goryōkaku Tower, which is 107 metres high and provides fantastic views. After lunch, we'll visit the Motomachi district and the Kanemori Red Brick Warehouse, the first commercial warehouse in this important port city.

Day 14. Hakodate - Sapporo *B*
This morning we take the bullet train north to Sapporo, famous for its ramen and beer.

Discover the history of beer making in Japan and the famous Sapporo brewery at the Sapporo Beer Museum, and enjoy a tasting of 'Fukkoku Sapporo Bakushu' - a unique beer brewed according to traditional methods dating from 1881.

Our last stop today is Hokkaido Shrine, which enshrines three pioneering gods.

Day 15. Sapporo *BD*
We spend the morning in the port city of Otaru on Ishikari Bay, and explore its beautifully preserved canal area. Otaru is also famous for its glass and we'll visit the original Kitaichi Glass Sangokan in a converted fishery warehouse. As well as a place to shop for souvenirs, it is also famous its grand hall, lit with one-of-a-kind oil lamps. This evening we'll enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Day 16. Depart Sapporo *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 17. Arrive Australia

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

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Coach, cable car, local train, boat, bullet train & Japanese-style houseboat

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- 12 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- 2 nights in a traditional ryokan guesthouse, Oga

Meals
14 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping is not part of the Japanese culture, so tips are not expected

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Apr	27
May	04
Oct	12, 19, 26
Nov	02

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Circle Hokkaido & Japan Discovery

Cruise & Tour Japan | Russia

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 25

From $14,895pp

Airfares & Cruise Included

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes where appropriate!

Take a scenic cruise around the diverse islands of fascinating Japan, visiting cities in Hokkaido and easternmost Russia. Then explore Tokyo, be amazed at the beauty of Mt Fuji, experience an authentic ryokan guesthouse in Hakone and ride the bullet train to cultural Kyoto.

Top sights

- 8-night cruise around Hokkaido
- Imperial Palace East Garden
- Traditional ryokan guesthouse
- Matsumoto Castle
- Himeji Castle

TOP **Shirakawago by Graham Meale**
RIGHT **Diamond Princess Cruise Ship**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Maiko in Kyoto by Graham Meale**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Tokyo *D*

Welcome to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital city. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or begin exploring. Meet your fellow travellers tonight for a group welcome drink and Japanese-style dinner.

Days 3. Tokyo - Yokohama *BD*

We'll start today by exploring Meiji Jingu Shrine and Tokyo Tower.

Embark Cruise: *We'll then transfer to the port of Yokohama to board the Diamond Princess for an 8-night cruise circling the top of Hokkaido.*

Day 4. Cruising at sea *BLD*

Day 5. Kushiro, Japan *BLD*

Day 6. Cruising at sea *BLD*

Day 7. Korsakov (Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk), Russia *BLD*

Day 8. Otaru, Japan *BLD*

Day 9. Hakodate, Japan *BLD*

Day 10. Cruising at sea *BLD*

Day 11. Yokohama - Tokyo *BLD*

Disembark Cruise: *After breakfast, we disembark and return to Tokyo.*

We begin this fantastic day with a visit to the scenic and spacious Imperial Palace East Garden, which provides a calm oasis amid the bustle of Tokyo.

Watch a sumo wrestling demonstration before enjoying a traditional Chanko Nabe (sumo stew) lunch at a local restaurant.

This afternoon we'll stroll through the shopping district of Ginza on our way to dinner. We'll also experience Shibuya, including the famous Shibuya crossing - one of the busiest in the world!

Admire the city lights on a dinner cruise around Tokyo Bay in a typical Japanese-style houseboat from the Heian period, known as a Yakatabune.

Day 12. Tokyo *BL*

Enjoy another exciting day exploring one of the world's largest and most cosmopolitan cities. Highlights include Asakusa Sensoji Temple and the Nakamise shopping arcade. We'll then learn the age-old culinary art of making sushi (which we'll get to enjoy for lunch once we've finished). The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy at leisure.

Day 13. Tokyo - Hakone *BD*

This morning we'll visit a former farming village, Iyashi no sato Nenba, recently reconstructed as a museum after being destroyed by a typhoon in 1966. We'll then arrive in the mountainous town of Hakone where we'll enjoy a cable car ride on the Hakone Ropeway and see magnificent views of the iconic Mt Fuji (weather permitting). Tonight we will stay in an authentic ryokan guesthouse, where we'll sleep on traditional Japanese-style bedding made up of a futon bed on top of tatami mats on the floor. We will also have the chance to bathe in a natural onsen (hot springs) and enjoy a traditional Japanese dinner.

1 night: traditional ryokan guesthouse

Day 14. Hakone - Matsumoto - Nagano *B*

Today we'll travel to Matsumoto, where we'll visit Matsumoto Castle, one of Japan's premier historic castles built in the 16th century.

During our journey to Nagano, enjoy a soba noodle making class. These delicious noodles are used in a variety of Japanese dishes.

We'll then visit the historic Old Battlefield of Kawanakajima, where the famous provincial battle took place in 1561.

Day 15. Nagano - Takayama *B*

We travel to the historic town of Takayama and explore the narrow, traditional streets on foot. Highlights include Takayama Jinya and Sanmachi Street.

Day 16. Takayama *BL*

This morning we'll explore the Miyagawa open air market and see the range of fruits, vegetables and sweets at the numerous stalls. We'll then wander through the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed site of Shirakawago with its famous gasshō-zukuri ('like hands in prayer') thatched roofs, designed to withstand the massive snowfalls of winter. This afternoon we discover the traditional art of Japanese rice paper-making.

Day 17. Takayama - Hiroshima *B*

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Day 18. Hiroshima *B*

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Day 19. Hiroshima - Kyoto *B*

Travelling by bullet train, we make our way to historic Kyoto, Japan's cultural capital. We explore the incredible orange torii gates that make up Kyoto's famous Fushimi Inari Shrine, dedicated to the god of rice and sake in the 8th century.

Sample the famous Japanese beverage, sake and learn about the brewing process.

Day 20. Kyoto *B*

We'll discover more about fascinating Kyoto on a half day sightseeing tour. Learn how to wear a Japanese Kimono and discover the history of this traditional garment. Later this morning, we'll experience a Japanese tea ceremony before enjoying a stroll along the Philosopher's Walk. This path was taken by the influential 20th-century philosopher & Kyoto University Professor, Nishida Kitaro, during his meditation.

Day 21. Kyoto *B*

Today is free for you to enjoy at leisure.

Day 22. Kyoto - Arashiyama - Osaka *BL*

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Day 23. Osaka *BD*

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Learn the way of the Samurai, the warriors of pre-modern Japan, during an interactive lesson. Samurai were elite soldiers and adept with the bow and sword.

Tonight we'll enjoy a Japanese-style group farewell dinner.

Day 24. Depart Osaka *B*

Today we begin our journey home.

Day 25. Arrive Australia

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Cable car, local train, bullet train, coach, cruise ship & Japanese-style houseboat

Accommodation
- 13 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- 8 nights on board the Princess Cruises - Diamond Princess
- 1 night in a traditional ryokan guesthouse, Hakone

Meals
22 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 12 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
English-speaking locally based national guide (excluding cruise)

Port Taxes & Tips
- Port Taxes of $166pp pre-paid
- Tipping is not part of the Japanese culture, so tips are not expected. On board the cruise there is an extra tipping surcharge to pay of approximately $14pp US per day

Departures for 2020

Aug	30
Sep	21

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Single supplement: **From $5,525**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Discover South Korea & Japan

Multi-country | Special Departure | South Korea | Japan

Imagine your Korea

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

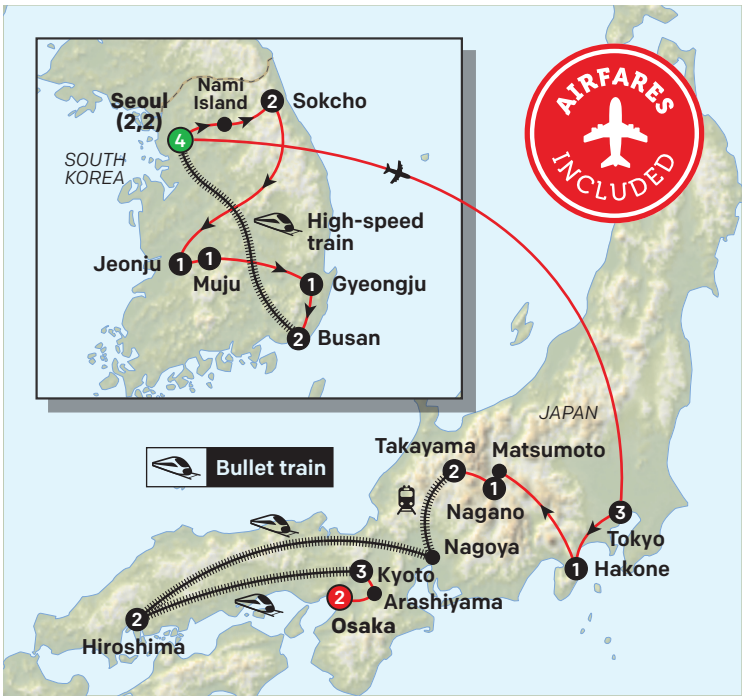
Days: 28

From $16,295pp

Airfares & Tips Included

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate!

Experience the highlights of beautiful South Korea and mesmerising Japan. While these two countries have many similarities, their cultures and traditions are unique. Explore thriving cities, ancient temples, traditional villages and try your hand at culinary and cultural crafts.



Top sights

- Korean Folk Village
- Sinheungsa Temple
- Imperial Palace East Garden
- Takayama
- Shirakawago

TOP **Gyeongbokgung Palace by Korea Tourism Organization**
RIGHT **Cherry blossom in Tokyo by Adam Dickson**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Seoul *D*
Welcome to vibrant Seoul, the capital of South Korea. Enjoy a group welcome dinner tonight.

Day 3. Seoul *B*
Stepping back in time, we'll visit the Korean Folk Village to gain an insight into life during the Joseon Dynasty and enjoy a natural dyeing experience. We'll then explore Samcheongdong Street and Bukchon Hanok Village, before visiting Gyeongbokgung Palace and the iconic N Seoul Tower.

Day 4. Seoul - Sokcho *B*
This morning we travel to Nami Island, famous for its stunning scenery and friendly wildlife. We'll then continue to Sokcho.

Day 5. Mt Seorak Excursion *B*
Spend a full day exploring stunning Mt Seorak, visiting Sogongwon Park and travelling to Gwongumseong Fortress by cable car, while enjoying amazing views.
We'll also visit Sinheungsa Temple, believed to be the oldest Zen temple in the world.

Day 6. Sokcho - Jeonju *B*
We continue to Jeonju via Pyeongchang, where we will visit the site of the former Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium. This afternoon we'll explore Jeonju's Hanok Village.

Day 7. Jeonju - Muju *B*
We continue towards Muju, visiting beautiful Mt Maisan and the Buddhist Tapsa Temple along the way.
Relax and enjoy a traditional Korean spa, a very important part of the Korean way of life. Try the unique assortment of facilities and treatments, including 'bubble sense therapy' and 'sound floating'.

Day 8. Muju - Gyeongju *B*
Learn all about Korea's traditional martial art, taekwondo, and witness an amazing demonstration.
This afternoon we'll travel to Mt Gayasan and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Haeinsa Temple, home to the Tripitaka Koreana - a complete set of engraved Buddhist scriptures. We'll then continue to Gyeongju.

Day 9. Gyeongju - Busan *B*
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites of Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto this morning, where we'll experience a traditional tea ceremony with monks.
We'll also explore Chomsungdae Observatory, and visit Chonma Royal Tumuli before travelling to Busan.

Day 10. Busan *BL*
We begin our sightseeing of Busan at scenic Igidae Park to admire the rugged natural scenery. We'll also visit the Oryukdo Skywalk, and the UN Memorial Cemetery.

Day 11. Busan - Seoul *B*
After travelling to Seoul by high-speed train, learn to make Korea's national dish, kimchi. We'll also get a chance to try on the hanbok (traditional Korean dress). Enjoy a nanta (non-verbal comedy) show this evening.

Day 12. Seoul *BD*
Today we visit the Demilitarised Zone separating North and South Korea. Tonight we'll enjoy a group dinner, accompanied by a traditional Korean performance.

Day 13. Seoul - Tokyo *B*
We fly to Tokyo, Japan's dazzling capital!

Day 14. Tokyo *BLD*
We begin today with a visit to the scenic Imperial Palace East Garden.
Watch a sumo wrestling demonstration before enjoying a traditional Chanko Nabe (sumo stew) lunch at a local restaurant.
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Today we'll travel to Matsumoto, where we'll visit Matsumoto Castle.
On our way to Nagano, enjoy a soba noodle making class. These delicious noodles are used in a variety of Japanese dishes.
We'll then visit the historic Old Battlefield of Kawanakajima.

Day 18. Nagano - Takayama *B*
We travel to the historic town of Takayama and explore the traditional streets on foot.

Day 19. Takayama *BL*
This morning we'll explore the Miyagawa open air market. We'll then wander through the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage-listed site of Shirakawago with its famous gasshō-zukuri hatched roofs. This afternoon we discover the traditional art of Japanese rice paper-making.

Day 20. Takayama - Hiroshima *B*
Today we'll take the bullet train to Hiroshima.

Day 21. Hiroshima *B*
We begin today with a cruise to Miyajima Island and see the giant Itsukushima Torii Gate. This afternoon we'll visit the Peace Memorial Park, the Atomic Bomb Dome and the very moving Peace Memorial Museum.

Day 22. Hiroshima - Kyoto *B*
Travelling by bullet train, we make our way to historic Kyoto. We'll then explore Kyoto's famous Fushimi Inari Shrine.
Sample the famous Japanese beverage, sake and learn about the brewing process.

Day 23. Kyoto *B*
We'll learn how to wear a Japanese Kimono and discover the history of this traditional garment. Later this morning, we'll experience a Japanese tea ceremony before taking a stroll along the Philosopher's Walk.

Day 24. Kyoto *B*
Today is free for you to enjoy at leisure.

Day 25. Kyoto - Arashiyama - Osaka *BL*
This morning we visit Kinkaku-ji Temple (Golden Pavilion). We'll then tour the beautiful Tenryu-ji Temple. Later we'll walk through the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest and visit the Togetsukyo Bridge before travelling to Osaka.

Day 26. Osaka *BD*
This morning we visit iconic Himeji Castle.
Learn the way of the Samurai during an interactive lesson. Samurai were elite soldiers and adept with the bow and sword.
Tonight we'll enjoy a Japanese-style group farewell dinner.

Day 27. Depart Osaka *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 28. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Please note: *From June 2019, Miyajima's famous floating Torii Gate is undergoing renovations, which are expected to take at least one year. During the renovation works, the Torii Gate will be covered under partially transparent scaffolding. A bridge is being built on the left side of the gate to aid the renovation works.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Asia. Taxes included
- Economy-class flight from Seoul to Tokyo
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour (if using group tour flights)
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- High-speed train in South Korea
- 2 Bullet train journeys in Japan
- Limited express train in Japan

Transportation
Coach, monorail, high-speed train, bullet train, plane, cable car, local train & Japanese-style houseboat

Accommodation
- 24 nights in 3-5 star hotels
- 1 night in a traditional ryokan guesthouse, Hakone

Meals
25 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide in South Korea
- English-speaking locally based national guide in Japan

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $120pp pre-paid (Korea only). Tipping is not part of the Japanese culture, so tips are not expected

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	08	**Oct**	07, 14
May	13	**2021**	
Sep	30	**Mar**	17, 22, 25, 29

Special Departure
Experience the magic of Cherry Blossom (Mar - Apr departures) or witness stunning Autumn Colours as they sweep the countries (Sep - Oct departures).

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Price valid from: **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide Brisbane & Perth**

Single supplement: **From $3,850**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

South Korea in Depth

In-Depth | Special Departure | South Korea

Imagine your Korea

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 14

From $6,995 pp

Airfares & Tips Included

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate!

