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Prices

Prices shown in this brochure are indicative based on 5* hotels in deluxe category rooms or suites, per person twin share, based on low season travel until 30 September 2018. Check with us for valid rates for your dates of travel. All prices are subject to change due to fluctuation in rate of exchange, introduction of new government levies or increase in fuel prices. Please check the valid package price prior to your booking.

Private Car Tours

Our featured independent tours provide you with your own private air-con car and driver, who will give insights into local customs ensuring flexibility and helping create your unique experience. In each town, a local English speaking guide will escort you when you visit sights and attractions contributing historical knowledge with the personal touches only a local can provide.

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Our featured itineraries can be customised to meet your requirements. You may want to add an extra day or two to any itinerary, or stay in a different hotel - we can design a personalised itinerary to suit. We sell what we know the best and can advise on the little extras that help make your holiday something extraordinary - nothing is too much or too little for us.

Unique Experiences

Exotic Holidays recognise that it is the little differences that make a holiday more memorable so we have a myriad of unique experiences that will remain with you forever. Some of our unique experiences include private beach dining, helicopter & hot air balloon tours and private seaplane transfers.

Hotel Grading

We can arrange your accommodation in some of the best 5* Hotels, Heritage

Hotels, Castles and Palaces in certain places. All hotels are carefully chosen by our operators who recognise location is paramount in addition to a comfortable and pleasant stay.

Flights

International flights are not included in any of our prices. Domestic flight costs are not included in the tour cost (unless otherwise stated) and are shown separately where applicable. All flight prices are indicative and can vary for different dates of travel and are subject to availability at time of booking.

Safe Travel

Prior to booking your holiday, we recommend that you check the travel advice, if any, issued by New Zealand Government on: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/>

Best time to travel

United Arab Emirates

Dubai is a year round destination. It has warm, sub-tropical and dry weather with almost daily bright and sunny days. It may experience a rare shower or two, between December and February. Temperature between October and March can vary between 41 deg Celsius during day to about 25 deg Celsius at night. Summer from April to September is very warm and July & August can be extremely hot and humid.

Vietnam

Vietnam is year-round destination. Climate varies considerably from North to South due to wide range of latitudes and altitudes. North Vietnam generally has four seasons. Winter is from December to February when it can be cold (daytime temperature can be around 10 degree Celsius) in Northern region and you need to be prepared accordingly. Between July

and November, short to heavy downpours are expected, often resulting in floods. Central region is also prone to cyclones during these months.

Cambodia

Cambodia is a year round destination. It is generally warm and humid all the time and it rains, generally in the afternoons in short-spells between May and October. December to February is a bit more pleasant when temperatures drop down a bit.

India

North India from mid-September until mid-April experiences generally pleasant weather and then gets warm. Hilly areas of the north and east India have cooler climates throughout the year. South and West India are moderate year-round. Wildlife Parks in India close from May/June until September or October. Check with us before finalising plans.

China

Plains in China has four seasons - spring in April & May, summer from June to August, autumn in September & October and winter from November till March. Best time to visit China would be Spring and Autumn as the weather is very pleasant during these months but at the same time, these are the most popular tourist seasons. Summers are warm and humid with occasional showers towards the end of summer. Winter can be bitterly cold with occasional snow.

Oman

The best time to visit Oman is between November and mid-March, when the cooler air brings the mountain scenery sharply into focus and daytime temperatures average 25°C. For the rest of the year, much of Oman is very hot and hazy, particularly between May and August. The redeeming summertime feature is the khareef, the mid-June to late-August rainy season in southern Oman.

DUBAI

A destination known for its class & style, Dubai is the essence of luxury and glamour. Relax in the elegance of your surroundings or stroll among the many high end stores and top class eateries. Immerse yourself in the opulence of Dubai for a truly wonderful luxury escape.



OPULENT DUBAI – 5 DAYS

Prices from **\$9,925 NZD** per person

Dubai – Al Maha – Dubai

Day 1: Dubai Arrival

Upon arrival you will be met and greeted at the air bridge of the aircraft and your personalized service begins from the moment you touch down in Dubai. A personal representative of Ahlan Services will help you through with the fast track immigration procedures. You can relax at the Ahlan Lounge and enjoy some refreshments while the porters retrieve your bags from the conveyor belts. Our representative will then later transfer you to the hotel in a private chauffeur driven Rolls Royce. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Rest of the day free at your leisure.

Accommodation: Three nights at the Burj Al Arab in a One-Bedroom Deluxe Suite. Private Butler on call.

Day 2: Dubai (B/L)

After a leisurely start today, proceed for a full day city tour of Dubai. Discover the contrasts between the old and the new as you explore the landmarks in this fast growing and exciting city in a Classic Bentley – an extraordinary, classy and eye catching drive throughout this fascinating city. Take in views of the city's most picturesque palaces and residential areas, and venture into Al Bastakiya, Dubai's inspiring old quarter. Cross the Dubai creek by the ABRA (water taxi) and visit the spice souk. You will also have free time to shop in the glistening Gold Souk.

Later relish an Emirati lunch with an enchanting dining experience at a stylish venue, while you enjoy the fresh sea breeze along The Beach opposite Jumeirah Beach Resort. Post lunch we will drive past the Palm island and later see the famous landmarks like the sail-shaped Burj Al Arab Hotel and the beautiful Jumeirah Mosque, and learn interesting details about them. Later in the evening visit the Burj Khalifa, – the world's tallest building. The observation deck from the 148th floor will give you a bird's eye view of the amazing city and its skyline. Later enjoy High Tea at AT.MOSPHERE with some breathtaking views before being dropped back to your hotel.

Day 3: Dubai (B)

Explorer Dubai Helicopter Tour: Transfer to Dubai Festival City to board your helicopter for a 22-minute ride over the historical Dubai Creek and the souks; also takes in the impressive Burj Al Arab hotel and the Jumeirah Beach Hotel as well as the Wild Wadi adventure water park. The popular Explorer Tour flies over The Palm Jumeirah, past the Atlantis The Palm Jumeirah and The World. Seen from the air The World is clearly visible as an impressive collection of islands that make up a map of the world.

Day 4: Dubai – Al Maha (B/L/D)

This morning check out and drive to Al Maha – A Luxury Collection Desert Resort and Spa. Situated in the heart of the desert and nestled in the dunes of Dubai, Al Maha Desert Resort and Spa is the ultimate luxury retreat. The Arabian Oryx & the Gazelles are the star attractions in the reserve. The indigenous Arabian wildlife can also be viewed from the temperature-controlled infinity pool or sundeck seating area of all villas. Enjoy two different complimentary desert activities every day as part of the stay.

Accommodation: One night at the Al Maha Resort in a Bedouin Suite. Butler Service available.

Day 5: Dubai – Departure (B)

You will be transferred to Dubai Airport in a private chauffeur to connect to your onward flight.

Included:

Private chauffeur driven Rolls Royce arrival transfer from Dubai International Airport, Ahlan Premium Meet and Assist Service upon arrival, Full Day Dubai City Tour with English speaking guide with Emirati lunch in a Classic Bentley, Entrance to Burj Khalifa "The Sky" Observation Deck – 148th floor, High Tea at AT.MOSPHERE including Ruinart Brut Champagne, accommodation and meals as per itinerary, departure transfer and inter hotel transfer on luxury Cadillac Escalade

Excluded: International flights, meals not indicated above, expenses of personal nature like tipping, laundry, telephone calls, etc

DUBAI HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

Burj Al Arab: The distinctive sail-shaped silhouette of Burj Al Arab Jumeirah is more than just a stunning hotel, it is a symbol of modern Dubai. Yet for all the wonder this stunning structure provides when you finally see it in person, it is the service within that really makes the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah so extraordinary. Repeatedly voted the world's most luxurious hotel, this magnificent destination offers you the finest service and experiences throughout.

Al Maha Resort: Al Maha Resort is nestled in a verdant palm oasis, deep within Dubai's magical dune and desert landscape in the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve and plays a vital role in its conservation. Al Maha showcases the heritage and architecture of the Bedouins and also offers a sense of desert adventure.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dubai City Tour by Bentley
- Burj Khalifa
- Dubai Helicopter Tour
- High Tea at AT.MOSPHERE
- Desert Activities & Wildlife



VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Steeped in history & culture, Vietnam & Cambodia offers spectacular landscapes and local experiences complimented by the best in dining and high end hotels. Cruise through Halong Bay in your own private boat, enjoy a scenic flight over clear blue waters or simply stroll through village markets and city streets soaking up the atmosphere of local life and traditions for a truly luxurious escape.

VIETNAM DELUXE ESSENTIAL - 11 DAYS

Hanoi – Halong Bay – Cruise – Hanoi – Hue – Hoi An – Danang – Ho Chi Minh

Day 1: Hanoi

On arrival, you will be met by our representative, who will assist you with VIP express service to clear all formalities before being transferred to your Hotel by vehicle from our superior fleet. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Sofitel Metropole in a Grand Premium Room. Private Butler Service available.

Day 2: Hanoi (B/L)

Enjoy a full day tour exploring Hanoi's illustrious history. In the morning, visit the imposing marble edifice housing the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum (closed on Mondays & Fridays) before moving onto his wooden stilt house and the One Pillar Pagoda. You will then visit the first university of

Vietnam, the Temple of Literature, which is imbued with the profound philosophies of Confucianism. Lunch today is arranged at KOTO Restaurant.

In the afternoon, visit the Hoan Kiem Lake and the Ngoc Son Temple. A one-hour cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter allows you to catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and learn about traditional Vietnamese architecture. The tour includes a stop at an ancient Vietnamese "long house" before returning to your hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Transfer to airport for Seaplane to Halong Bay (including a 15-min scenic flight over Halong Bay). On arrival, check in to your private junk at Hon Gai Harbour. After embarking at midday enjoy a welcome drink followed by a lunch while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay; admiring the fascinating limestone formations on the way. Explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son Cave and relax on the white sandy beach at Hon Co Island with options to

go swimming or kayaking. Return to your junk to freshen up before having dinner on board. Relax, enjoy the fresh air & overnight on board.

Accommodation: Cruise Halong Bay for one night in a private Junk – L'Amor.

Day 4: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Hue (B/L)

Wake to the morning view of Halong Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee and breakfast in the fresh air. Visit Vung Vieng fishing village by a rustic row-boat, meet the local people and pass through the floating school and fish farms. Check out of the cabin and start cruising towards the harbour while an A la carte lunch is served. After disembarking, take a seaplane back to Hanoi and connect a regular flight to Hue. On arrival in Hue, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Two nights at the La Residence, Hue in a Colonial Junior Suite.

Day 5: Hue (B/L)

Take a morning tour to visit Thien Mu Pagoda and the poetic mausoleum of Emperor Tu Duc. Enjoy a traditional lunch at Tha Om restored house. In the afternoon, proceed to visit the Imperial Citadel and the Dong Ba Market. The spectacular Citadel (built in accordance to strict principles of geomancy) houses a series of palaces, ornate halls, libraries, residences and colleges.

Day 6: Hue – Hoi An (B)

Drive along the coast and via mountain passes to Hoi An with a stop en route at the photogenic village of Lang Co Beach. Visit the Cham Museum which houses the world's finest collection of Cham artworks before proceeding to Hoi An to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the town.

Accommodation: Three nights at the Four Season - The Nam Hai in a One-Bedroom Pool Villa. Private Butler Service available.

Day 7: Hoi An (B)

Set off on a walking tour to explore this World Heritage Site. Highlights include an ancient merchant house, the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the vibrant riverside market. In the afternoon, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and learn how to make one yourself. End the day by taking a peaceful boat trip on the Thu Bon and afterwards enjoy free time to further explore the old town.

Day 8: Hoi An (B/L)

This morning, experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of Hoi An market on a personally-guided tour with the chef of Red Bridge Restaurant. Interact with the stall holders and purchase fresh ingredients for the day's meals.