Immerse yourself in the modernity and unique traditions of South Korea. Explore the innovative city of Seoul and experience a traditional Korean spa. Witness a taekwondo demonstration in Muju and drink tea with monks at Bulguksa Temple.

Top sights

- Korean Folk Village
- Sinheungsa Temple
- Jeonju Hanok Village
- Nanta comedy show
- Demilitarised Zone

TOP **Seoul by Korea Tourism Organization**
RIGHT **N Seoul Tower**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Bulguksa Temple by Korea Tourism Organization**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Seoul *D*
Welcome to Seoul, the capital of South Korea. This buzzing and vibrant city is a beautiful juxtaposition of modern and traditional, where towering skyscrapers neighbour temples and palaces from centuries ago. Enjoy a group welcome dinner tonight.

Day 3. Seoul *B*
Stepping back in time, we visit the Korean Folk Village to gain an insight into life during the Joseon Dynasty and enjoy a natural colour dyeing experience. We'll then explore Samcheongdong Street and Bukchon Hanok Village before visiting Gyeongbokgung Palace, a collection of museums and historical sites. Surrounded by gardens and ancient stone pagodas, these buildings are home to some of Korea's best treasures. Later this afternoon we visit the iconic N Seoul Tower and admire the views from the observation deck.

Day 4. Seoul - Sokcho *B*
This morning we travel to the tiny half-moon-shaped Nami Island, famous for its stunning scenery and open, grassy fields where ducks, chipmunks, squirrels and peacocks welcome visitors. We'll then continue to Sokcho, gateway to Seoraksan National Park.

Day 5. Mt Seorak Excursion *B*
Spend a full day exploring stunning Mt Seorak, visiting Sogongwon Park and travelling to Gwongumseong Fortress by cable car. The views on the way are breathtaking, as we'll see the ruins of the fortress, the treetops of the Sogongwon area and the imposing Ulsanbawi Rock to the north.
We'll visit Sinheungsa Temple, believed to be the oldest Zen temple in the world. It is recognisable by its Great Unification Buddha statue made out of gilt-bronze that represents the wish of the Korean people, for the reunification of the divided country.

Day 6. Sokcho - Jeonju *B*
We continue to Jeonju via Pyeongchang, and visit the site of the former Pyeongchang Olympic Stadium. This afternoon we'll explore Jeonju's Hanok Village.

Day 7. Jeonju - Muju *B*
We continue towards Muju, visiting beautiful Mt Maisan and the Buddhist Tapsa Temple along the way. This temple complex is constructed entirely from stones, making for a very unusual, but very impressive appearance.
Relax and enjoy a traditional Korean spa, a very important part of the Korean way of life. Try the unique assortment of facilities and treatments, including 'bubble sense therapy' and 'sound floating'.

Day 8. Muju - Gyeongju *B*
Learn all about Korea's traditional martial art, taekwondo, and witness an amazing demonstration.
This afternoon we'll travel to Mt Gayasan and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Haeinsa Temple. It's one of the Three Jewel Temples representing Buddha's teachings, and home to the Tripitaka Koreana - a complete set of Buddhist scriptures engraved on more than 81,000 wooden printing blocks between 1237 and 1248.

Day 9. Gyeongju - Busan *B*
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites of Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto this morning, where we'll experience a traditional tea ceremony with monks. Bulguksa Temple contains seven of the National Treasures of South Korea, including two pagodas and statues of Buddha.
We'll then explore Chomsungdae Observatory, which dates back to the 7th century, and visit Chonma Royal Tumuli.

Day 10. Busan *BL*
We begin our sightseeing of Busan at scenic Igidae Park, where we'll wander along the trails and admire the rugged natural scenery. We'll also visit the Oryukdo Skywalk, a glass bridge stretching over the ocean at the dividing point between the East and South Seas. Our next stop is the UN Memorial Cemetery. After lunch at a local restaurant, we'll visit the local markets and have some free time to explore.

Day 11. Busan - Seoul *B*
This morning we board the high-speed train to Seoul. In the afternoon we'll step into the kitchen and learn to make Korea's national dish - the spicy-sour side dish, kimchi. We'll also get a chance to try on the hanbok (traditional Korean dress). Tonight we'll enjoy a nanta (non-verbal comedy) show, which is a very popular way to spend an evening in South Korea.

Day 12. Seoul *BD*
Today we visit the DMZ (Demilitarised Zone) separating North and South Korea. Take a peek into North Korea from the Dora Observatory and stop at Dorasan Station and Freedom Bridge. We'll also take a tour of the Third Infiltration Tunnel by monorail. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your own pace back in Seoul. Tonight we'll enjoy a group farewell dinner, accompanied by a traditional Korean performance.

Day 13. Depart Seoul *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 14. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to South Korea. Taxes included
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour (if using group tour flights)
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- High-speed train from Busan to Seoul

Transportation
Coach, monorail, high-speed train, plane & cable car

Accommodation
11 nights in 4-5 star hotels

Meals
11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $120pp pre-paid

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Apr	08	**Oct**	07, 14
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Single supplement: **From $2,050**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

China in Depth

In-Depth China

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 19

From $7,595pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 6 or more passengers.

Take an in depth journey through modern and ancient China. Explore the dynamic city of Beijing, see the famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses in Xi'an and get up close with the endangered giant pandas in Chengdu. Marvel at captivating scenery along the Li and Yangtze Rivers before concluding in Shanghai.

Top sights

- Great Wall of China
- Terracotta Warriors
- Chengdu
- Yangtze River
- Shanghai

TOP **The Great Wall of China by David Hein**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Zhujiajiao Water Town & Terracotta Warriors by David Hein**

Day 1. Depart Australia - Arrive Beijing
Ni hao! Welcome to China and the bustling capital city of Beijing, which is a fascinating combination of rich history and new innovation.

Day 2. Beijing *BLD*
Stroll through Beijing's hutongs (narrow streets and alleys) to explore a different side of the city. We'll also visit a local home to try some homemade dumplings.
We'll then visit Tiananmen Square and explore the Forbidden City, which was the former Chinese Imperial Palace from the Ming dynasty to the Qing dynasty. Tonight we enjoy an authentic Peking Duck banquet for our group welcome dinner.

Day 3. Beijing *BL*
A must-do for every visitor to China, today we'll walk a small section of the Great Wall. Built more than 2,000 years ago, and spanning some 6,700 kilometres, the Great Wall is perhaps China's most iconic attraction. We also visit Sacred Road; lined with huge stone statues, it was originally built to lead the way to the Changling Mausoleum.

Day 4. Beijing *BL*
This morning we'll discover the beautiful Temple of Heaven, where emperors performed rituals to ensure a good harvest in ancient times. Here we'll enjoy a tai chi lesson with a local master. Summer Palace is our next destination, where we'll take a dragonboat cruise on Kunming Lake.

Day 5. Beijing - Xi'an *B*
We travel to Xi'an by high-speed train. After our arrival this afternoon, we'll visit the well-preserved city walls and the Bell Tower.

Day 6. Xi'an *BL*
We see the world-famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses this morning. Later we'll explore the Muslim Market, passing through its narrow bazaar street filled with local delicacies, snacks and souvenirs. We'll also enjoy a Shadow Puppet show in Xi'an's Muslim Quarter - the famous Silk Road's starting point over 1,000 years ago.

Day 7. Xi'an - Chengdu *B*
Today we take the high-speed train to Chengdu, home of the giant pandas.
Enjoy an afternoon cup of traditional Chinese tea and a game of Mahjong in the stunning Wangjiang Park.

Day 8. Chengdu - Guilin *BL*
Get up close with the endangered giant pandas at the Chungdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
We'll then take a visit to Wenshu Temple - Chungdu's oldest and largest Buddhist temple, before soaking up the charming atmosphere of Jinli Old Street. Later, we'll fly to beautiful Guilin.

Day 9. Guilin - Yangshuo *BL*
A relaxing day cruising the Li River to Yangshuo. Enjoy the stunning views of the dramatic karst mountain landscape and watch colourful village life pass us by. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure for you to take in this beautiful setting at your own pace. Why not take a stroll down the famous West Street for dinner?

Day 10. Yangshuo *BL*
We'll take a cooking class this morning and learn some traditional techniques and recipes.

Day 11. Yangshuo - Chongqing *BD*
This morning we'll transfer back to Guilin, where we will take the high-speed train to Chongqing.
Embark Cruise: *Later today we'll board our three-night cruise along the Yangtze River, Asia's longest river.*

Day 12. Yangtze River Cruise *BLD*
After an early morning tai chi lesson, we can enjoy the stunning scenery as we cruise along the Yangtze. Later, we'll take a shore excursion to Shibaozhai, the 'Precious Stone Fortress', built during the Ming Dynasty.

Day 13. Yangtze River Cruise *BLD*
Spend the morning relaxing on board and admiring the view before an afternoon shore excursion to Shenny Stream, a smaller tributary of the Yangtze.

Day 14. Yangtze River Cruise - Yichang *BL*
We visit the Three Gorges Dam, the largest hydroelectric dam in the world.
Disembark Cruise: *Early this afternoon, we'll disembark in Yichang.*

Day 15. Yichang - Shanghai *BL*
This morning we fly to Shanghai, China's largest city and a global financial hub, We'll begin exploring this afternoon, visiting the Yu Garden and the lively Yuyuan Market.

Day 16. Shanghai *BL*
We'll spend half the day touring this magnificent city. Highlights include a visit to Shanghai Museum, a stroll along the Bund and the famous Nanjing Road. Tonight, we'll enjoy an incredible acrobatics show at the Shanghai Centre Theatre.

Day 17. Shanghai *BLD*
We explore Zhujiajiao, an ancient water town dating back some 700 years. Complete with traditional old bridges and small rivers, it's set against a stunning backdrop of lakes and mountains.
We'll visit Xintiandi Plaza before enjoying a group farewell dinner this evening.

Day 18. Depart Shanghai *B*
Today we'll transfer to the airport by maglev train and begin our journey home.

Day 19. Arrive Australia

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to China. Taxes included
- 2 economy-class flights within China
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- 3 High-speed train journeys in China

Transportation
Coach, maglev train, plane, river cruise, boat, cable car & high-speed train

Accommodation
- 14 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- 3 nights on board the 5 star (Chinese standard) Yangtze Century Paragon cruise ship

Meals
17 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 5 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $250pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	18	**Oct**	10, 31
May	09	**2021**	
Jun	06	**Mar**	13
Aug	15		
Sep	05, 12, 19, 26		

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Single supplement: **From $1,725**

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SOUTHEAST ASIA

"I enjoyed the culture, food, people and our guide in Vietnam! I loved getting involved in the daily culture, walking around the streets, buying food and sitting with the locals.

Karen S
Highlights of Vietnam

Southeast Asia Snapshot

7 tours | 3 countries | 15+ special experiences

Southeast Asia's ancient ruins, sandy beaches, lush rainforests, delicious culinary charms, and long-lasting traditions have made it a favourite region with Australian travellers for decades. It's an amazing and affordable part of the world to explore, and one that is experiencing change and growth at a dizzying pace, so now is the best time to see it!

New tour | Airfares Included

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Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos

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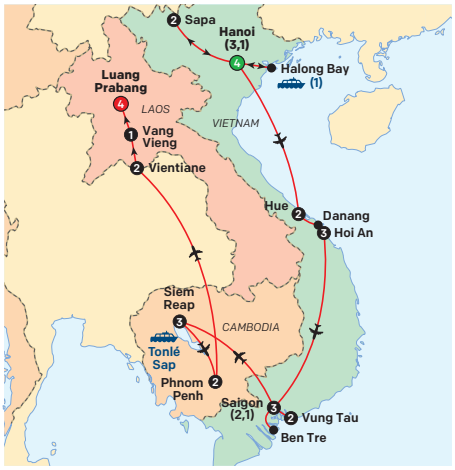

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Highlights of Vietnam

Highlights | Vietnam

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 13

From $4,395 pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Uncover the true highlights of Vietnam. Be captivated by the bustle of Hanoi, and cruise along the breathtaking Halong Bay. Wander the streets of charming Hoi An and observe life on the tributaries of the Mekong Delta.

Top sights

- Hanoi
- Halong Bay
- Hoi An
- Mekong Delta
- Cu Chi Tunnels

TOP **Hoi An by George Carlia**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Mekong Delta by Graham Meale & Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum by Nick Lowes**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi *D*

Welcome to Vietnam and bustling Hanoi! Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before this evening's group welcome dinner.

A tradition dating back to the 11th century in northern Vietnam, we'll enjoy a water puppetry performance by a local renowned puppet master where we will go behind the scenes.

Day 3. Hanoi *BL*

Walk along the 'Rail Tracks of Hanoi' and explore a rarely seen side of Vietnam's capital. We'll meet the locals and see how they have adapted to daily life just metres from the trains.

This afternoon we'll explore more of the city. Our sightseeing highlights include the Presidential Palace, the beautiful Temple of Literature and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Day 4. Hanoi - Halong Bay *BLD*

We'll rise early this morning to discover Hanoi as the city awakens. We'll visit the flower market, the Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Lake and finish our tour with a Vietnamese breakfast and coffee.

Embark Cruise: *We then travel to the breathtaking Halong Bay, where we'll board our overnight cruise boat.*

We'll enjoy lunch as the boat cruises towards the southeast of the bay. Here we'll depart for a kayaking excursion to Trinh Nu Cave, also known as 'Virgin Cave'. We'll be able to swim at the cave's exclusive beach. Returning to the boat, we'll have the opportunity to relax with a sundowner, while admiring the incredible views. We can even join the crew fishing for squid later this evening.

1 night: Vietnamese cruise boat

Day 5. Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hoi An *B Brunch*

This morning you may like to take part in a tai chi lesson on the sundeck or just sit back and relax as we cruise the waters and islets of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. We'll explore Sung Sot Cave after breakfast, the largest cave inside Halong Bay.

Disembark Cruise: *After enjoying brunch back on board, we'll disembark and return to Hanoi, before flying to Danang and transferring to Hoi An.*

Day 6. Hoi An *BD*

We begin the day with a walking tour of charming Hoi An. Highlights include the Culture & History Museum, the famous Japanese covered bridge and a historic, UNESCO World Heritage-listed house.

Visit the colourful local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an aromatic and informative cooking class (cruise subject to prevailing water levels).

Day 7. Hoi An *B*

Hoi An's centre is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, free from cars and a lovely area to explore on foot. Today is at leisure for you to enjoy this picturesque town at your own pace.

Day 8. Hoi An - Saigon *BD*

This morning we fly to Saigon, also known as Ho Chi Minh City.

Discover Saigon at night on a foodie tour by jeep. Pass by iconic sites including the Opera House, City Hall and Post Office and taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine as the locals do.

Day 9. Saigon *B*

Today we'll enjoy a half day tour of Saigon. We'll visit the moving War Remnants Museum and the Presidential Palace, which encapsulates a 1975 vibe. The palace has lush gardens, secret rooms and is filled with antique furniture. We'll then visit the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Opera House by foot.

Day 10. Mekong Delta Excursion *BL*

We explore the Ben Tre province in the Mekong region today, travelling along the tributaries and narrow canals in a traditional-style cruise boat. Observe daily life along the banks. We'll stop at a family-owned coconut processing business and a brick making factory. We'll then cycle to a local rice noodle factory before enjoying lunch. Our cycling excursion then continues, as we visit Mr Sau Tuong, a former Viet Cong soldier who spent two years fighting the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh.

Day 11. Saigon *BLD*

Early this morning we'll travel by boat to the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels for a tour with a veteran guide. This network of tunnels served as a base for the Viet Cong and remained undiscovered during the Vietnam War. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before our group farewell dinner.

Day 12. Depart Saigon *B*

Today we begin our journey home.