After completing the shopping, take a boat cruise along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. Learn about Vietnamese herbs and spices, local

ingredients, and the art of food decoration. The chef will demonstrate how to prepare some of Vietnam's most delicious dishes. Guests then have a chance to create their own meals under the chef's guidance. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal of Vietnamese and Hoi An specialties.

Afternoon is at leisure to stroll through this interesting town or spend some on the beach.

Day 9: Danang – Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels (B)

You will be transferred to airport for a morning flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, visit the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels where Vietnamese guerrillas built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels as hideouts during the war. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon.

In the evening, you will be picked up from your hotel and start your Vespa night trip by mingling in the crowd of locals going home after work. Take in the scene of complex traffic while riding through different districts of old Saigon. Stop by some street food restaurants to try Vietnamese seafood and crepes, as well as discover the diversity between the local Cafés with Vietnamese music and popular bars with the oldies, jazz or rock. Enjoy the music before returning to your hotel.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Park Hyatt in a Park Deluxe Room. Butler Service available.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City (B)

This morning, you will be taken for a city tour of Ho Chi Minh (formerly Saigon) - a fast paced city with a unique mix of French colonial architecture, Chinese influences, a modern entrepreneurial spirit and numerous temples. On this tour, you will take in the highlights of Ho Chi Minh starting with an exploration of Saigon's turbulent past with visits to the Reunification Palace (from outside) and the War Museum.

The tour continues to Ho Chi Minh's finest examples of French colonial architecture with a visit to the Notre Dame cathedral and Post Office. Continue to Giac Lam Pagoda, the Cholon Chinese district. Tour concludes with a visit to Ben Thanh market where you can try your bargaining skills for clothes, shoes, bags, sunglasses and souvenirs.

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City – Departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for onward flight.

Included: VIP service at Hanoi airport, accommodation and meals as per itinerary, limousine for transfers and tours, local guides, entrance fees, private junk in Halong Bay, seaplane Hanoi – Halong – Hanoi (Shared), flights Hanoi/Hue, Danang/Ho Chi Minh (Business class).

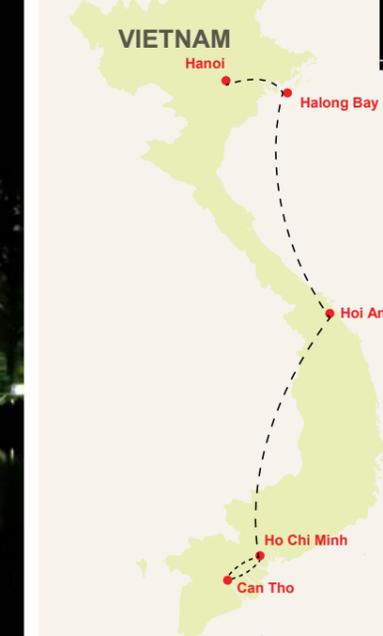
Excluded: International flights, Visa, travel insurance, tipping, beverages during meals, meals not stated on itinerary, video/camera fees, Insurances and other personal expenses.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi City & Cyclo Tour
- Scenic flight over Halong Bay
- Traditional lunch in Hue
- Walking Tour & Cooking Demo in Hoi An
- Vespa Night Tour
- Cu Chi Tunnels

Prices from **\$10,300 NZD** per person





VIETNAM DELUXE HIGHLIGHTS – 14 DAYS

Prices from **\$12,270 NZD** per person

Hanoi – Halong Bay – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh – Cruise – Can Tho – Ho Chi Minh

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

On arrival, you will be met by our representative, who will assist you with VIP express service to clear all formalities before being transferred to your Hotel by vehicle from our superior fleet. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Accommodation: Two night at Sofitel Metropole in a Grand Premium Room. Private Butler Service available.

Day 2: Hanoi (B)

Enjoy a full day tour exploring Hanoi's illustrious history. In the morning, visit the imposing marble edifice housing the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum (closed on Mondays & Fridays) before moving onto his wooden stilt house and the One Pillar Pagoda. You will then visit the first university of Vietnam, the Temple of Literature, which is imbued with the profound philosophies of Confucianism.

In the afternoon, visit the Hoan Kiem Lake and the Ngoc Son Temple. A one-hour cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter allows you to catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and learn about traditional Vietnamese architecture. The tour includes a stop at an ancient Vietnamese "long house" before returning to your hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Transfer to airport for Seaplane to Halong Bay (including a 15-min scenic flight over Halong Bay). On arrival, check in to your private junk at Hon Gai Harbour. After embarking at midday enjoy a welcome drink followed by a lunch while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay; admiring the

fascinating limestone formations on the way. Explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son Cave and relax on the white sandy beach at Hon Co Island with options to go swimming or kayaking. Return to your junk to freshen up before having dinner on board. Relax, enjoy the fresh air & overnight on board.

Accommodation: Cruise Halong Bay for two nights in a private Junk – L'Amor.

Day 4: Ha Long Bay (B/L/D)

In the morning, cruise to Cong Dam while discovering geological values of Bai Tu Long Bay. Take bamboo boat through the hidden lagoons and geological park in Cong Dam. Have BBQ lunch on a wild beach. Back to junk for relaxing while cruising to Cong Do area. Arrive at Hon Co Island to explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son cave. Return to the boat and cruise back to Cap La. Have dinner and overnight onboard.

Day 5: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Danang – Hoi An (B/L)

Wake to the morning view of Halong Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee and breakfast in the fresh air. Visit Vung Vieng fishing village by a rustic row-boat, meet the local people and pass through the floating school and fish farms. Check out of the cabin and start cruising towards the harbour while an A la carte lunch is served. After disembarking, take a seaplane back to Hanoi and connect a regular flight to Danang. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Hoi An.

Accommodation: 4 nights at the Four Season - The Nam Hai in One-Bedroom Pool Villa. Private Butler Service available.