Day 13. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

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Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Vietnam. Taxes included
- 2 economy-class flights within Vietnam
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, cruise boat, longboat, sampan, jeep, riverboat, bicycle & motorised tuk tuk

Accommodation
- 9 nights in 4-5 star hotels
- 1 night on board a Vietnamese cruise boat on Halong Bay

Meals
10 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 4 lunches and 5 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $105pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	02, 16, 30	**Oct**	01, 15, 29
May	14, 28	**Nov**	12, 26
Jun	11, 25	**Dec**	10, 24
Jul	09, 23	**2021**	
Aug	06, 20	**Feb**	04, 18
Sep	03, 17	**Mar**	04, 18

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Vietnam in Depth

In-Depth Vietnam

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 20

From $5,795pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Vietnam - a country brimming with culture and breathtaking natural beauty. Take an in depth journey from lively Hanoi to the peaceful hills of Sapa. Take to the water, cruising along beautiful Halong Bay. Explore the cobblestoned streets of Hoi An and learn more about the Vietnam War in Vung Tau.

Top sights

- Sapa Hills
- Muong Valley
- Hoi An
- Saigon
- Vung Tau

TOP **Sapa Hills by Zoe Francis**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Red Dao ethnic group by Graham Meale**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi *D*
Welcome to Vietnam and bustling Hanoi! Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before this evening's group welcome dinner in the Old Quarter.

Day 3. Hanoi *BD*
We'll enjoy a half day 'traditional craft & ancient beauty' tour in Long Thuong Village, home to a community of bronze casters since the 13th century. We'll learn the history behind this traditional craft before visiting the 200-year-old Nom Village. Explore the narrow brick roads and enjoy a cup of tea with a local villager in their home. This evening, we'll experience the amazing 'Quintessence of Tonkin' cultural production. This outdoor spectacle showcases elements of Vietnamese culture in a traditional and innovative way.

Day 4. Hanoi *BL*
An early start this morning to discover Hanoi as the city awakens. We'll visit the flower market, the Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake. This afternoon, we'll see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature. Other highlights include Hoa Lo Prison, Huc Bridge (Rising Sun Bridge) and St Joseph's Cathedral.

Day 5. Hanoi - Sapa *BD*
This morning, we take a scenic journey through some of northern Vietnam's breathtaking scenery to the hills of Sapa.
Take a short drive to Ta Phin Village, inhabited by the Red Dao ethnic group. Here we'll learn the touching story of the abandoned monastery. Meet the locals who will inform us about a local and successful enterprise connecting them with the Hanoi University of Medicine.
Tonight we'll enjoy a home cooked meal with a local family and learn about corn alcohol and the culture of the Ly Man family.

Day 6. Sapa *BL*
We begin today with a soft trek through Muong Valley, where we'll learn the secrets of rice farming, local health and schooling in Laos Chai Village. We'll also discover 'batik', a traditional Black Hmong textile dyeing technique, during a hands-on class.

Day 7. Sapa - Hanoi *B*
Today we'll return to Hanoi, where the rest of the evening is free for you to relax or explore at your own pace.

Day 8. Hanoi - Halong Bay *BLD*
Today we travel to the breathtaking Halong Bay, through the picturesque farming lands and rice paddies of the Red River Delta.
Embark Cruise: *Here we'll board our cruise boat and enjoy lunch, while witnessing the incredible views.*
We'll disembark at Viet Hai Village and take a bicycle or electric car tour. Return to the boat and relax with dinner on the deck this evening.
1 night: Vietnamese cruise boat

Day 9. Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue *B Brunch*
This morning you may like to take part in a yoga lesson on the sundeck or just sit back and relax as we cruise the waters and islets of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. After breakfast we'll cruise to Cua Van floating village and then visit Hang Sang - Toi (Dark and Bright Cave), known for its stunning limestone structure.
Disembark Cruise: *After enjoying brunch back on board, we'll disembark and return to Hanoi for our flight to Hue, Vietnam's former capital and the seat of the Nguyen Dynasty's emperors.*

Day 10. Hue *B*
Today is dedicated to discovering Hue. This morning we'll enjoy a dragonboat cruise to Thien Mu Pagoda and visit the Imperial Citadel. This afternoon we'll visit the royal tombs of emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh before enjoying an evening at leisure.

Day 11. Hue - Danang - Hoi An *B*
Discover Truc Chi, a traditional paper art. Learn about its history from local artists and enjoy a hands on experience. The finished product is yours to keep!
In the afternoon we'll depart for Hoi An via the scenic Hai Van Pass.

Day 12. Hoi An *BD*
We begin the day with a walking tour of charming Hoi An. Highlights include the Culture & History Museum, the famous Japanese covered bridge and a historic, UNESCO World Heritage-listed house.
Visit the colourful local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an aromatic and informative cooking class (cruise portion subject to prevailing water levels).

Day 13. Hoi An *B*
Hoi An's centre is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, free from cars and a lovely area to explore on foot. Today is at leisure for you to enjoy this picturesque town at your own pace.

Day 14. Hoi An - Saigon *BD*
This morning we fly to Saigon, also known as Ho Chi Minh City.
Go off the beaten track to discover Saigon's best food spots. Touring by vespa, we'll taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine as the locals do.

Day 15. Mekong Delta Excursion *BL*
We explore the Ben Tre province in the Mekong region today, travelling along the tributaries and narrow canals in a traditional-style cruise boat. Observe daily life along the banks. We'll stop at a family-owned coconut processing business and a brick making factory. We'll then cycle to a local rice noodle factory before enjoying lunch. Our cycling excursion then continues, as we visit Mr Sau Tuong, a former Viet Cong soldier who spent two years fighting the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh.

Day 16. Saigon - Vung Tau *BL*
Today we'll enjoy a half day tour of Saigon. We'll visit the moving War Remnants Museum and the Reunification Palace, which encapsulates a 1975 vibe. The palace has lush gardens, secret rooms and is filled with antique furniture. We'll then visit the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Opera House by foot. This afternoon we'll drive to the port city of Vung Tau, which became home to the Australian Army during the Vietnam War.

Day 17. Vung Tau *BL*
We'll learn more about the Vietnam War today with visits to the former Nui Dat Task Force Base, Long Tan Cross Memorial and the Long Phuoc Tunnels.

Day 18. Vung Tau - Saigon *BD*
Saigon is our destination again today, where we will enjoy a group farewell dinner tonight.

Day 19. Depart Saigon *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 20. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Vietnam. Taxes included
- 2 economy-class flights within Vietnam
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, cruise boat, bicycle, longboat, sampan, riverboat, vespa (scooter) & motorised tuk tuk

Accommodation
- 16 nights in 4-5 star hotels
- 1 night on board a Vietnamese cruise boat on Halong Bay

Meals
17 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $140pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	05, 19	**Oct**	04, 18
May	03, 17, 31	**Nov**	01, 15, 29
Jun	14, 28	**Dec**	13
Jul	12, 26	**2021**	
Aug	09, 23	**Feb**	21
Sep	06, 20	**Mar**	07, 21

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate!

For up-to-date pricing see our website www.bunniktours.com.au

Price valid from: **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide Brisbane & Perth**

Single supplement: **From $1,525**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Highlights of Vietnam & Cambodia

Highlights | Multi-country | Vietnam | Cambodia

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 16

From $5,495pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

These two countries are filled with intriguing cultures, friendly people and fascinating histories. Experience the hustle and bustle of Hanoi and Saigon, cruise Halong Bay and the Mekong Delta, wander through charming Hoi An, discover life on Tonlé Sap Lake and explore the temples of Angkor.

Top sights

- Halong Bay
- Hoi An
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Ruins of Angkor
- Tonlé Sap Lake

TOP **Tonlé Sap Lake by Dennis Bunnik**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Hanoi by Graham Meale & Angkor Thom by Priscilla Aster**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi *D*

Welcome to Vietnam and bustling Hanoi! Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before this evening's group welcome dinner.

A tradition dating back to the 11th century in northern Vietnam, we'll enjoy a water puppetry performance by a local renowned puppet master where we will go behind the scenes.

Day 3. Hanoi *BL*

Walk along the 'Rail Tracks of Hanoi' and explore a rarely seen side of Vietnam's capital. We'll meet the locals and see how they have adapted to daily life just metres from the trains.

This afternoon we'll explore more of the city. Our sightseeing highlights include the Presidential Palace, the beautiful Temple of Literature and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Day 4. Hanoi - Halong Bay *BLD*

We'll rise early this morning to discover Hanoi as the city awakens. We'll visit the flower market, the Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Lake and finish our tour with a Vietnamese breakfast and coffee.

Embark Cruise: *We then travel to the breathtaking Halong Bay, where we'll board our overnight cruise boat.*

We'll enjoy lunch as the ship cruises towards the southeast of the bay. Here we'll depart for a kayaking excursion to Trinh Nu Cave, also known as 'Virgin Cave'. Returning to the boat, we'll have the opportunity to relax with a sundowner, while admiring the incredible views. We can even join the crew fishing for squid later this evening.

1 night: Vietnamese cruise boat

Day 5. Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hoi An *B Brunch*

This morning you might like to take part in a tai chi lesson on the sundeck or just sit back and relax as we cruise the waters and islets of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. We'll explore Sung Sot Cave after breakfast, the largest cave inside Halong Bay.

Disembark Cruise: *After enjoying brunch back on board, we'll disembark and return to Hanoi, before flying to Danang and transferring to Hoi An.*

Day 6. Hoi An *BD*

We begin the day with a walking tour of charming Hoi An. Highlights include the Culture & History Museum, the famous Japanese covered bridge and a historic, UNESCO World Heritage-listed house.

Visit the colourful local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an aromatic and informative cooking class (cruise subject to prevailing water levels).

Day 7. Hoi An *B*

Hoi An's centre is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, free from cars and a lovely area to explore on foot. Today is at leisure for you to enjoy this picturesque town at your own pace.

Day 8. Hoi An - Saigon *BD*

This morning we fly to Saigon, known as Ho Chi Minh City.

Discover Saigon at night on a foodie tour by jeep. Pass by iconic sites including the Opera House, City Hall and Post Office. Taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine as the locals do.

Day 9. Saigon *B*

Today we'll enjoy a half day tour of Saigon. We'll visit the moving War Remnants Museum and the Presidential Palace, which encapsulates a 1975 vibe. The palace has lush gardens, secret rooms and is filled with antique furniture. We'll then visit the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Opera House by foot.

Day 10. Mekong Delta Excursion *BL*

We explore the Mekong region today, travelling along the tributaries and narrow canals in a traditional-style cruise boat. Observe the daily life along the banks. We'll stop at a family-owned coconut processing business and a brick making factory. We'll then cycle to a local rice noodle factory before enjoying lunch. Our cycling excursion then continues, as we visit Mr Sau Tuong, a former Viet Cong soldier who spent two years fighting the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh.

Day 11. Saigon *BLD*

Early this morning we'll travel by boat to the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels for a tour with a veteran guide. This network of tunnels served as a base for the Viet Cong and remained undiscovered during the Vietnam War. This evening we'll farewell Vietnam with a group dinner.

Day 12. Saigon - Siem Reap *BD*

Today we'll fly to Siem Reap in Cambodia, gateway to the incredible temples of Angkor. Tonight we'll travel by tuk tuk to dinner at a local restaurant serving typical Khmer dishes.

Day 13. Siem Reap *BD*

The first half of today is spent in Angkor, visiting the ancient fortified city of Angkor Thom. We'll then cruise Tonlé Sap, the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. We'll observe life and see the colourful floating villages, before returning to Siem Reap to watch a traditional Apsara Dance performance over dinner.

Day 14. Siem Reap *BLD*

Explore the incredible ruins of Angkor Wat before travelling to a nearby pagoda, where we'll learn more about Buddhism and experience a monk's blessing.

We'll also visit Ta Prohm Temple before enjoying a group farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 15. Depart Siem Reap *B*

This morning is at leisure before we begin our journey home this afternoon.

Day 16. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Asia. Taxes included
- 3 economy-class flights within Asia
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, cruise boat, longboat, sampan, jeep, riverboat, bicycle, motorised tuk tuk & tuk tuk (cyclo)

Accommodation
- 12 nights in 4-5 star hotels
- 1 night on board a Vietnamese cruise boat on Halong Bay

Meals
13 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 5 lunches and 8 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide in Vietnam

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $150pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	02, 16, 30	**Oct**	01, 15, 29
May	14, 28	**Nov**	12, 26
Jun	11, 25	**Dec**	10, 24
Jul	09, 23	**2021**	
Aug	06, 20	**Feb**	04, 18
Sep	03, 17	**Mar**	04, 18

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate!

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Price valid from: **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide Brisbane & Perth**

Single supplement: **From $1,175**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Vietnam & Cambodia in Depth

In-Depth | Multi-country | Vietnam | Cambodia

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 25

From $7,695 pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Discover the essence of Indochina on an in depth journey through Vietnam and Cambodia. Uncover the history behind the thriving cities. Cruise by the towering limestone islands of Halong Bay. Witness Angkor, and experience the culture of locals in Sapa and Tonlé Sap.

Top sights

- Sapa Hills
- Muong Valley
- Halong Bay
- Hue
- Ruins of Angkor

TOP **Angkor by Priscilla Aster**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi *D*

Welcome to Vietnam and bustling Hanoi! This evening we'll enjoy a group welcome dinner in the Old Quarter.

Day 3. Hanoi *BD*

We'll enjoy a 'traditional craft & ancient beauty' tour in Long Thuong Village, home to a community of bronze casters since the 13th century. We'll learn the history behind this traditional craft before visiting the 200-year-old Nom Village. Explore the narrow brick roads and enjoy a cup of tea with a local villager in their home. This evening, we'll experience the amazing 'Quintessence of Tonkin' cultural production.

Day 4. Hanoi *BL*

An early start this morning to discover Hanoi as the city awakens. We'll visit the flower market, the Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake. This afternoon, we'll see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

Day 5. Hanoi - Sapa *BD*

This morning, we take a scenic journey to the hills of Sapa.

Take a short drive to Ta Phin Village, inhabited by the Red Dao ethnic group. Here we'll learn the touching story of the abandoned monastery. Meet the locals who will inform us about a local and successful enterprise connecting them with the Hanoi University of Medicine.

Tonight we'll enjoy a home cooked meal with a local family and learn about corn alcohol and the culture of the Ly Man family.

Day 6. Sapa *BL*

We begin today with a soft trek through Muong Valley, where we'll learn the secrets of rice farming, local health and schooling in Laos Chai Village. We'll also discover 'batik', a traditional Black Hmong textile dyeing technique, during a hands-on class.

Day 7. Sapa - Hanoi *B*

Today we'll return to Hanoi, where the rest of the evening is at leisure.

Day 8. Hanoi - Halong Bay *BLD*

Today we travel to the breathtaking Halong Bay.

Embark Cruise: *Here we'll board our cruise boat and enjoy lunch, while witnessing the incredible views.*

We'll disembark at Viet Hai Village and take a bicycle or electric car tour. Return to the boat and relax with dinner on the deck this evening.

1 night: Vietnamese cruise boat

Day 9. Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue *B Brunch*

After breakfast we'll cruise to Cua Van floating village and then visit Hang Sang - Toi (Dark and Bright Cave), known for its stunning limestone structure.

Disembark Cruise: *After enjoying brunch back on board, we'll disembark and return to Hanoi for our flight to Hue.*

Day 10. Hue *B*

Today we'll discover Hue, beginning with a dragonboat cruise to Thien Mu Pagoda and a visit to the Imperial Citadel. This afternoon we'll visit the royal tombs of emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh.

Day 11. Hue - Danang - Hoi An *B*

Discover 'truc chi', a traditional paper art. Learn about its history from local artists and enjoy a hands-on experience.

In the afternoon we'll depart for Hoi An via the scenic Hai Van Pass.

Day 12. Hoi An *BD*

We begin the day with a walking tour of charming Hoi An. Highlights include the Culture & History Museum, the famous Japanese covered bridge and a historic, UNESCO World Heritage-listed house.

Visit the colourful local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an aromatic and informative cooking class (cruise portion subject to prevailing water levels).

Day 13. Hoi An *B*

The day is at leisure for you to enjoy this picturesque town at your own pace.