Day 6: Hoi An (B/D)

Set off on a walking tour to explore this

World Heritage Site. Highlights include an ancient merchant house, the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the vibrant riverside market. In the afternoon, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and learn how to make one yourself. End the day by taking a peaceful boat trip on the Thu Bon and afterwards enjoy free time to further explore the old town. Afternoon is at leisure.

This evening, pamper your palate with a candlelit dinner set in a vegetable garden at Tra Que Village. Appetizers will include popular finger foods such as marinated beef with fresh mustard leaves from the garden accompanied by local wine from the family's wine collection. For those who are not sure about local wine, cocktails will be available. Then enjoy delicious Hoi An specialties cooked by the family's chef. Before leaving, enjoy a relaxing foot treatment using a local home-grown remedy.

Day 7: Hoi An (B/L)

This morning, experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of Hoi An market on a personally-guided tour with the chef of Red Bridge Restaurant. Interact with the stall holders and purchase fresh ingredients for the day's meals. After the market tour, take a boat cruise along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. Learn about Vietnamese herbs and spices, local ingredients, and the art of food decoration. The chef will demonstrate how to prepare some of Vietnam's most delicious dishes. Guests then have a chance to create their own meals under the chef's guidance. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal of Vietnamese and Hoi An specialties. Afternoon is at leisure to stroll through this interesting town or spend some on the beach.

Day 8: Hoi An (B)

Full day is at leisure.

Day 9: Danang – Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels (B)

In the morning you will be transferred to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, visit the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels where Vietnamese guerrillas built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels as hideouts during the war. Afternoon is at leisure.

In the evening, you will be picked up from your hotel and start your Vespa night trip by mingling in the crowd of locals going home after work. Take in the scene of complex traffic while riding through different districts of old Saigon. Stop by some street food restaurants to try Vietnamese seafood and crepes, as well as discover the diversity between the local Cafés with Vietnamese music and popular bars with the oldies, jazz or rock. Enjoy the music before returning to your hotel.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Park Hyatt in a Park Deluxe Room. Butler Service available.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Morning embark on a half-day city tour. Highlights include the Reunification Palace (photo stop), the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, Chinatown, the Ben Thanh Market and either the Thien Hau Temple or the Quan Am Pagoda. Return to your hotel and rest of day at leisure.

Day 11: Ho Chi Minh City – Cai Be – Sa Dec – Can Tho (B/L/D)

Take a morning drive to Cai Be in Mekong. Board The Song Xanh Sampan, along with a guide, who will introduce you to some local cottage industries where you can observe how rice cake, coconut candies and other specialties are traditionally

made. We will then visit the Cai Be area and cruise among local barges full of fruits and vegetables before continuing to Sa Dec with stops en route to visit a local village and fruit plantations. Disembark in Sa Dec Town for a walk and to discover the charming town with numerous beautiful old French houses, Chinese temples and a market. Visit a historic house, dating from 1890, which was home to Mr. Huynh Thuy Le, a character from "The Lover" by Marguerite Duras. Lunch will be provided onboard. Continue your cruise down to Can pass under several wooden "monkey bridges" and have opportunities to visit a village and a Cao Dai Temple.

A candlelit dinner will be arranged at a splendid historic house. We will moor for the evening and enjoy a wonderful night on the Mekong River.

Accommodation: One night on board The Song Xanh in a Private Cabin.

Day 12: Cruise - Can Tho (B)

Enjoy your breakfast onboard while the Song Xanh cruises to Can Tho City. On arrival, explore the colourful and bustling floating market at Cai Rang before disembarking at Can Tho Pier.

Accommodation: 1 night at the Nam Bo Boutique Hotel in a Corner Suite.

Day 13: Can Tho – Ho Chi Minh City (B)

In the morning, visit Binh Thuy old house then enjoy a bicycle ride along quiet riverside lanes to get a taste of life in rural Can Tho with local ferries, villages, bridges, fruit gardens, local pilgrimage site. Drive back to Ho Chi Minh in late afternoon.

Accommodation: One night at the Park Hyatt in a Park Deluxe Room. Butler Service available.

Day 14: Ho Chi Minh City – Departure (B)

Free until transfer to the Airport for your onward flight.

Included: VIP service at Hanoi airport, accommodation and meals as per itinerary, Limo for all transfers and local tours, local guides, entrance fees, private junk in Halong Bay, Seaplane Hanoi/Halong/Hanoi (Shared), flights Hanoi/Danang/Ho Chi Minh (Business class), sampan cruise on Mekong River.

Excluded: International flights, Visa, travel insurance, tipping, beverages during meals, meals not stated on itinerary, video/camera fees, Insurances and other personal expenses.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi City & Cyclo Tour
- Scenic flight over Halong Bay
- Private dinner in Tra Que Village
- Walking Tour & Cooking Demo in Hoi An
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Sampan cruise along the Mekong



VIETNAM & CAMBODIA GRAND – 20 DAYS

Hanoi – Halong Bay – Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh – Cruise – Cai Be – Tan Chau – Phnom Penh – Kampong Cham – Tonle Lake – Siem Reap

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival

Upon arrival you will be met and greeted at the airport. Our representative will assist you with VIP express service to clear all formalities then you will be transferred to hotel. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Sofitel Metropole in a Grand Premium Room. Private Butler Service available.

Day 2: Hanoi (B)

Enjoy a full day tour exploring Hanoi's illustrious history. In the morning, visit the imposing marble edifice housing the Ho Chi Minh mausoleum (closed on Mondays & Fridays) before moving onto his wooden stilt house and the One Pillar Pagoda. You will then visit the first university of Vietnam, the Temple of Literature, which is imbued with the profound philosophies of Confucianism.

In the afternoon, visit the Hoan Kiem Lake and the Ngoc Son Temple. A one-hour cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter allows you to

catch a glimpse of ancient Hanoi and learn about traditional Vietnamese architecture. The tour includes a stop at an ancient Vietnamese "long house" before returning to your hotel.

Day 3: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Transfer to airport for Seaplane to Halong bay (including 15-min scenic flight). On arrival, check in to your private junk at Hon Gai Harbour. Enjoy lunch while cruising to magnificent Bai Tu Long Bay; admiring the fascinating formations on the way. Explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son Cave and relax on the white sandy beach at Hon Co Island with options to go swimming or kayaking. Return to your junk to freshen up before having dinner on board. Relax, enjoy the fresh air & overnight on board.

Accommodation: One night in private Junk – L'Amor.

Day 4: Ha Long Bay – Hanoi – Danang – Hoi An (B/L)

Wake to the morning view of Halong Bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee and breakfast in the fresh air. Visit Vung Vieng fishing village by a rustic row-boat, meet the local people and pass through the floating school and fish farms. Check out of the cabin and start cruising towards the harbour while an a la carte lunch is served. After disembarking take seaplane back

to Hanoi and take flight to Danang. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in Hoi An.

Accommodation: 4 nights at the Four Season - The Nam Hai in a one bedroom Pool Villa. Private Butler Service available.

Day 5: Hoi An (B)

Set off on a walking tour to explore this World Heritage Site. Highlights include an ancient merchant house, the Phuc Kien Assembly Hall, the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the vibrant riverside market. In the afternoon, visit one of Hoi An's famous lantern workshops and learn how to make one yourself. End the day by taking a peaceful boat trip on the Thu Bon and afterwards enjoy free time to further explore the old town.

Day 6: Hoi An (B/L)

This morning, experience the amazing sights, sounds and aromas of Hoi An market on a personally-guided tour with the chef of Red Bridge Restaurant. Interact with the stall holders and purchase fresh ingredients for the day's meals.

After the market tour, take a boat cruise along the Hoi An River to the Red Bridge Cooking School. Learn about Vietnamese herbs and spices, local ingredients, and the art of food decoration. The chef will demonstrate how to prepare some of

Vietnam's most delicious dishes. Guests then have a chance to create their own meals under the chef's guidance. Enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal of Vietnamese and Hoi An specialties. Afternoon is at leisure to stroll through this interesting town or spend some on the beach.

Day 7: Hoi An (B)

Full day is at leisure

Day 8: Danang – Ho Chi Minh City (B)

In the morning you will be transferred to airport for flight to Ho Chi Minh City. Rest of the day is at your leisure

Accommodation: Two nights at the Park Hyatt in a Park Deluxe Room. Butler Service available.

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh City – Cu Chi Tunnels (B)

In the morning, visit the amazing Cu Chi

Tunnels where Vietnamese guerrillas built a labyrinth of narrow tunnels as hideouts during the war. Return to Ho Chi Minh City in the afternoon for a half-day city tour. Highlights include the Reunification Palace (photo stop), the Notre Dame Cathedral, the Central Post Office, Chinatown, the Ben Thanh Market and either the Thien Hau Temple or the Quan Am Pagoda.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh City – Cruise – Cai Be (B/L/D)

Transfer to My Tho port for cruise. Embark on the RV Jayavarman Cruise in time for lunch. Sail across the vast Mekong Delta, relaxing on the balcony as you cruise towards Cai Be, a charming small town, famous for its Catholic French church and manufacturing of traditional crafts and food products.

Accommodation: Seven nights onboard the RV Jayavarman in a Superior Cabin.

Day 11: Cai Be – Sa Dec – Tan Chau (B/L/D)

Start your day with a Tai Chi class before a morning tour takes you to Cai Be. Cai Be still hosts a small floating market for boat to boat trading of local goods such as fruits and agricultural products. Back on board lunch is served and you have some time for yourself to enjoy a true Vietnamese coffee at the bar or simply watch the life on the riverbanks floating by. In the afternoon, we reach the area of Sa Dec. We embark a traditional sampan and tour towards Binh Thanh Island. This island is one of the larger ones in the vast stream of the Mekong and we take some time to wonder through the village and see how the locals live. Return onboard and cruise to Tan Chau.

Day 12: Tan Chau – Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

Excursion around Tan Chau, a pleasant, slow-paced town near the Cambodian border with a sizeable Chinese, Kinh and Khmer community. Once arrived on-shore we hop on "xeloi" to explore Tan Chau. Back on board sail towards

Prices from **\$15,210 NZD** per person



20 DAY VIETNAM & CAMBODIA GRAND CONTINUED...

the Vietnamese-Cambodian border and enjoy a leisurely cruise through the deep Cambodia countryside towards Phnom Penh.

Spend the afternoon relaxing onboard with a spa treatment, cooking lesson or a trip to the captains bridge.

Day 13: Phnom Penh (B/L/D)

Optional morning excursion (by coach) to the Killing Fields and the Khmer Rouge's grim Tuol Sleng or S21 detention centre or spend some time exploring the city on your own before lunch at a local restaurant.

Our tour of Phnom Penh focuses on the fascinating cultural heritage of Phnom Penh. The golden edifice of the Royal Palace with its Silver Pagoda and the exceptional Khmer crafts at the National Museum are the afternoon highlights. The day trip ends with a "cyclo" ride back to the ship through the bustling streets of downtown Phnom Penh before returning to the boat some free time before BBQ dinner and entertainment.

Day 14: Phnom Penh – Kampong Cham (B/L/D)

Cruise this morning to The Angkor Ban village, famous for its unspoiled community and beautiful, traditional houses. After a visit and lunch back on board, cruise further up the Mekong to visit a local school to understand more about the education of the young Cambodian generation. We continue the travel by road to the enchanting pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey (7th century). This small complex sits on a hill top right on the shore with breath-taking views on the Mekong.

Day 15: Kampong Cham – Kampong Chhang (B/L/D)

This morning we stop at the Island of Koh Oknha Tey. This spot in the middle of the Mekong owns its fame for the manufacturing of high class silk products. By tuk tuk we explore the island with its workshops and learn how silk is processed from its source, provided by little silkworms, to a final top quality product made of original Cambodian silk. After lunch continue to Kampong Chhang before anchoring for the evening.