Day 14. Hoi An - Saigon *BD*

This morning we fly to Saigon.

Go off the beaten track to discover Saigon's best food spots. Touring by vespa, we'll taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine as the locals do.

Day 15. Mekong Delta Excursion *BL*

We explore the Ben Tre province in the Mekong region today, travelling along the tributaries and narrow canals in a traditional-style cruise boat. We'll stop at a family-owned coconut processing business and a brick making factory. We'll then cycle to a local rice noodle factory before enjoying lunch. Our cycling excursion then continues, as we visit Mr Sau Tuong, a former Viet Cong soldier.

Day 16. Saigon - Vung Tau *BL*

Today we'll enjoy a half day tour of Saigon. We'll visit the moving War Remnants Museum and the Reunification Palace, which encapsulates a 1975 vibe. The palace has lush gardens, secret rooms and is filled with antique furniture. We'll then visit the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Opera House by foot. This afternoon we'll drive to the port city of Vung Tau, which became home to the Australian Army during the Vietnam War.

Day 17. Vung Tau *BL*

We'll learn more about the Vietnam War today with visits to the former Nui Dat Task Force Base, Long Tan Cross Memorial and the Long Phuoc Tunnels.

Day 18. Vung Tau - Saigon *BD*

Saigon is our destination again today, where we will bid farewell to Vietnam with a group dinner tonight.

Day 19. Saigon - Siem Reap *BD*

This afternoon we fly to Cambodia's Siem Reap. Tonight we'll travel by tuk tuk to dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 20. Siem Reap *BD*

Our day is spent in Angkor, visiting the ancient fortified city of Angkor Thom, the Terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King. We'll also visit the temples of Baphuon and Phimeanakas before cruising Tonlé Sap Lake to observe life and see the colourful floating villages.

Day 21. Siem Reap *BD*

We begin today with a visit to the Temple of Ta Keo, the amazing ruins of Ta Prohm and the Temple of Preah Khan. We'll also see the Buddhist temples of Banteay Kdei and Banteay Srei.

Take part in a Khmer cooking class with a local family and learn about their food customs and beliefs. We'll savour our creations at lunch, overlooking a lily pond.

Day 22. Siem Reap - Phnom Penh *B*

An early start to witness the breathtaking views, shadows and reflections of Angkor Wat at sunrise.

We fly to Phnom Penh this afternoon.

Day 23. Phnom Penh *BD*

Today we visit the poignant Killing Fields and the notorious Security Prison 21, Tuol Sleng. The former prison has been turned into a moving museum which stands as a testament to the crimes committed by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge. This afternoon we'll explore the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Tonight we'll enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Day 24. Depart Phnom Penh *B*

Today we begin our journey home.

Day 25. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Asia. Taxes included
- 4 economy-class flights within Asia
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, cruise boat, bicycle, longboat, sampan, riverboat, vespa (scooter), motorised tuk tuk & tuk tuk (cyclo)

Accommodation
- 21 nights in 4-5 star hotels
- 1 night on board a Vietnamese cruise boat on Halong Bay

Meals
22 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 6 lunches and 11 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide in Vietnam

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $200pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	05, 19	**Oct**	04, 18
May	03, 17, 31	**Nov**	01, 15, 29
Jun	14, 28	**Dec**	13
Jul	12, 26	**2021**	
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Single supplement: **From $1,925**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Highlights of Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos

Highlights | Multi-country | Vietnam | Cambodia | Laos

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 20

From $6,595pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

A journey of discovery across classic Indochina. Experience the beauty of Halong Bay, explore beguiling Hoi An and the canals of the Mekong Delta. See the incredible temple ruins at Siem Reap and then discover the charm of Luang Prabang.

Top sights

- Halong Bay
- Hoi An
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Ruins of Angkor
- Living Lands Organic Farm

TOP **Royal Palace in Luang Prabang by Craig McBey**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Lanterns in Hoi An by Zoe Francis**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi *D*

Welcome to Vietnam and bustling Hanoi! Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before this evening's group welcome dinner.

A tradition dating back to the 11th century in northern Vietnam, we'll enjoy a water puppetry performance by a local renowned puppet master where we will go behind the scenes.

Day 3. Hanoi *BL*

Walk along the 'Rail Tracks of Hanoi' and explore a rarely seen side of Vietnam's capital. We'll meet the locals and see how they have adapted to daily life just metres from the trains.

This afternoon we'll explore more of the city. Our sightseeing highlights include the Presidential Palace, the beautiful Temple of Literature and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Day 4. Hanoi - Halong Bay *BLD*

We'll rise early this morning to discover Hanoi as the city awakens. We'll visit the flower market, the Old Quarter, Hoan Kiem Lake and finish our tour with a Vietnamese breakfast and coffee.

Embark Cruise: *We then travel to the breathtaking Halong Bay, where we'll board our overnight cruise boat.*

We'll enjoy lunch as the ship cruises towards the southeast of the bay. Here we'll depart for a kayaking excursion to Trinh Nu Cave, also known as 'Virgin Cave'. We'll be able to swim at the cave's exclusive beach. Returning to the boat, we'll have the opportunity to relax with a sundowner, while admiring the incredible views. You might also like to join the crew fishing for squid later this evening.

1 night: Vietnamese cruise boat

Day 5. Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hoi An *B Brunch*

This morning you might like to take part in a tai chi lesson on the sundeck or just sit back and relax as we cruise the waters and islets of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed site. We'll explore Sung Sot Cave after breakfast, the largest cave inside Halong Bay.

Disembark Cruise: *After enjoying brunch back on board, we'll disembark and return to Hanoi, before flying to Danang and transferring to Hoi An.*

Day 6. Hoi An *BD*

We begin the day with a walking tour of charming Hoi An. Highlights include the Culture & History Museum, the famous Japanese covered bridge and a historic, UNESCO World Heritage-listed house.

Visit the colourful local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an aromatic and informative cooking class (cruise subject to prevailing water levels).

Day 7. Hoi An *B*

Hoi An's centre is a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, free from cars and a lovely area to explore on foot. Today is at leisure for you to enjoy this picturesque town at your own pace.

Day 8. Hoi An - Saigon *BD*

This morning we fly to Saigon, known as Ho Chi Minh City.

Discover Saigon at night on a foodie tour by jeep. Pass by iconic sites including the Opera House, City Hall and Post Office. Taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine as the locals do.

Day 9. Saigon *B*

Today we'll enjoy a half day tour of Saigon. We'll visit the moving War Remnants Museum and the Presidential Palace, which encapsulates a 1975 vibe. The palace has lush gardens, secret rooms and is filled with antique furniture. We'll then visit the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office and Opera House by foot.

Day 10. Mekong Delta Excursion *BL*

We explore the Mekong region today, travelling along the tributaries and narrow canals in a traditional-style cruise boat. Observe daily life along the banks. We'll stop at a family-owned coconut processing business and a brick making factory. We'll then cycle to a local rice noodle factory before enjoying lunch. Our cycling excursion then continues, as we visit Mr Sau Tuong, a former Viet Cong soldier who spent two years fighting the Khmer Rouge in Phnom Penh.

Day 11. Saigon *BLD*

Early this morning we'll travel by boat to the fascinating Cu Chi Tunnels for a tour with a veteran guide. This network of tunnels served as a base for the Viet Cong and remained undiscovered during the Vietnam War. This evening we'll enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 12. Saigon - Siem Reap *BD*

Today we'll fly to Siem Reap in Cambodia, gateway to the incredible temples of Angkor. Tonight we'll travel by tuk tuk to dinner at a local restaurant serving typical Khmer dishes.

Day 13. Siem Reap *BD*

The first half of today is spent in Angkor, visiting the ancient fortified city of Angkor Thom. We'll then cruise Tonlé Sap, the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia. We'll observe life and see the colourful floating villages.

Day 14. Siem Reap *BLD*

Explore the incredible ruins of Angkor Wat before travelling to a nearby pagoda, where we'll learn more about Buddhism and experience a monk's blessing.

Tonight we'll enjoy a group dinner to farewell Cambodia.

Day 15. Siem Reap - Luang Prabang *B*

This morning is at leisure before we fly to Laos and its ancient capital of Luang Prabang.

Day 16. Luang Prabang *BD*

We board a tuk tuk to explore Luang Prabang this morning. Later we'll discover beautiful Wat Xieng Thong and visit a local handicraft village.

This evening we join the locals to experience the tastes and traditions of Laos during a game of Pétanque, followed by a typical Laotian dinner.

Day 17. Luang Prabang *BL*

Today we'll explore the National Museum, housed in the former Royal Palace. We'll then take a leisurely cruise along the Mekong. Enjoy the typical Laotian cuisine for lunch on board. The boat will also stop so we can explore the Pak Ou Caves.

Day 18. Luang Prabang *BD*

Learn about rice harvesting, the tools that are used and meet the local farming guide this morning at Living Lands Organic Farm. We'll then enjoy a tasting of some typical food made from the rice. This afternoon we'll explore the beautiful Kuang Si Falls and visit 'Free the Bears', a rescue centre for Asiatic Black Bears. Tonight we'll enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Day 19. Depart Luang Prabang *B*

Today we begin our journey home.

Day 20. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Asia. Taxes included
- 4 economy-class flights within Asia
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, cruise boat, longboat, sampan, jeep, riverboat, bicycle, motorised tuk tuk & tuk tuk (cyclo)

Accommodation
- 16 nights in 4-5 star hotels
- 1 night on board a Vietnamese cruise boat on Halong Bay

Meals
17 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 6 lunches and 10 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guides in Vietnam & Laos

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $235pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	02, 30	**Oct**	15
May	28	**Nov**	12
Jun	25	**Dec**	10, 24
Jul	23	**2021**	
Aug	20	**Feb**	18
Sep	17		

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos in Depth

In-Depth | Multi-country | Vietnam | Cambodia | Laos

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 32

From $9,395pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Immerse yourself in mesmerising Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Travel to the hills of Sapa and cruise along Halong Bay before visiting charming Hoi An. Continue to Siem Reap, gateway to the ruins of Angkor, before discovering Laotian traditions in Luang Prabang.

Top sights

- Sapa Hills
- Saigon
- Angkor Wat at sunrise
- Vang Vieng
- Living Lands Organic Farm

TOP **Monks in Luang Prabang by Graham Meale**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Hanoi *D*
Welcome to Vietnam and bustling Hanoi! Tonight we'll enjoy a group welcome dinner in the Old Quarter.

Day 3. Hanoi *BD*
We'll enjoy a half day tour in Long Thuong Village, home to a community of bronze casters since the 13th century. We'll then visit a 200-year-old Nom Village and enjoy a cup of tea with a local villager. This evening, we'll experience the amazing 'Quintessence of Tonkin' cultural production.

Day 4. Hanoi *BL*
An early start this morning to discover Hanoi as the city awakens. We'll visit the flower market, the Old Quarter and Hoan Kiem Lake. This afternoon, we'll see Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, One Pillar Pagoda and the Temple of Literature.

Day 5. Hanoi - Sapa *BD*
This morning, we'll travel to the hills of Sapa.
Take a short drive to Ta Phin Village, inhabited by the Red Dao ethnic group. Here we'll learn the touching story of the abandoned monastery. Meet the locals who will inform us about a local and successful enterprise connecting them with the Hanoi University of Medicine.
Tonight we'll enjoy a home cooked meal with a local family.

Day 6. Sapa *BL*
We begin today with a soft trek through Muong Valley, where we'll visit Laos Chai Village. We'll then learn about 'batik', a traditional Black Hmong textile dyeing technique, during a hands-on class.

Day 7. Sapa - Hanoi *B*
Today we'll return to Hanoi.

Day 8. Hanoi - Halong Bay *BLD*
Today we travel to breathtaking Halong Bay.
Embark Cruise: *Here we'll board our cruise boat and enjoy lunch, while witnessing the incredible views.*
We'll disembark at Viet Hai Village and take a bicycle or electric car tour before returning to the boat.
1 night: Vietnamese cruise boat

Day 9. Halong Bay - Hanoi - Hue *B Brunch*
After breakfast we'll cruise to Cua Van floating village and then visit Hang Sang - Toi (Dark and Bright Cave).
Disembark Cruise: *After enjoying brunch back on board, we'll disembark and return to Hanoi for our flight to Hue.*

Day 10. Hue *B*
Today we'll discover Hue, beginning with a dragonboat cruise to Thien Mu Pagoda and visit the Imperial Citadel. This afternoon we'll visit the royal tombs of emperors Tu Duc and Khai Dinh.

Day 11. Hue - Danang - Hoi An *B*
Discover 'truc chi', a traditional paper art. Learn about its history from local artists and enjoy a hands-on experience.
In the afternoon we'll depart for Hoi An.

Day 12. Hoi An *BD*
Enjoy a walking tour of charming Hoi An, including the Culture & History Museum, the famous Japanese covered bridge.
Visit the local market before taking a short cruise along the Hoi An River to the secluded Red Bridge Cooking School for an informative cooking class (cruise portion subject to prevailing water levels).

Day 13. Hoi An *B*
The day is at leisure for you to enjoy this picturesque town at your own pace.

Day 14. Hoi An - Saigon *BD*
This morning we fly to Saigon.
Go off the beaten track to discover Saigon's best food spots. Touring by vespa, we'll taste authentic Vietnamese cuisine as the locals do.

Day 15. Mekong Delta Excursion *BL*
We explore the Ben Tre province in the Mekong region today. We'll stop at a family-owned coconut processing business and a brick making factory. We'll then cycle to a local rice noodle factory and visit Mr Sau Tuong, a former Viet Cong soldier.

Day 16. Saigon - Vung Tau *BL*
Today we'll enjoy a half day tour of Saigon, including the War Remnants Museum and the Presidential Palace. This afternoon, we'll drive to Vung Tau.

Day 17. Vung Tau *BL*
We'll learn more about the Vietnam War today with visits to the former Nui Dat Task Force Base, Long Tan Cross Memorial and the Long Phuoc Tunnels.

Day 18. Vung Tau - Saigon *BD*
Saigon is our destination again today, where we will bid farewell to Vietnam with a group dinner tonight.

Day 19. Saigon - Siem Reap *BD*
This afternoon we fly to Cambodia's Siem Reap. Tonight we'll travel by tuk tuk to dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 20. Siem Reap *BD*
Our day is spent in Angkor, visiting the ancient fortified city of Angkor Thom, the Terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King before cruising Tonlé Sap Lake.

Day 21. Siem Reap *BD*
We begin today with a visit to the Temple of Ta Keo, the amazing ruins of Ta Prohm and the Temple of Preah Khan.
Take part in a Khmer cooking class with a local family and learn about their food customs and beliefs. We'll savour our creations at lunch, overlooking a lily pond.

Day 22. Siem Reap - Phnom Penh *B*
An early start to witness the breathtaking views, shadows and reflections of Angkor Wat at sunrise.
We fly to Phnom Penh this afternoon.

Day 23. Phnom Penh *BD*
Today we visit the poignant Killing Fields and the notorious Security Prison 21, Tuol Sleng. This afternoon we'll explore the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum.

Day 24. Phnom Penh - Vientiane *B*
Today we fly to Vientiane in Laos.

Day 25. Vientiane *B*
Explore Vientiane including Wat Sisaket, the golden stupa of Pha That Luang and the Patuxai Monument.

Day 26. Vientiane - Vang Vieng *B*
Enjoy a scenic drive to Nam Song River, where we will enjoy a picturesque boat ride.

Day 27. Vang Vieng - Luang Prabang *B*
On the way to Luang Prabang, we'll stop at a cable bridge and walk across the river to visit the Hmong village of Ban Phan Thao.

Day 28. Luang Prabang *BD*
Look into the life of a Buddhist monk in Laos and learn about temple etiquette, culture and architecture.
Join the locals and experience the tastes and customs of Laos during a game of Pétanque, followed by a traditional dinner.

Day 29. Luang Prabang *B*
Learn about rice harvesting and meet the local farming guide at Living Lands Organic Farm. We'll also enjoy a delicious tasting.

Day 30. Luang Prabang *BD*
We'll explore Kuang Si Falls and visit the 'Free the Bears' rescue centre before a group farewell dinner tonight.

Day 31. Depart Luang Prabang *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 32. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Asia. Taxes included
- 5 economy-class flights within Asia
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, cruise boat, bicycle, longboat, sampan, riverboat, vespa (scooter), motorised tuk tuk & tuk tuk (cyclo)

Accommodation
- 28 nights in 4-5 star hotels
- 1 night on board a Vietnamese cruise boat on Halong Bay

Meals
29 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 6 lunches and 13 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guides in Vietnam & Laos

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $315pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	05	**Oct**	18
May	03, 31	**Nov**	15
Jun	28	**Dec**	13
Jul	26	**2021**	
Aug	23	**Mar**	07
Sep	20		

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate!

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Price valid from: **Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide Brisbane & Perth**

Single supplement: **From $2,550**

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Laos to Cambodia

New tour | Multi-country | Laos | Cambodia

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 19

From $5,495pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Let your adventurous side run free on this tour through captivating Laos and Cambodia. Explore ancient ruins, take in stunning views and uncover the unique cultures in these two fascinating countries. Discover Luang Prabang, explore 4000 Islands, marvel at Angkor Wat and uncover Phnom Penh's history.

Top sights

- Kuang Si Falls
- Living Lands Organic Farm
- Pakse
- 4000 Islands
- Angkor Wat

TOP **Kuang Si Falls by Sacha Bunnik**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Umbrellas in Luang Prabang by Sacha Bunnik**

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. Arrive Luang Prabang *D*
Welcome to Laos and its ancient capital of Luang Prabang, which is a fascinating fusion of urban and traditional. Tonight we'll enjoy a group welcome dinner.

Day 3. Luang Prabang *B*
This morning we'll travel to the local open air market by tuk tuk.

Learn about the culture, architecture and temple etiquette of Buddhism during a private guided tour by a former monk or novice who has left the monastery.

We'll then climb Mt Phou Si for breathtaking views of the city and tour Wat Xieng Thong, known as the 'Temple of the Golden City'.

This afternoon, we'll join the locals in a traditional game of Pétanque.

Day 4. Luang Prabang *BL*
We begin today with a visit to the multi-tiered, turquoise Kuang Si Falls. We'll then visit the 'Free the Bears' organisation, which rescues and rehabilitates Asiatic bears after illegal poaching and trading. After lunch, we'll enjoy a delicious dessert at Laos Buffalo Dairy before stopping at Ock Pop Tok Weaving Centre for an insight into Lao textiles.

Day 5. Luang Prabang *BD*
We'll learn about rice harvesting, the tools that are used and meet the local farming guide at Living Lands Organic Farm. We'll then enjoy a tasting of some typical food made from the rice. This evening we'll embark on a picturesque sunset cruise along the Mekong River before enjoying dinner together at a local restaurant.

Day 6. Luang Prabang - Pakse - Champassak *B*
Enjoy the morning at leisure or awaken early to observe the sacred Lao tradition 'Tak Bat' (giving alms to monks) before dawn. We'll then fly to Pakse, where we'll hop aboard a long-tailed river boat and travel along the Mekong to Champassak.

Day 7. Champassak *B*
Our morning is dedicated to exploring the ancient ruins of Wat Phu (Mountain Temple). The temple was built during the late 10th century to the early 11th century, therefore making it older than the temples of Angkor Wat. It is believed that Wat Phu was designed to express the Hindu vision of nature and humanity.

Day 8. Champassak - Bolaven Plateau - Don Khong *B*
Today we'll take a scenic journey to the elevated region of Bolaven Plateau, known for its cool climate, dramatic waterfalls and high-grade coffee. The French began planting coffee and bananas here in the early 20th century. We'll stop at the Coffee Producers Cooperative to learn about coffee production and sample tea at Ban Lal 40 coffee shop. We'll then stop at Tad Fane, Tad Yeuang and Tad Phasuam Waterfalls en route to Don Khong, part of the 4000 islands.

Day 9. 4000 Islands Excursion *B*
We'll cruise along the Mekong River this morning to explore the 4000 Islands, where Laos becomes an archipelago. The view here is picture perfect. We'll then visit the old French Locomotive and railway bridge, before continuing to Liphi Waterfalls and cruising back to Don Khong.

Day 10. Don Khong - Stung Treng - Kratie *BLD*
This morning we'll visit the mighty Phapheng Falls. As the largest falls in Southeast Asia, its immense size and powerful currents are truly mesmerising. We'll transfer to the Cambodian border and then travel to Kratie.

After lunch we'll drive to Kampi to see this old colonial town and embark on a cruise along the Mekong in search of the rare and endangered river dolphins.

Day 11. Kratie - Kampong Thom *BLD*

Take a ferry to the Island of Koh Trong and witness traditional village life as we explore the island by horse or ox cart.

We'll then travel to Kampong Thom, stopping at Stone Mason Village en route.

Day 12. Kampong Thom - Siem Reap *BD*
Sambor Prei Kuk is our destination today, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site that encompasses more than 100 brick temples. This former religious centre was dedicated to the worship of Shiva. We continue to Siem Reap, where we'll enjoy a group dinner this evening.

Day 13. Siem Reap *BD*
The first half of today is spent in Angkor, visiting the ancient fortified city of Angkor Thom. We'll also see the impressive Bayon Temple, Elephant Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King.

Day 14. Siem Reap *BLD*
An early start this morning to witness the breathtaking views, shadows and reflections of Angkor Wat at sunrise. The temple complex is one of the largest religious monuments in the world. Originally it was dedicated to the god of Vishnu for the Khmer Empire. It was, however, transformed into a Buddhist temple in the 12th century. We'll then cruise along Tonlé Sap, the largest freshwater lake in Southeast Asia.

Day 15. Siem Reap - Battambang *B*
Today we travel to Battambang and take a stroll through the colonial Old Town for lunch at leisure. We'll then drive to Phnom Sampeou to see spectacular views. This afternoon, our destination is the 'Killing Caves' used by the Khmer Rouge.

Day 16. Battambang - Phnom Penh *B*
Today we'll depart for Phnom Penh, stopping at Kampong Chhnang en route to visit a local pottery and silversmith village.

Day 17. Phnom Penh *BD*
Today we visit the poignant Killing Fields and the notorious Security Prison 21, Tuol Sleng. The former prison has been turned into a moving museum which stands as a testament to the crimes committed by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge. This afternoon we'll explore the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and National Museum. Tonight we'll enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Day 18. Depart Phnom Penh *B*
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 19. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Asia. Taxes included
- Economy class flight within Asia
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Coach, plane, riverboat,ferry, ox cart or horse cart, motorised tuk tuk & tuk tuk (cyclo)

Accommodation
16 nights in 3-4 star hotels

Meals
16 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 8 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide in Laos

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $215pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	22	**2021**	
May	06	**Jan**	20
Oct	14, 28	**Feb**	03, 24
Nov	11, 25	**Mar**	03, 17
Dec	09		

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INDIA, SRI LANKA, NEPAL & 5-STANS

India, Sri Lanka, Nepal & 5-Stans Snapshot

5 tours

8 countries

20+ special experiences

3 festival departures

For years India has been drawing travellers in with its ancient traditions, natural beauty, delicious food and inspiring artistic heritage.

To India's south lays the tiny tropical island of Sri Lanka. With 2,000 years of history and a high concentration of UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites, what Sri Lanka lacks in size it more than makes up for in looks!

Nepal has long attracted trekkers looking for Himalayan conquests, but you'll find plenty more here, too. Beyond intoxicating Kathmandu lay steamy jungles home to exotic birds, tigers, crocodiles and rhinos.

The 5-Stans provide a truly unique holiday experience. Travelling along the famous Silk Road, there's an abundance of traditional villages, ancient towns and modern bazaars to explore.

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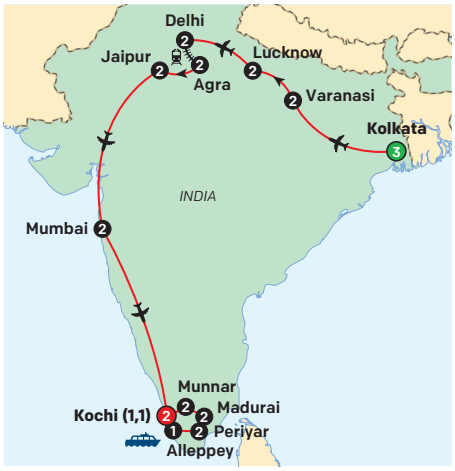

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"India is an intriguing place, with so much to see. It has a unique culture compared to the other places we've visited. There were plenty of different activities included."

Graeme B
Colours of Rajasthan

SMALL GROUP TOURING

Sri Lankan Discovery

In-Depth | Festival Departure | Sri Lanka

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 17

From $5,295pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

The tropical island nation of Sri Lanka is befitting of its title 'The Pearl of the Indian Ocean'. Few places in the world offer such a combination of stunning landscapes, pristine beaches and captivating cultural heritage. Explore its ancient cities, tea and spice plantations and wildlife abundant national parks.

Top sights

- Anuradhapura
- Polonnaruwa
- Minneriya National Park
- Sigiriya
- Yala National Park

TOP **Stilt fisherman in Galle by Roy Bisson**
RIGHT **Temple of Sacred Tooth Relic by Graham Meale**
OPPOSITE PAGE **Sigiriya 'Lion Rock' by Graham Meale**

"I learnt so much - I had not realised the extensive history and archaeology of Sri Lanka and I also enjoyed the wildlife."

Amanda S

Sightseeing Highlights

- Observe everyday life at Negombo's local fish markets
- Explore the serene Cave Temples of Dambulla, filled with many statues and paintings of Buddha
- Take a fascinating journey through one of the oldest and largest of Sri Lanka's ancient cities, Anuradhapura
- Visit the medieval capital of Polonnaruwa
- Enjoy an afternoon jeep safari through Minneriya National Park, searching for a variety of wildlife, including sambar deer, leopards and elephants
- Tour the ancient rock fortress of Sigiriya 'Lion Rock'. This UNESCO World Heritage-listed site is a geological and historical marvel
- Learn about the tea making process and enjoy a sample in Nuwara Eliya
- Visit the Elephant Transit Home in Udawalawe, which aims to rehabilitate and release orphaned elephants
- Discover Yala National Park, which has one of the highest leopard populations in the world
- Tour the city of Galle and see the famous stilt fisherman
- Explore Sri Lanka's bustling capital of Colombo and visit the famous Cricket Club Cafe

Sri Lankan Discovery itinerary, inclusions and departure dates continue on the next page

"Our tour guide Priya could not have been better - he was invariably cheerful, always helpful and went out of his way to make sure we all had the best experience possible. The accommodation was fantastic, as was the country itself. It is amazing what can be packed into one tiny little island - and its people were so gentle and cheerful."

Kim H

TOP **Elephants in Minneriya National Park by David Hein**
ABOVE **Negombo Fish Markets by David Hein**

Day 1. Depart Australia - Arrive Negombo
Welcome to sunny Sri Lanka, the tear drop-shaped island in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Sri Lanka is brimming with friendly people, ancient history and lush jungles. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Day 2. Negombo ***BD***
This morning is at leisure to unwind after our flight. Our sightseeing will begin late this afternoon.

Cruise along the calm waters of the jungle-fringed Gin Oya River, listening to the tranquil sounds of the abundant birdlife. We'll watch the sunset before joining a local family for a hosted dinner on the banks of the river.

Day 3. Negombo - Sigiriya ***BD***
This morning we embark on a city tour of Negombo, including a stop at the fish markets when they are full of life. It's fascinating to see the variety of seafood available, fresh from the early morning's catch. We then depart Negombo for Sigiriya, travelling north into the Sri Lankan highlands. On the way we'll stop at the stunning Cave Temples of Dambulla, built by King Valagamba in the 1st century BC. This stunning temple complex houses approximately 150 statues and paintings of Buddha, which are considered to be some of Sri Lanka's most important religious art. We'll arrive in Sigiriya late this afternoon.

Day 4. Anuradhapura & Ritigala Excursion ***BD***
We visit the impressive ruins of Anuradhapura, the largest and oldest of Sri Lanka's ancient cities, dating back to the 6th century. Anuradhapura was the political and religious capital for over a thousand years. The ancient city is hidden within dense jungle and is home to the world's oldest tree, Sri Maha Bodhi.

We'll then explore the Ritigala Medicinal Forest and discover the ruins of an ancient hermitage.

Day 5. Polonnaruwa & Minneriya National Park Excursion ***BD***
Our day begins with a visit to the medieval capital of Polonnaruwa. Built alongside a large artificial lake, the city is brimming with archaeological treasures. We'll discover the well-preserved ruins of palaces, stupas, bathing pools and exquisite rock sculptures of Buddha. This afternoon we travel to Minneriya National Park to enjoy a jeep tour. The park is home to a variety of wildlife, including sambar deer, leopards and elephants. The central feature of the park is the ancient Minneriya Tank, built in the 3rd century by King Mahasena. During the dry season (June-September) large flocks of elephants come to graze and bathe in the water. We'll return to Sigiriya late this afternoon.

Day 6. Sigiriya ***BLD***
Today we explore the famous rock fortress of Sigiriya - 'Lion Rock'. This UNESCO World Heritage-listed site was formed by magma from an extinct volcano and was home to Buddhist monks for many centuries. It is a truly impressive site, located on top of a vast 200-metre-high granite rock, some 750 steps up!

Visit a traditional Sri Lankan village and be welcomed into a local home. Learn about daily life and traditional farming, and then feast on local delicacies!

Day 7. Sigiriya - Kandy ***BD***
After breakfast we begin our journey to Kandy. Along the way, we will stop at the Matale Spice Plantations, which grow a variety of spices including cinnamon, pepper and nutmeg. We will also visit the Coconut House, which is a wonderful opportunity to see how a local family utilises every element of a coconut tree. When we arrive in Kandy later this afternoon we'll visit the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic of Lord Buddha. The temple houses one of the most sacred relics of Buddhism - a tooth of Buddha, collected from his funeral pyre.

Day 8. Kandy B

Today is dedicated to exploring Kandy, known as Sri Lanka's cultural heart. We'll stop at the Royal Botanic Gardens of Peradeniya, which is where exotic crops including coffee, tea, nutmeg and cinchona were first tried and tested. Later this afternoon, we'll enjoy a traditional cultural show and Kandyan dance performance, including the cobra and mask dance.

Day 9. Kandy - Nuwara Eliya BD

We travel to the lush tea-growing region of Nuwara Eliya by train and road, visiting a tea plantation to learn about Sri Lanka's most famous export. Of course, we'll enjoy a cup while we're there.

Day 10. Nuwara Eliya B

This morning, we'll visit St Clair and Devon Falls. Known as the 'Little Niagara of Sri Lanka', St Clair Falls is one of the country's widest waterfalls and a very stunning sight. We'll then discover more about the picturesque and colonial town of Nuwara Eliya during a city tour. Built by the British in the 19th century to escape the sweltering heat of the lowlands, this town still retains the charm of bygone days. High tea at the hotel awaits us upon our return.

Day 11. Nuwara Eliya - Tissamaharama BD

Travelling south towards the coast, our destination today is Tissamaharama (or Tissa). En route, we'll visit Ella's Ravana Falls.

We'll also make a stop at the Elephant Transit Home in Udawalawe, which rehabilitates orphaned elephant calves for release back into the wild.

Day 12. Yala National Park BD

This afternoon we embark on a safari in Yala National Park - the oldest and best-known of Sri Lanka's national parks. Its diverse range of habitats, including scrub jungle, brackish lagoons, lakes and rivers are home to elephants, wild buffalo, deer, black bears, macaques, jackals and a variety of birds. It's also believed to have one of the highest-density leopard populations in the world. Additionally, the national park also boasts a large number of important cultural ruins indicating previous civilisations.