Day 16: Kampong Chhang –Tonle Lake (B/L/D)

Enjoy the views on Kampong Chhang where everything is on sticks balanced on water rich soil. This is the most fascinating cruise part of Cambodia. We take a local boat to the shore. With mini buses we head to a rural village nearby and go on a walking tour. Before returning to the boat we explore the local floating villages and wetlands of the region. Back on board lunch is served as your floating sanctuary cruises gently along the narrow and meandering Tonle, towards the Great Tonle Lake. The river opens up to a vast "sea" - known as the biggest fresh water lake in Asia.

In the afternoon enjoy high tea as the sun sets. Enjoy your farewell dinner and entertainment The boat moors near Siem Reap for the night.

Day 17: Cruise – Siem Reap (B)

Early morning disembark and take a coach transfer to Siem Reap. Refreshments will be provided and we will stop at Kampong Thom along the way. Arrive at Siem Reap mid-afternoon and transfer to your hotel.

Accommodation: Three nights at the Belmond La Residence D'Angkor in a Deluxe Pool Side Suite.

Day 18: Siem Reap - Angkor Complex (B)

Enter Angkor Thom via the Southern Gate and explore the ancient city, then proceed to visit the ruins at Bayon, Baphoun, Phimeanakas, the Royal Palace, the Elephant Terrace and the Leper King Terrace. In the afternoon, visit the magnificent Angkor Wat where its extraordinary architecture offers an opportunity to experience a spectacular sunset over the monuments. Return to your hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 19: Siem Reap – Banteay Srei – Banteay Samre – Ta Prohm – Local Monastery (B)

Visit the graceful 11th century Temple of Shiva – Banteay Srei – and the Banteay Samre Temple. On the way back, swing by the Ta Prohm Temple which is mystically enveloped in the jungle.

In the afternoon, we drive to a local monastery and meet the resident monks and participate in a private good luck blessing ceremony and wishing you good health and a safe journey, performed by local monks. Sit on the mat while the monks chant blessings and sprinkle holy water on you – a traditional way which is believed pass on the good luck of the gods. Afterwards, a sacred thread will be tied around your wrist. This will protect you from any evil spirits or accidents – a memorable experience! Return to your hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 20: Siem Reap – Departure (B)

Free until transfer to the airport for departure flight.

Included: VIP service at Hanoi airport, accommodation and meals as per itinerary, Limo for all transfers and local tours, local guides, entrance fees, private junk in Halong Bay, Seaplane Hanoi/Halong/Hanoi (Shared), flights Hanoi/Danang/Ho Chi Minh (Business class), River Cruise on Mekong River.

Excluded: Visa, travel insurance, tipping, beverages during meals, meals not stated on itinerary, video/camera fees, Insurances and other personal expenses.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Hanoi City & Cyclo Tour
- Scenic flight over Halong Bay
- Walking Tour & Cooking Demo in Hoi An
- Cu Chi Tunnels
- Cruise on Mekong Delta
- Ankor Wat

VIETNAM & CAMBODIA HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

Sofitel Metropole, Hanoi: Located steps from the Opera House in Hanoi's French Quarter this legendary property brings guests into intimate contact with the opulence of another era. Surround yourself in heritage as you stroll along stately corridors and explore its dramatic past.

La Residence, Hue: Step back in time. Indulge serenity. La Residence Hue Hôtel & Spa is an enchanting boutique hotel on the banks of the fabled Perfume River overlooking the former Imperial Citadel – once home to Emperors and now preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Endowed with opulence, excellence and warmth, this former residence of the French Colonial Governor was painstakingly restored in 2005 and redeveloped as an exceptional design hotel. The hotel's distinctive bowed façade, long horizontal lines and nautical flourishes are hallmarks of the 1920's Streamline Moderne school of Art Deco architecture.

Four Seasons Resort, The Nam Hai, Hoi An: The Nam Hai offers luxury beachfront accommodations in Vietnam's central cultural heartland. Stretching along a tranquil kilometer of Ha My Beach in Quang Nam province, the Resort offers easy access to three formidable UNESCO sites: the Hoi An ancient town, the imperial city of Hue, and the temple complex of My Son.

Nam Bộ Boutique Hotel, Can Tho: The Nam Bộ Boutique Hotel is an all-suite hotel located right in the center of the Ninh Kiều pier, in Cần Thơ, at a stone's throw of every river transport, and affords a panoramic view of the Mekong river. The Nam Bộ is your ideal port of call in the Mekong delta, for a stay or simply for a cocktail or a fine meal.

Park Hyatt, Ho Chi Minh: Discover the urban luxury with combination of sophisticated design, handcrafted details and modern-day comforts at Park Hyatt Saigon. You will enjoy the world-class bar and best restaurants in Ho Chi Minh City together with a tranquil spa. Just minutes from the most popular landmarks, including Opera House, Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica and Reunification Palace.

Belmond La Residence D'Angkor, Siem Reap: An intimate retreat on the banks of a tree-lined river, Belmond La Residence d'Angkor beautifully captures the region's rich history while offering every modern luxury. With a reputation for excellence among Siem Reap hotels, guests can anticipate an authentic Cambodian experience at this centrally-located hotel. The inviting architecture showcases traditional Khmer style. Elegant teak and basalt accents echo the ancient temples nearby. Located close by Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Tonlé Sap Lake, it's an ideal base to explore the wonders of the region.



INDIA

A land of contrasts, colours and culinary delights, India offers a luxury experience like no other. Indulge in delectable cuisine, stroll through ancient forts and palaces, or simply retreat to the comfort of your luxury hotel. From private dining with views of the iconic Taj Mahal to exclusive boat rides around ancient lakes, India has so much to offer as an Exotic Luxury Escape...



LUXURY GOLDEN TRIANGLE & UDAIPUR – 9 DAYS

Prices from **\$13,500 NZD** per person

Delhi-Agra-Jaipur-Udaipur-Delhi

Day 1: Delhi Arrival

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, you will be met and greeted and transferred to your hotel by luxury vehicle.

Accommodation: 1 night at The Imperial Hotel in a Heritage Room.

Day 2: Delhi - Agra (B/D)

Proceed by luxury car to Agra and on arrival check in at your hotel.

In the afternoon visit the spectacular Taj Mahal and Agra Fort with some time to soak in the beauty of these wonderful historic monuments.

Enjoy a romantic, candlelit dinner for two from your balcony with views of the Taj Mahal and served by your dedicated personal butler.

Accommodation: 1 night at Oberoi

Amarvilas a Premier Room with balcony.

Day 3: Agra - Jaipur (B)

Enjoy an early morning sunrise visit to Taj Mahal, following by a unique breakfast at Mount Taj Khema, with a view of the Taj Mahal.

Later in the morning proceed to the airport for your flight to Jaipur. On arrival, check into your hotel, The Taj Rambagh Palace, a highlight in its own right. Previously used as a home for the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II and his queen, former chambers of the Maharaja have been restored and designed as luxury rooms & suites. Rest of the day at leisure to enjoy your surroundings.

Accommodation: 2 nights at Taj Rambagh Palace in a Palace Room.

Day 4: Jaipur (B/D)

Visit the magnificent Amber Fort, built over 4 levels and perched on the hill overlooking Maota Lake. Afterwards stop

briefly for a photo at Hawa Mahal enroute to Amer.

In the afternoon embark on a city tour visiting the city palace and observatory. Experience a Maharaja Welcome followed by a private dinner in open lawns of Dera Amer.

Optional: For something different enjoy a Hot Air Balloon ride over the city of Jaipur

Day 5: Jaipur - Udaipur (B/D)

Early morning proceed to the airport for your flight to Udaipur, known as the Venice of the East. On arrival check-in at your hotel and the rest of the day is at your leisure.

In the evening relax on a private Shikara boat ride on Lake Pichola and exclusive dinner at Jagmandir Palace in the middle of Lake Pichola.

Accommodation: 2 nights at Oberoi Udaivilas in a Premier Room.

Day 6: Udaipur (B/L)

A sightseeing tour of Udaipur city includes a visit to the City Palace, Sahelion Ki Bari and Jagdish temple. Experience a cooking demonstration in a local house in Udaipur followed by lunch. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 7: Udaipur - Delhi (B/D)

Morning transfer to the airport to board your flight for Delhi. On arrival in Delhi you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Afternoon is at your leisure.

In the evening take a decorated TUK-TUK ride to Dharampura Haveli in Old Delhi for dinner and an experience of historic grandeur with contemporary comforts.

Accommodation: 2 nights at The Imperial Hotel in a Heritage Room.

Day 8: Delhi (B)

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi visiting Jama Masjid and drive past Red Fort. Take a rickshaw ride through the

narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk. Later visit Rajghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the afternoon enjoy the sights of New Delhi visiting Qutab Minar and Humayun's tomb. Later drive past President house, parliament building, Rajpath and India Gate. Return to your hotel for the evening.

Day 9: Delhi (B)

Transfer to international airport to connect to onward flight.

Included: Accommodation and meals as per itinerary, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrances.

Excluded: International flights, visa, insurance and items of a personal nature.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Private balcony dinner with views of Taj Mahal
- Sunrise visit of Taj Mahal
- Visit to Amber Fort, Jaipur
- Overnight at Maharaja Palace, Jaipur
- Private boat ride on Lake Pichola, Udaipur
- Tuk Tuk ride & dinner at Haveli, Old Delhi
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi



12 DAY TRANQUIL INDIA

Prices from **\$7620 NZD** per person

Kochi – Munnar – Thekkady – Kumarakom – Backwaters Cruise – Kovalam – Kochi

Day 1: Kochi

On arrival in Cochin International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your Hotel.

Enjoy an evening performance of ritualized "Kathakali" dance which tells stories from the ancient Hindu epics. The dancers narrate the story through intricate facial expressions and gestures, with sudden leaps, spins and freeze balances, each wearing fantastic costumes and elaborate make up.

Accommodation: Two nights at Brunton Boatyard in a Superior Sea View room.

Day 2: Kochi (B/D)

A morning tour of Cochin takes you to the famous Chinese fishing nets, St. Francis Church, the Mattancherry Palace, also known as Dutch Palace; and the Jew town and Jewish Synagogue – the oldest synagogue in the commonwealth and a visit to spice markets.

In the afternoon, visit Kumbalangi village, a tiny eco-friendly fishing village on the backwaters.

Enjoy a seafood dinner at a speciality restaurant in Hotel Casino tonight.

Day 3: Kochi – Munnar (B)

Morning drive to Munnar, the highest town of Kerala with a cool, bracing climate exuding old-world charm and popular for extensive tea and cardamom plantations. Take some time to stroll around and relax in the surroundings.

Accommodation: Two nights at Windermere Estate in an Estate room.

Day 4: Munnar (B)

Morning visit to Pothamedu, to see the tea, coffee and cardamom plantations of Munnar. Also visit Devikulam, an idyllic hill station with its velvet lawns, exotic flora and fauna.

Day 5: Munnar - Thekkady (B)

Proceed by car to Thekkady, its fabulous landscape diffused with exotic spice plantations, green carpets of endless tea plantations and lush tropical forests. Visit the cardamom plantations and learn how spices are cultivated.

Accommodation: Two nights at Spice Village in a Deluxe Villa.

Day 6: Thekkady (B)

Visit the Periyar Tiger Reserve, the largest sanctuary in Kerala. People who once made a living by illegal operations in the forests have since become forest protectors and earn their livelihood through the programs conducted for visitors. Afternoon visit to a tribal village.

Day 7: Thekkady - Kumarakom (B/L)

This morning, proceed to Kumarakom, popularly known as the rice bowl of Kerala. A huddle of tiny islets on the Vembanad Lake, it's a pictorial, unsoiled village, an incredibly stunning ecstasy of mangrove forests, pea green paddy meadows and coconut coppices intermingled with enthralling waterways and canals.

Part take in a cooking class followed by lunch at Philipkutty's Farm.

Accommodation: One night in Kumarakom Lake Resort in a Meandering Pool Villa.