Day 13. Tissamaharama - Galle - Weligama BD

Driving along Sri Lanka's beautiful south coast, we make our way to the Dutch colonial town of Galle. This historic city is filled with Dutch colonial buildings, ancient mosques and churches. We'll take a city tour and visit its UNESCO World Heritage-listed sea fortress. We'll then stop to visit a hatchery that was set up to protect the endangered leather-head and loggerhead turtles. We'll also watch the famous stilt fisherman as they go about their trade.

Day 14. Weligama BD

We enjoy a scenic cruise along the Madu River, watching locals go about their daily lives. We'll then visit Sri Lanka's largest moonstone mine at Meetiyagoda. The moonstones found here are renowned for their blue shine. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Day 15. Weligama - Colombo BD

We make our way to the island nation's capital, Colombo. Facing the Indian Ocean, Colombo is a bustling city that has retained its charm, including tree-lined boulevards, colonial buildings and temples. We'll take a guided tour of the city, including Gangaramaya Temple, the Historical Museum of Colombo and the famous Cricket Club Cafe, which is run by two Australians and decorated entirely with cricket memorabilia. Tonight we enjoy a group farewell dinner.

Day 16. Depart Colombo B

Today is at leisure before we bid farewell to Sri Lanka this evening and begin our journey home.

Day 17. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Sri Lanka. Taxes included
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles (excluding safari vehicles)
- Train from Kandy to Gampola

Transportation
Coach, jeep, boat & local train

Accommodation
- 15 nights in 3-5 star hotels
- Day use of hotel on day of departure

Meals
15 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 12 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking national guide (English-speaking national guide/driver for group sizes below 7 passengers)

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $200pp pre-paid

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Apr	18	Oct	17
May	02, 23	Nov	07, 28
Jun	13	**2021**	
Jul	04, 20, 24	Jan	09, 30
Aug	15	Feb	20
Sep	05, 26	Mar	06, 20

Kandy Festival Departures: 20 & 24 July 2020
Watch in awe as decorated elephants and thousands of dancers, drummers, torchbearers and whip-crackers in traditional costumes weave their way through the crowds in Sri Lanka's biggest and most spectacular festival. ***Our departures include seats to a special viewing gallery to watch the pageant.***

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ABOVE **Polonnaruwa by David Hein**
LEFT **Dambulla Caves by David Hein**

SMALL GROUP TOURING

Colours of Rajasthan

In-Depth | Festival Departure | India

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Incredible India

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 19

From $6,995 pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Journey across Rajasthan, known as the 'Land of the Kings'. The ancient cities, magnificent forts and palaces display the state's rich and diverse history. See the sights of Old Delhi, safari across Manvar Desert, cruise across Lake Pichola and witness the beauty of the Taj Mahal at sunrise.

Top sights

- Old Delhi
- Amber Fort
- Jaisalmer Fort
- Udaipur
- Taj Mahal

TOP Amber Fort by Catherine Austin
RIGHT Jaipur by Julie Moran-Bunnik
OPPOSITE PAGE Inside Mehrangarh Fort by Graham Meale

Day 1. Depart Australia - Arrive Delhi
Welcome to Delhi, India's bustling capital!

Day 2. Delhi *BD*
A busy day touring Old and New Delhi. Highlights of our sightseeing include the Red Fort, Jama Masjid and Qutub Minar. We'll then take a rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk and experience an exotic spice tour in Khari Baoli market. Enjoy a group welcome dinner this evening.

Day 3. Delhi - Jaipur *BD*
This morning we depart for the 'Pink City', Jaipur.

Visit a local market and interact with a local family during a traditional Indian cooking lesson, then join them for dinner.

Day 4. Jaipur *B*
Our day in the Rajasthani capital begins at the majestic Amber Fort. Built from red limestone and marble by Raja Man Singh in 1592, this magnificent structure has influences of both Muslim and Hindu architecture. We'll also visit the Palace of Mirrors, the City Palace Complex and the Jantar Mantar Observatory.

India is famous for its palmistry tradition. Today we'll meet a local palmist who will read the lines of your hand for indications about your personality and destiny, based on Indian astrology.

Day 5. Jaipur - Bikaner *B*
Our journey continues to Bikaner, a vibrant desert town with imposing forts and beautiful temples. This afternoon we explore Junagarh Fort and visit a camel-breeding farm.

Day 6. Bikaner - Jaisalmer *B*
This morning we travel to Jaisalmer, the 'Golden City'. We'll stop along the way at the unusual holy shrine of rats - Karni Mata Temple. This afternoon we'll tour the Jaisalmer Fort, the Jain temples and the intricate sandstone havelis of the wealthy merchants.

Day 7. Jaisalmer - Manvar *BLD*

We drive to Manvar, a beautiful tented camp in the Thar Desert where we'll be spending the night. This evening we'll travel out to the sand dunes on a camel safari to experience the enchanting serenity.

Day 8. Manvar - Jodhpur *B*
Today we depart for the 'Blue City' of Jodhpur. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Day 9. Jodhpur *B*
We begin the day exploring a traditional Bishnoi village by jeep. Famous for their passionate commitment to the protection of the environment, Bishnois typically live in distinct hut-like dwellings in groups around Rajasthan. This afternoon we discover the sights of Jodhpur, including the imposing Mehrangarh Fort, the marble cenotaphs, Jaswant Thada and the Clock Tower.

Day 10. Jodhpur - Udaipur *B*
Today we travel south to Udaipur. En route we'll visit the marble Jain Temple at Ranakpur, famed for its 1,400 pillars (of which no two are the same). We'll also visit beautiful Kumbhalgarh Fort with its numerous palaces, temples and gardens.

Day 11. Udaipur *B*
We spend the morning touring the sights of this beautiful city. Highlights include the City Palace, Jagdish Temple and the Garden of the Maidens. In the late afternoon, we'll cruise across Lake Pichola to visit the island of Jag Mandir.

Day 12. Udaipur - Bundi *B*
Today we depart for Bundi and visit Garh Palace, known for its artistic Rajput-style architecture. Later we explore a traditional market with age-old charm.

Day 13. Bundi - Ranthambore National Park *BLD*
Famous for its tiger population, Ranthambore National Park is our destination today. This afternoon, we'll head out on a safari in search of these beautiful predators in their natural environment.

Day 14. Ranthambore National Park *BLD*
We awaken early this morning to explore Ranthambore again. We'll search for tigers, leopards, hyenas, porcupines, crocodiles, deer and gazelle.

Day 15. Ranthambore National Park - Agra *B*
Today we enjoy a short journey on the local train to Bharatpur to visit the deserted yet well-preserved Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri. We'll then continue by road to Agra.

Day 16. Agra *B*

Watch the sun rise this morning over the breathtaking Taj Mahal, coating it in a pearly-pink mist.

We'll then explore Agra Fort, known for its fine Mughal architecture, and Baby Taj, otherwise known as the Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Day 17. Agra - Delhi *BD*
This morning we return to Delhi. The rest of the day is free until our group farewell dinner.

Day 18. Depart Delhi *B*
This evening we begin our journey home.

Day 19. Arrive Australia

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to India. Taxes included
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles (excluding safari vehicles)
- Train from Sawai Madhopur to Bharatpur

Transportation
Rickshaw, camel, boat, coach, local train, jeep & canter

Accommodation
- 16 nights in a combination of modern and heritage 3-5 star hotels/resorts
- 1 night at Manvar Desert Camp
- Day use of hotel on day of departure

Meals
17 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $250pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Oct	07, 21
Nov	04, 14
2021	
Jan	06, 20
Feb	10, 17
Mar	03, 10

Festival Departure
14 November 2020 departure will enjoy the Pushkar Festival (camel fair).

No hidden extras! Price includes flights, all sightseeing, many meals and even taxes and tips where appropriate!

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

India in Depth

In-Depth India

अतुल्य भारत
Incredible India

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

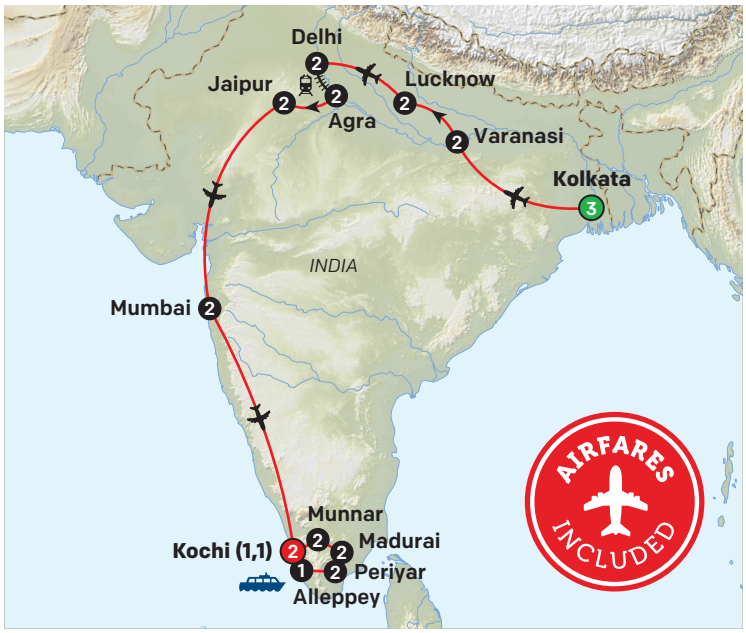
Days: 26

From $10,795 pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

Immerse yourself in the many different sides of India from the fascinating city of Kolkata, to the 'Pink City' Jaipur and vibrant Mumbai. Watch as the sun rises over the Taj Mahal, taste your way through Madurai and cruise through the peaceful backwaters of Kerala to Alleppey.



Top sights

- Old Delhi
- Taj Mahal at sunrise
- Amber Fort
- Meenakshi Amman Temple
- Periyar National Park

TOP Flower market in Kolkata by James Atwell
RIGHT Hawa Mahal by Julie Moran-Bunnik

Day 1. Depart Australia - Arrive Kolkata
Welcome to Kolkata, the capital of India's West Bengal State!

Day 2. Kolkata *BD*
Departing late morning, we embark on a sightseeing tour of the city. Highlights include Kalighat Kali Temple, Victoria Memorial and the Indian Museum. We'll also visit Mother House, to learn about Mother Teresa's life. Discover the room she occupied for most of her life and also her tomb. Tonight we'll enjoy a group welcome dinner.

Day 3. Kolkata *B*
Enjoy another fascinating day exploring Kolkata, including the Dalhousie Square and the diverse flower market. We'll then drive past Howrah Bridge and make stops at Jain Temple and Marble Palace.

Day 4. Kolkata - Varanasi *B*
Today we fly to the holy city of Varanasi, the spiritual home of Hinduism and the cultural capital of India.

This evening we take a rickshaw down to the holy Ganges River to observe the aarti prayer ceremony, performed at Dashashwamedh Ghat every day as the sun sets.

Day 5. Varanasi *B*
We start the day with a boat ride on the Ganges. As the sun rises we'll watch the devotees who come to perform their purification rituals. Later, we'll visit the ancient temple of Bharat Mata Mandir and the historical ruins of Sarnath, a Buddhist pilgrimage site.

Day 6. Varanasi - Lucknow *BL*
Today we travel to Lucknow, the capital city of Uttar Pradesh.

Enjoy afternoon tea with a descendant of the Nawab (Royal) family.

Day 7. Lucknow *B*
We'll spend today discovering more of Lucknow. Before lunch we will visit Bada Imambara, Asafi Masjid and Rumi Darwaza, a stunning gate, built by the fourth Nawab of Lucknow. This afternoon, our tour includes La Martiniere College and Dilkusha Palace.

Day 8. Lucknow - Delhi *B*
Today we fly to Delhi, India's capital. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi this afternoon. The highlights include Red Fort, Jama Masjid, a rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk and a spice tour of Khari Baoli Market.

Day 9. Delhi *B*
A busy morning touring New Delhi. Highlights here include Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. This afternoon is free for you to enjoy some time at leisure.

Day 10. Delhi - Agra *B*
Today we travel by the Gatimaan Express train to Agra. This afternoon we'll explore Agra Fort, known for its fine Mughal architecture, and then step back in time visiting Baby Taj, otherwise known as the Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daulah.

Day 11. Agra *B*
Awaken early this morning and watch as the sun rises over the breathtaking Taj Mahal. We'll return to the hotel for breakfast and some time at leisure before learning more about Agra during an afternoon heritage walk.

Day 12. Agra - Jaipur *BD*
Our first stop today is the deserted Mughal city of Fatehpur Sikri, which was built in 1569, but abandoned 15 years later due to a lack of water. Our next stop is the Abhaneri Stepwell, built over a thousand years ago, this is one of India's deepest and largest stepwells. We'll then continue to the 'Pink City', Jaipur.

Tonight we'll learn more about the local culture and interact with a local family during a traditional cooking lesson. We'll then join them for dinner!

Day 13. Jaipur *B*
Our day in the Rajasthani capital begins with a jeep tour of the majestic Amber Fort. One of the most exquisite creations in the Amber Fort is the Sheesh Mahal (Palace of Mirrors); its walls are covered with tiny mirrors. This afternoon, we drive through the famous Johari Bazaar on the way to the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Winds). Later we visit the rich and prosperous museums located inside the elegant City Palace Complex and the ancient Jantar Mantar Observatory.

Day 14. Jaipur - Mumbai *B*
This morning we fly to Mumbai, India's city that never sleeps. Our afternoon city tour includes the Gateway of India, Marine Drive and Mani Bhavan Gandhi Museum.

Day 15. Mumbai *BL*

Today we will undertake an extraordinary tour of Mumbai, indulging each of the five senses. See the historic colonial precinct of Mumbai. Listen to incredible Bollywood music and learn some of the dance moves. Taste some of the amazing local delicacies. Take in the smells of the many flowers on display in Mumbai's flower market. Touch peoples lives by volunteering in an activity or two at a local charity.

Day 16. Mumbai - Kochi *B*
This morning is at leisure before an afternoon flight to Kochi, a vibrant city situated on India's southwest coast. Facing the Arabian Sea, Kochi has one of the finest natural harbours in the world. The older parts of the city are an unlikely blend of medieval Portuguese, Dutch and English country village grafted onto the tropical Malabar Coast.

Day 17. Kochi - Munnar *BLD*
Our destination today is the stunning town of Munnar, surrounded by rolling hills and tea plantations. Enjoy some time at leisure after our arrival before exploring the beautiful surroundings with our guide.

Day 18. Munnar *BD*
We'll enjoy a morning walk through a tea plantation and learn more about the history of tea making during a visit to the Tea Museum. Later we'll visit Eravikulam National Park, home to a range of flora and fauna (during April - November departures).

Day 19. Munnar - Madurai *B*
This morning we'll drive to Madurai, one of India's oldest cities on the Vaigai River in the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu. This evening we'll enjoy a night ceremony at Madurai's most iconic landmark, the Meenakshi Amman Temple.

Day 20. Madurai *BD*
We'll return to Meenakshi Amman Temple this morning to explore some more before travelling by rickshaw to Thirumalai Nayakar Mahal. Along the way we'll pass traditional bazaars and fruit markets.

This evening we'll taste our way through Madurai, India's culinary capital, on a mouthwatering walking food tour.

Day 21. Madurai - Periyar *BD*
After breakfast we travel to Periyar, where we will search for amazing wildlife on a river safari in Periyar National Park.

Day 22. Periyar *BD*
This morning we'll learn about a diverse range of spices at a spice garden plantation.

Day 23. Periyar - Alleppey *BLD*
Today we transfer to Alleppey and board a traditional houseboat to cruise through the peaceful backwaters of Kerala. Sit back and relax as we meander through the maze of canals.

1 night: traditional Indian houseboat

Day 24. Alleppey - Kochi *BD*
After disembarking, we return to Kochi and spend the afternoon seeing the sights of the city. Highlights include the Jewish Synagogue, Dutch Palace and St Francis Church. Tonight we'll enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 25. Depart Kochi
Today we begin our journey home.

Day 26. Arrive Australia

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to India. Taxes included
- 4 economy-class flights within India
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- Train from Delhi to Agra

Transportation
Coach, rickshaw, boat, plane, train, jeep & houseboat

Accommodation
- 23 nights in a combination of modern and heritage 4-5 star hotels/resorts
- 1 night on board a traditional houseboat
- Day use of hotel on day of departure

Meals
24 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 9 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $250pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Apr	13	**2021**	
Oct	05, 19	Jan	11, 25
Nov	09, 30	Feb	08, 22
		Mar	08

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

Discover Nepal

New tour | In-Depth | Nepal

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 13

From $6,295pp

Airfares Included

Guaranteed departure with 4 or more passengers.

An unforgettable adventure through the wondrous country of Nepal. Visit the three ancient Durbar Squares of Kathmandu, see Mt Everest, search for wildlife in Chitwan National Park and enjoy a boat trip on Phewa Lake.

Top sights

- Patan Durbar Square
- Mt Everest
- Chitwan National Park
- Lumbini
- Phewa Lake

TOP Annapurna region by Priscilla Aster
RIGHT Patan Durbar Square
OPPOSITE PAGE Chitwan National Park and Boudhanath

Day 1. Depart Australia - Arrive Kathmandu
Welcome to Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. This diverse and historic city offers a variety of sights and experiences.

Day 2. Kathmandu *BD*
After breakfast, we'll enjoy a full day of sightseeing around frenetic Kathmandu, including Swayambhunath and Kathmandu Durbar Square.

Explore the backpacker district of Thamel and UNESCO World Heritage-listed Patan Durbar Square by rickshaw.

Tonight we'll enjoy a group welcome dinner.

Day 3. Kathmandu *B*

A once-in-a-lifetime experience, we'll rise early this morning for a flight to see Mt Everest. Witness the amazing views (weather permitting) whilst sipping on a glass of champagne.

We'll then continue exploring Kathmandu. The first highlight of our sightseeing is Bhaktapur Durbar Square, which is the royal palace of the old Bhaktapur Kingdom. We'll then visit Boudhanath. At 36 metres high, it is one of the largest stupas in South Asia and is the centre of Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal.

Seek a private word of advice or join the prayers to Rinpoche (High Lama) at a monastery. We may even like to exchange the blessed 'Khada', which we can keep as a souvenir.

Our final stop is Pashupatinath Temple, a famous and sacred temple complex located on the banks of the Bagmati River. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, Pashupatinath is one of the four most important religious sites in Asia for devotees of Shiva.

Day 4. Kathmandu - Chitwan *BLD*
Today we fly to Chitwan National Park, which is home to a variety of birdlife and wildlife, including tigers, elephants, rhinos and leopards. We will begin exploring the national park with our naturalist guide this afternoon.

Day 5. Chitwan National Park *BLD*

Spend the morning floating along the Rapti River in a traditional dugout canoe. Spot many birds, crocodiles and other reptiles enjoying the early sun.

After breakfast we'll enjoy a nature walk, led by an elephant. We'll then enjoy another wildlife spotting opportunity this afternoon on an ox cart ride through the park. Sit back and relax this evening as we enjoy dinner and a traditional Tharu dance performance.

Day 6. Chitwan - Lumbini *BD*
This morning we travel to Lumbini. En route we'll make a stop at Ramgram Stupa, believed to be the maternal home of Queen Mayadevi and Prajapati Gautami. A Buddhist pilgrim site, it's said that it was constructed some 2,500 years ago and contains relics of Gautama Buddha. After our arrival in Lumbini, we'll visit Mayadevi Garden, including Ashokan Pillar and Mayadevi Temple.

Day 7. Lumbini - Pokhara - Tomijung *BLD*
We'll fly to Pokhara this morning, where we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before driving to Lumle.

We'll enjoy a trek from Lumle to our lodge in Tomijung. Enjoy amazing views of the Annapurna region, including the spectacular Himalayas (weather permitting). We'll pass by local villages while learning more about the Nepalese way of life.

Day 8. Tomijung *BLD*

Visit a Nepalese village and learn about their customs and traditions while joining a Gorkha family for lunch. The Gorkha people were well known for their recruitment by the British Army during their occupation in the late 19th and 20th centuries.

Day 9. Tomijung - Lumle - Pokhara *B*
This morning we'll trek from our lodge back to Lumle, where we will begin the drive back to Pokhara. Pokhara is a city located on Phewa Lake, known for its spectacular scenery of the Annapurnas. This afternoon is free for you to relax or explore.

Day 10. Pokhara *B*
After breakfast we'll enjoy a boat trip on Phewa Lake, the second largest in Nepal. The south western shore is home to a large variety of birdlife and on clear days, the lake's surface acts as a mirror for the Annapurna Mountains. This afternoon, we'll visit the Gurkha Memorial Museum, dedicated to the history of Nepal's Gurkha soldiers. The interactive exhibits display Gurkha history from the 19th century uprising through to current day disputes and peace-keeping missions.

Day 11. Pokhara - Kathmandu *BD*
This morning we fly back to Kathmandu. Enjoy some last minute shopping, exploration or relaxation before tonight's group farewell dinner and cultural performance.

Day 12. Depart Kathmandu *B*
Today is at leisure before we transfer to the airport this evening and begin our journey home.

Day 13. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Please note: *The infrastructure in Nepal is still being rebuilt after the 2015 earthquake, so it is important to keep this in mind while on tour. Driving through Nepal can be very windy, particularly when climbing up and down the mountains. We have minimised this by flying between key locations, however some poor road conditions may be experienced.*
The flight to see Mt Everest is not a private flight, and is shared with non Bunnik passengers.

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Nepal. Taxes included
- 3 economy-class flights within Nepal
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles

Transportation
Rickshaw (cyclo), coach, plane, ox-cart, boat & canoe

Accommodation
- 11 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- Day use of hotel on day of departure

Meals
11 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $400pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020/21

Oct	11, 25	**2021**	
Nov	08, 29	**Jan**	24
Dec	06	**Feb**	07, 28

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SMALL GROUP TOURING

5-Stans

New tour | Multi-country | Turkmenistan | Uzbekistan | Tajikistan | Kyrgyztan | Kazakhstan

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE 20

Days: 26

From $12,595pp

Airfares & Tips Included

Guaranteed departure with 6 or more passengers.

From traditional villages, ancient towns and modern bazaars, experience a journey along the renowned Silk Road. Explore Ashgabat and Khiva. Delve into the history of Khujand. Discover the diverse Ala Archa National Park and be captivated by Almaty.

Top sights

- Ashgabat
- Bukhara
- Ala Archa National Park
- Issyk-Kul Lake
- Medeu ice skating rink

TOP Registan Square in Samarkand by Annelieke Huijgens
RIGHT Russian Bazaar in Ashgabat by Annelieke Huijgens

Day 1. Depart Australia

Day 2. In Transit

Day 3. Arrive Ashgabat *BLD*

Welcome to Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan. We'll begin exploring later today on a city tour. Highlights include the Parthian Fortress of Nisa, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, and Independence Park with its towering monument. We'll continue to Ertuğrul Gazi Mosque, the Carpet Museum and the Russian Bazaar. This evening we'll enjoy a group welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4. Ashgabat *BL*

Today we'll explore the area surrounding Ashgabat, beginning with the Arkadash Stud Farm to see the Akhal-Teke horses. We'll then visit Kipchak Mosque, which is believed to be the largest mosque in Central Asia.

Day 5. Ashgabat - Daşhoguz - Khiva *BLD*

We fly to Daşhoguz this morning and then cross the border into Uzbekistan. Travelling by road, our destination is Khiva.

Day 6. Khiva *BL*

Discover more about Khiva on a half day walking tour, where we'll see the truncated Kalta Minor Minaret, Kunya Ark and Madrassah Rakhimkhon. Other highlights include the Mausoleum of Pakhlavan Makhmud and Islam Khodja minaret.

Day 7. Khiva - Urgench - Bukhara *BL*

We'll fly to the ancient city of Bukhara in Uzbekistan. On arrival, we'll see some of the city's monuments and mosques, including the Lyabi-Khauz ensemble, Khanaga Magoki Attori Mosque and the stunning Madrassah Aziz Khan. This afternoon we'll see some local arts at the Hunarmand UNDP Assisted Workshop, including block printing and gold embroidery.

Day 8. Bukhara *BL*

We'll venture into the surrounding areas of Bukhara today to visit the summer residence of the last emir, the Sitorai Mokhi Khosa. We then travel to the Bahauddin Naqshband Mausoleum.

Day 9. Bukhara *B*

Today is at leisure for you to relax or explore more of this captivating city.

Day 10. Bukhara - Gijduvan - Samarkand *BL*

After departing Bukhara, we'll drive to Gijduvan and discover the process involved with handmade ceramics. We then continue to the city of Samarkand.

Day 11. Samarkand *BL*

Today is dedicated to discovering Samarkand. We start with Registan Square, a monument of medieval architecture located in the heart of the city. We'll continue to one of the most significant mosques in Samarkand, Bibi-Khanym, followed by the Silk Road Bazaar and Shah-i-Zinda necropolis.

Day 12. Samarkand - Tashkent *BL*

We'll travel outside of Samarkand to visit the Ulugh Beg Observatory, built in 1420.

We'll then travel to Konigil Village to participate in a hand-made paper workshop.

Travelling by train, our next destination is Tashkent, the vibrant capital city of Uzbekistan.

Day 13. Tashkent *BLD*

Today we'll explore this city on a full day of sightseeing, commencing with a walking tour of the old town. We'll visit the Barak Khana Seminary and Tillya Sheikh Mosque, known for its rare copies of the Koran. Our next stops are the Chorsu Bazaar, the Museum of Applied Arts, the famous Tashkent Metro and Amir Temur Square.

Day 14. Tashkent - Oybek Border - Khujand *BLD*

We travel to Khujand in Tajikstan, one of the oldest cities in Central Asia. Upon arrival, we'll stroll through Kamoli Khujandi Square, see Timur Malik Fortress and learn about the history of Khujand at the Historical Sughd Museum. Our last stop is Arbob Cultural Palace, the former headquarters of a Soviet collective farm built in the 1950s.

Day 15. Khujand - Iskanderkul Lake - Dushanbe *BLD*

After breakfast we travel by road to the beautiful mountain lake of Iskanderkul and learn about its glacial origin. We then continue to the city of Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan.

Day 16. Dushanbe - Bishkek *BL*

We'll delve further into the history and life of the Tajik people today starting with a visit to the monument of Ismoili Somoni, which is richly decorated in gold. We'll also walk through Rudaki Park and explore the local bazaar. After dinner this evening, we'll transfer to the airport for our flight to Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan.

Day 17. Bishkek *BLD*

Today we'll explore the capital of Kyrgyzstan on a sightseeing tour, starting with Pobeda Square, Dubovіy Park, Central Ala-Too Square and the Asian Bazaar.

We'll then discover the incredibly diverse Ala Archa National Park.

Day 18. Bishkek - Cholpon Ata *BLD*

This morning we'll travel to Issyk-Kul Lake before visiting the Burana Tower.

Watch amazing horseman skills while attending the nomadic horse games, a traditional sport in Kyrgyzstan.

Day 19. Cholpon Ata - Karakol *BLD*

This morning we'll see some incredible views on a boat cruise along Issyk-Kul Lake and at Semenovskoye Gorge. Our next stop is Karakol, the 4th largest city in Kyrgyzstan. En route, we'll discover ancient stone inscriptions dating back to 800 BC. Upon arrival in Karakol, we'll visit Dungan Mosque.

2 nights: local guest house

Day 20. Karakol - Bokonbaevo *BLD*

We'll see the amazing landscapes of the Skazka Canyon and Barskaun Gorge, where we'll hike to the waterfall, known as 'Tears of Leopard'. This afternoon, we'll travel to Bokonbaevo and attend an eagle hunting show.

Participate in a flatbread making class at a yurt (traditional rounded tent). Flaky flatbreads are very popular in Kyrgyzstan and are typically served alongside soup.

Day 21. Bokonbaevo - Sonkul *BLD*

Today we'll travel to Sonkul via the southern shore of Issyk-Kul Lake. En route, we'll stop at Kyzyl Tuu Village and assist in a yurt building workshop.

1 night: traditional yurt

Day 22. Sonkul - Bishkek - Almaty *BL*

We'll depart for Bishkek city, where we'll meet with the locals and learn how felt carpets are made. We'll also have the opportunity to make our own carpet.

Our next stop is a small handicraft museum, with displays of silver decorations, horse saddle decorations and carpets. This evening we'll fly to Almaty, Kazakhstan's largest metropolis.

Day 23. Almaty *BLD*

Discover Kazakhstan on a city sightseeing tour of Almaty including the Park of 28 Panfilov Guardsmen. We'll also visit the Central State Historical Museum and take a cable car ride to the top of Kok-Tobe Hill for incredible views.

Day 24. Almaty *BL*

We'll immerse ourselves into the customs of the Kazakh people during a visit to the Ethnographic Recreation Centre.

We'll then travel to Medeu, the highest mountainous ice-skating sports complex in the world, and stop at Medeu Dam for amazing panorama views.

Day 25. Depart Almaty

Early this morning we begin our journey home.

Day 26. Arrive Australia

Level of fitness: *This tour features 2+ hours of walking, often across uneven ground and in areas of high altitude or heat and humidity on 1 or more days.*

Please note: *Poor road conditions may be encountered due to poorly developed road infrastructure in some areas throughout the 5-Stans. It is important to keep this in mind as there are some long travelling days on this tour.*

Inclusions

Small Groups
Our maximum group size is 20

Travel
- Return economy-class flights from Australia to Central Asia. Taxes included
- 4 economy-class flights within Central Asia
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- Express train from Samarkand to Tashkent

Transportation
Plane, coach, van, train & cable car

Accommodation
- 19 nights in 3-5 star hotels
- 1 night in a traditional yurt with shared bathroom facilites
- 2 nights in local guest houses with shared bathroom facilities

Meals
22 breakfasts, 21 lunches and 11 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Tour Guides
- English-speaking locally based guides
- English-speaking locally based national guide

Tips
Tipping Made Easy, $370pp pre-paid

Departures for 2020

May	16	**Sep**	05
Aug	22, 29		

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SMALL PRINT

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These Booking Conditions constitute the entire agreement between the parties as to their subject matter, and supercede all prior agreements and understandings between the parties. By making a booking and paying your deposit you accept the following booking terms and conditions.

CONTRACT

These terms and conditions are binding upon Bunnik Tours and upon any persons or entity making the booking, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of any other person or entity.

These terms and conditions form the entire agreement between the parties and supersede all prior agreements or understanding, it is subject to the law of the state of South Australia.

By making this booking and subsequent payment, you acknowledge you have read and understand your rights and obligations and accept the disclosed terms and conditions.

Your contract may also include additional terms and conditions applicable to special offers, and third parties who provide a service in connection with your tour.

If you are making a booking on behalf of another person or entity, you acknowledge that you have obtained their authority to make the booking on their behalf and to legally bind them to the terms and conditions set out.

Your Itinerary does not form part of the terms and conditions.

Amendments may be made to these terms and conditions from time to time, which will be published on our website and we will provide you with the current hard copy version upon request.

Any term which is, by its nature, intended to survive termination of the Contract survives termination.

By making this booking you agree to comply with these conditions or warrant that you have obtained authority from whom you booked the tour for, and their consent to these conditions.

You are responsible for the total price of all the bookings made.

We make no warranty about the accuracy of the tour information contained in the Bunnik Tours publicity materials and exclude all liabilities for any errors or omissions in those materials. It is the passenger's responsibility to check material prior to booking.

DEFINITIONS

You, ***your***, ***guest*** or ***passenger*** means the person who makes the booking or attends the tour.

Share basis – accommodation shared with other people

Contract – this document which includes terms and conditions

Force Majeure Event – means act of God, war, terrorism, fire, flood or any other extreme weather conditions, loss of power, epidemics or pandemics, industry disputes, slow-downs or other strike activities, riots or civil disturbances, acts of government, semi government or other authorities, inability to obtain necessary license or consent or delay caused by sub-contractors, supplies or other third parties (including telecommunications carrier), material shortages or other distribution to the Tour beyond our control.

Jurisdiction – South Australia – *Australian Consumer Law*

Website – bunniktours.com.au

Itinerary – means the itinerary for your Tour issued by us, subject to amendments made by us from time to time in accordance with the contract.

Personal information – means information about you and any other person for who you make a booking, including your name, address, health, medical needs, dietary requirements, disability or other special requirements.

Service providers – are 3rd party providers over whom we have no control such as airlines, ground operators and hoteliers.

Comprehensive travel insurance - to cover you throughout the whole duration of the tour to cover costs associated with illness, injury, death, loss of or damage to baggage and personal items, cancellations, loss of deposit, medical and hospitalisation expenses, repatriation and curtailments expenses due to illness, the need to return home unexpectedly, evacuation expenses, and accidental death or disability.

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DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit per person to secure your Bunnik Tour, together with a completed Fitness to Travel declaration form (Part 1), is required within 7 days from the date of reservation. The amounts to be paid are:

All Asia Small Group Tours ..... **$500 pp**

Cruise & Tours ..... **$1,000 pp**

Payment Schedule

45 days after your booking has been confirmed we will require a progress payment. Part of the progress payment is used to cover your airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges. At this stage we will also require a completed Passenger Pre-Registration Form. The progress payments are as follows:

All Asia Small Group Tours ..... **$1,500 pp**

(5-Stans will require **$2,750 pp**)

Once payment is received, we will then issue your flight tickets to avoid airline increases on fuel surcharges and taxes, based on minimum tour numbers being met.

Final Balance Payment

Final payment is due **60 days prior to departure (90 days prior for Cruise & Tours program and Colours of Rajasthan's Pushkar Festival departure)**.

Please note that tour costings are based on using special airfares which require early payment - see above *Payment Schedule*. Separate deposit payments may be required for pre and post tour extensions. We may cancel your booking if payments are not paid by the relevant due date. In the event of cancellation, the cancellation conditions set out below will apply. All prices are quoted in Australian dollars and must be paid in Australian dollars.

BOOKINGS

Late Bookings

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings - please refer to your consultant at the time of booking. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

Bookings Sold On A Share Basis

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers including but not limited to age, however we accept no responsibility for any incompatibility between persons sharing twin/triple rooms nor is there a guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions set out below will apply at your option.

SINGLE ROOMS

If, by choice or circumstance, a single room is required, then a single room surcharge will apply. While all endeavours will be made to provide you with a single room, if for whatever reason your single room is not available, then you will be provided with a refund for the applicable dates.

FLUID PRICING

Bunnik Travel operates based on fluid pricing. This is the practice within the travel industry where pricing changes due to a range of factors including, but not limited to, changing airfares, market conditions and spot specials. We therefore reserve the right to change our prices without notice. This can mean that different passengers on the same tour may have been charged different prices. Bunnik Tours will not enter into any correspondence regarding any such variation in pricing. Our current pricing can be found on our website.

CHANGES IN PRICE AND MINIMUM NUMBERS

Until full payment is made, all tours are subject to availability and prices are subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change the tour components, departure date, or any other aspect of the tour at our discretion.

All tours are based on a minimum number of participants, however if this number is not reached we reserve the right to cancel or re-cost the tour as appropriate. If we re-cost and you decide not to proceed, or if we cancel the tour, your deposit is refundable in full.

In all other circumstances, your deposit is non-refundable.

AIRLINE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Bunnik Tours is not responsible for any schedule changes imposed by airlines. Whilst we will do our best to reschedule your touring and accommodation, Bunnik Tours is not responsible for any additional costs nor services missed as a result of an airline-imposed schedule change.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

Bunnik Travel is not itself a service provider, carrier or hotelier nor do we own aircraft, hotels or coaches. The flights, coach journeys, and other travel and hotel accommodation comprised in your holiday are provided by reputable service providers, carriers and hoteliers on their own conditions. It is important to note therefore that all bookings are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations imposed by the individual service provider, airlines, coach operators, hoteliers and other service providers (including but not limited to shipping, rail, car hire, and restaurant service providers) who provide services in relation to your tour. Some of these terms and conditions may permit the service provider to cancel, delay, divert or substitute services at their discretion, and may limit or exclude liability in respect of death, personal injury, delay and loss or damage to baggage. It is your responsibility to be aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of each service provider.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS

You are also obligated to:

- Follow the directions of the tour guides at all times to ensure your safety.
- Ensure that your passport is valid and does not expire within 6 months from after the last travel date.
- Obtain comprehensive travel insurance.
- Obtain visas, travel permits, health certificates and other documentation required for the tour.
- Behave in a manner that is acceptable and not offensive to other passengers and crew.
- Comply with the reasonable instructions while on tour.
- Not interfere with fellow passengers' enjoyment of the tour.
- Be respectful to fellow passengers, crew and locals.
- Not engage in illegal or undesirable behaviour that is dangerous to yourself and others.
- Consult your doctor or travel medical specialists in your home state before travel regarding any inoculations, medications and other health precautions that should be taken in relation to travel within the regions comprising your tour.
- Abide by the laws regardless of what country you are in.

If you do not comply with the above we can withdraw you from the tour and at your own expense you must make other arrangements and we are not liable for any loss, cost or damage you may suffer or incur.

RISK AND LIABILITY

While your safety is of paramount concern, it is acknowledged by all parties that there are general risks involved with travelling that are beyond our control. We are not liable to you for any loss, cost or damage you may incur as a result of these general risks which include contact with native fauna, local residents, unforeseen events and travel in remote locations.

By making this booking you agree that there are associated risks and you release us unconditionally from all liability including and not limited to:

- Tort
- Any cause of action including - injury, damage, loss, cost, delay, additional expenses, inconvenience caused directly or indirectly as a result of the inherent risks associated with the tour
- Any force majeure events or other events beyond our control including but not limited to war, civil disobedience, terrorism, insurrection, accidents, explosion, sickness, fire, floods, severe weather, acts of God, acts of Government, alteration or cancellation of scheduled air services, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment or industrial action. If we or our service providers are affected in any way by a force majeure event, it is our discretion to either vary or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation the tour as we consider necessary without, incurring any liability to you.

Each service provider is responsible for the part of the tour it conducts. Service providers are not our agents or employees and are not under our direct control. We therefore do not warrant the performance or service of any service provider. Without limitation, you release us from all liability and any claim you may have in relation to the service provider should be raised with them directly. Regardless whether the act arises with omission from the service provider including:

- Personal injury
- Loss
- Damage
- Costs & Expenses
- Property Damage

It is your responsibility to take care and diligence while on tour and you indemnify us against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, expenses and costs (inclusive of legal costs on a full indemnity basis and whether incurred by or awarded or against us) as a result of, or arising directly or indirectly to being on tour or any act or omission by you in relation to the tour and no refund will be provided of any unused portion of the tour.

In the event of any force majeure events, we or the service provider will undertake to make other arrangements to continue the tour in a manner that can be best arranged. You acknowledge that a force

majeure event may result in a cancellation of any proposed or planned tours or continuation of the proposed tour. If travel is not possible due to flooding, arrangements will be attempted to be made to continue the tour as best as can be arranged, by other means such as bus or rail. It is also acknowledged by you that the tour may not be able to be provided as advertised and we will use our best endeavours to make alternative arrangements regarding itinerary, travel and accommodation.

LET'S TALK FITNESS

At Bunnik Tours we don't put specific age limits on our tours, but we also recognise some travellers may find our itineraries challenging.

We have a duty of care to all tour participants and the tour guides, so we do impose a firm policy on the level of fitness required by all our clients to attempt to ensure your safety and the safety of other travellers on our tours.

At Bunnik Tours our goal is for all our travellers to enjoy their tour, not struggle through it! Which is why we want to work with you to ensure you are on the best possible trip for your fitness level. We do reserve the right to refuse bookings if we feel that the requirements of the tour are too demanding.

Bunnik Tours are for independently minded travellers with good levels of mobility.

Our tours include:

1. Generous amounts of free time
2. Lots of walking
3. Local and authentic experiences including various modes of transport and accommodation

Bunnik Tours travellers are required to at least:

1. Be able to walk 2-3 hours on uneven surfaces, on any given day
2. Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
3. Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
4. Carry your own luggage
5. Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats

Passengers 75 years or over must provide a signed Fitness to Travel declaration form (Part 2) from their doctor within one month of making their booking.

While we will still confirm your place on your tour, flight tickets cannot be issued until both completed forms have been received. Additional costs may be incurred if completed forms are not received by Bunnik Tours within these time frames.

Bunnik Tours generally does not accept bookings for single travellers 80 years of age and over without a travelling companion. Neither our Tour Director nor your fellow travellers are equipped to act as a carer.

Passengers must inform us and the service provider of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we, including the service provider, can exclude you in a tour or in any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

We exclude all liability for any illness, injury or death sustained by you on tour because of any pre-existing medical condition. You release us from all liability arising out of your medical condition, illness, or injury that you may suffer during the tour or as a result of the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

While travel insurance is not inclusive in the tour fee, it is mandatory for all our clients travelling on a Bunnik Tour to obtain comprehensive travel insurance to cover you throughout the whole duration of the tour to cover costs associated with illness, injury, death, loss of or damage to baggage and personal items, cancellations, loss of deposit, medical and hospitalization expenses, repatriation and curtailments expenses due to illness, the need to return home unexpectedly, evacuation expenses, and accidental death or disability. This should be taken out at time of booking.

It is your responsibility to obtain comprehensive travel insurance, however please note that travel insurance offered by credit card companies may not be considered adequate cover.

AMENDMENT FEES

A fee of $250 or more per person, per change plus any further cost we incur will be charged for any revision or alteration made to a reservation after the booking is confirmed unless the change increases the price of the booking. Costs and charges may increase the closer to the departure date that changes are made, so you should contact us as soon as possible. Amendments will be made at our discretion and may not always be possible.

OTHER CONDITIONS

Bunnik Tours reserves the right to cancel or withdraw bookings made for or on behalf of a client at any time at their discretion, in which event no liability with respect to the cancellation or withdrawal shall fall on Bunnik Tours, save that all the monies paid for the booking shall be refunded, less any utilised land or transport content.

The arrangement of this holiday constitutes a complete package and as such, an itemisation of costs will not be rendered. No refunds are payable on unused or partially utilised sections of the tour itinerary, where passengers amend, cancel, or otherwise vary arrangements after tour departure.

Bunnik Tours does not authorise any overseas suppliers including hotel management to promise refunds on our behalf.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND TAXES

It is your responsibility to ensure that all passports, visas, travel permits, health certificates and other documentation required for the tour are obtained and are in order.

WHEN YOU GET THERE

Local representatives: Your documentation states the name and telephone number of our local representatives for any assistance with difficulties or changes. If you need to alter your arrangements once overseas or to add services to your booking you may do this through your local representative. Any additional costs incurred must be paid directly to the supplier of the service and may not be charged back to Bunnik Tours.

We cannot be held responsible for any subsequent complaint with arrangements booked directly with suppliers abroad.

Cancellations of confirmed services must be notified through Bunnik Tours even if you have advised the local representative. Bunnik Tours does not authorise the employees of any overseas supplier to promise refunds to clients.

PRIVACY AND DATA PROTECTION

For us to process your booking we are required to obtain your personal information.

We may also be required to release your personal information to:

- Service providers
- Customs
- Immigration authorities
- Security and credit checking organisations

In some instances, we may be required to release your personal information to authorities outside of Australia that may not have the same level of protection as Australia.

Personal information may include:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- Passport details
- Visa details
- Medical conditions
- Phone and/or email
- Emergency contact details

By making this booking, you consent for us to hold and release your personal information to third parties. You also consent to us using your personal details for marketing purposes. For more details on our Privacy and Data Protection Policy please refer to our website: www.bunniktours.com.au

PHOTOS & MARKETING

You consent to us using images of you taken during the trip for advertising and promotional purposes in any medium we choose. You grant us a perpetual, royalty-free, worldwide, irrevocable licence to use such images for publicity and promotional purposes.

CONSUMER CLAIMS

While we endeavour to have all your arrangements run smoothly, occasionally problems can occur while you are away, in which case it is essential and most practical to try to resolve it locally with the provider of the service. If you are unhappy with your hotel room please inform the duty manager so the situation may be rectified on the spot.

If you fail to take these steps a claim to compensation, if any, may be reduced or denied.

If you have an unresolved complaint this should be put to us in writing detailing the efforts that were made with the local operator to resolve the issue. Please send this with supporting documentation within 30 days of the date of the service. No claim made after this period will be considered.

GENERAL

These Booking Conditions are governed by the laws applicable in the State of South Australia, and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of South Australia.

If part or all of any provision of these Booking Conditions is illegal or unenforceable, it will be severed from these Booking Conditions and will not affect the continued operation of the remaining provisions of these Booking Conditions.

We may vary these Booking Conditions from time to time by notifying you in writing.

Recent legislation in various states in Australia has highlighted the issue of Age Discrimination. In terms of style and content all persons of all ages are welcome on Bunnik Tours worldwide however have found that the consistent age demographics of our guests is between 30 and 65.

CANCELLATION

If you wish to cancel your booking(s) with Bunnik Tours you must provide written notice to us of this cancellation. Any cancellation is subject to the cancellation fees set out below. Once your ticket has been issued there are airline cancellation and admin fees (cancellation costs) that will apply. If you cancel your booking(s) at any time after 60 days from your tour starting date, the applicable amount of cancellation costs will be deducted from your progress payment. These cancellation costs are in addition to your non-refundable deposit. The following table sets out our cancellation fees and is calculated against the total amount you have paid to Bunnik Tours:

Bunnik Packages (schedule for Asia)

60 days or more before departure ... **cancellation costs**
59 to 45 days before departure **25%**
44 to 31 days before departure **50%**
Within 30 days of departure **100%**

Bunnik Packages (schedule for Cruise & Tours and Colours of Rajasthan's Pushkar Festival departure)

90 days or more before departure ... **cancellation costs**
89 to 75 days before departure **25%**
74 to 61 days before departure **50%**
Within 60 days of departure **100%**

For the avoidance of doubt, your non-refundable deposit is in addition to the cancellation fees referred to in the table above.

Special Cancellation

Special cancellation charges which may be higher than those listed above apply to cruising, rail tours, specialty accommodation and special event tours. These additional charges are set by our suppliers and vary per supplier. Please check with your consultant at the time of booking. Please note that tour costings are based on special airfares. Depending on the airlines these incur cancellation charges once the tickets have been issued. These charges are in addition to the cancellation charges set out above and in some cases can be as high as 100% once the ticket has been issued. Airlines are responsible for the timing of refunds of air tickets.

EXTRA INFORMATION ON TORII GATE RENOVATIONS

From June 2019, Miyajima's famous floating Torii Gate (featured on *Japan Discovery; Circle Hokkaido & Japan Discovery; Discover South Korea & Japan* itineraries) is undergoing renovations, which are expected to take at least one year. During the renovation works, the Torii Gate will be covered under partially transparent scaffolding. A bridge is being built on the left side of the gate to aid the renovation works.

EXTRA INFORMATION ON MT EVEREST FLIGHT

The flight to see Mt Everest featured on *Discover Nepal* itinerary is not a private flight, and is shared with non Bunnik Tours passengers.

TRAVEL SAFETY

For the latest government advice on travel safety and security please visit and register your holiday on ***www.smartraveller.gov.au***

MAP LEGEND

- **Tour starts**
- **Tour ends**
- **Tour starts and ends in the same city**
- **Visited destinations**
- **Total number of nights (i.e. 2 nights)**
- **Port stops**
- **Flight route**
- **Land route**
- **Rail route**
- **Water route**
- **Train journey**
- **High-speed train**
- **Cruise journey**
- **Water transportation**

ITINERARY LEGEND

- ***BLD*** **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**
- **Special Experiences**
- **Cruise Embark/Disembark**

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