Day 8: Kumarakom - Backwater Cruise (B/L/D)

Morning visit to the Kumarakom Bird Sanctuary. Egrets, darters, herons, teal, waterfowl, cuckoo, wild duck and migratory birds like the Siberian stork live here in flocks. Late morning, board your 'Kettuvallam' - the traditional houseboat. As you sail on the Lake Vembanad to Alleppey witness the natural beauty and tranquility of the backwaters and experience a way of life, where little has changed through the centuries.

Accommodation: One night onboard a Premium Houseboat in a Deluxe room.

Day 9: Alleppey - Kovalam (B)

Disembark in Alleppey and transfer to Kovalam. A former fishing village and today the "Paradise of the South", Kovalam is a sleepy town with three crescent shaped beaches.

Accommodation: Three nights at The Leela in a Beach View Superior room.

Day 10: Kovalam (B)

Day free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 11: Kovalam (B)

Day free to relax at the beach and enjoy the facilities at the resort.

Day 12: Kovalam -Trivandrum (B)

Transfer to airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation in 5* Hotels and Deluxe Houseboat, transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides, jungle safaris and entrances fees.

Excluded: International flights, Visa, insurance, airport taxes, meals not included above, beverages during meals included in program, gratuities and any expense of personal nature.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Kathakali Traditional Dance
- Kochi City & Village Tour
- Periyar Tiger Reserve
- Backwater Cruise
- Kovalam Beach



INDIA HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

The Imperial Hotel, Delhi: An iconic property with the most distinguished address situated in the heart of the capital and reminiscent of the halcyon days of the Raj, this luxury hotel with an iconic and awe-inspiring heritage interwoven in colonial elegance, dwells in its modern delivery of old-style class, magnificence and luxuries aplenty. Built in 1931 by Blomfield, one of Sir Edwin Lutyen's associates and inaugurated by Lord Willingdon in 1936, it is New Delhi's landmark Hotel, located on Janpath, the erstwhile Queensway.

Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra: This luxury hotel enjoys an unrivalled position amongst luxury hotels in Agra, being located just 600 metres from the iconic Taj Mahal. Each room affords uninterrupted views of this ancient monument of love, while elements of the layout and design pay homage to its Mughal splendour. The hotel is approached along a sweeping driveway, verdant with native trees and lit by flaming torches. Just inside, a Mughal style quadrant is ornamented with cascading fountains and framed by an arched passageway and gold leaf frescoes.

Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur: Originally built in 1835, Rambagh Palace been the home of the queen's favourite handmaiden, the royal guesthouse and hunting lodge, and later the residence of the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II and his queen. Today, this jewel in the Taj's crown offers stunningly restored grand luxury rooms and suites which were the chambers of the former Maharaja. The palace retains its elaborate splendour, extravagantly decorated with hand-carved marble 'jalisi' or latticework, sandstone balustrades, cupolas and 'chattris' or cenotaphs, and elaborate Mughal Gardens.

Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur: Located on the bank of Lake Pichola, The Oberoi Udaivilas is unique amongst luxury hotels in Udaipur. It stands on the 200 year old hunting grounds of the Maharana of Mewar and is spread over fifty acres, which includes a twenty-acre wildlife sanctuary with deer and wild boar. The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur also affords spectacular views across the hotel's verdant gardens and sparkling Lake Pichola.

Brunton Boatyard, Kochi : Moored on a historic stretch of Cochin's famed harbour, the Brunton Boatyard Hotel is a tribute to another age. Resurrected from the remains of a Victorian shipbuilding yard, it gives the modern traveller a unique opportunity to dwell amidst the shadow-plays of 19th century history.

Windermere Estate, Munnar: The Windermere estate includes 55 acres of undulating rises and dips covered with cardamom & coffee, located on the slopes of the Western Ghats. Every room at Windermere has been thoughtfully handcrafted over the years, step inside & you feel the warmth and comfort of a home. Step outside, and you are rejuvenated with the fresh mountain air.

Spice Village, Thekkady: Spice Village is the essence of a mountain tribal village, re-imagined for the modern independent traveler - a tribute to ancient ways of life. Curling around a misty ridge 2,000ft high in the Periyar vastness, we found a ranger's home, with fruit trees, rare herbs and a profusion of flowering plants. And here, we set out to build a resort. A village, produced whole, using mountain spirit and tribal wisdoms as building material. Of course, the comforts of a modern hotel exist, but they never intrude. Modern plumbing, comfortable beds and hot showers find their place, but in a setting stripped down to its natural essence.

Kumarakom Lake Resort, Kumarakom: The rooms, villas and suites at Kumarakom Lake Resort are a perfect blend of Kerala's traditional architectural charm with luxurious, modern comforts. Each is a careful reconstruction of manas, the 16th century traditional homesteads of Kerala with many such manas having been transplanted from their original locations and reassembled painstakingly by hand, plank by plank, tile by tile, to create the luxurious abodes at Kumarakom Lake Resort. The traditionally styled, luxuriously modern, open-roofed bathrooms set in small, aesthetically designed courtyards are a common feature to the villas and suites.

The Leela, Kovalam: The Leela Kovalam in Kerala is built on a cliff-top and spreads over acres of lush greenery. It is cradled between wide sweeping beaches and has a panoramic view of the famous Kovalam coastline overlooking the Arabian Sea. This hotel provides a perfect blend of traditional grandeur and a contemporary outlook.

PALACE ON WHEELS & DELHI - 11 DAYS

Delhi- Jaipur - Sawai Madhopur - Chittaurgarh - Udaipur - Jaisalmer - Jodhpur - Bharatpur - Agra - Delhi

In times gone by, the rulers of the princely states of Rajputana, Gujarat, the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Viceroy of British India travelled by these luxurious coaches. You can experience the same memorable and glorious past in this special heritage tourist train - a journey that takes you to the royal land of sand dunes, regal forts and palaces, to the timeless beauty of the Taj Mahal.

Day 1 (Mon): Delhi Arrival

Upon arrival at Delhi Airport, you will be met and greeted and transferred to your hotel by luxury vehicle.

Accommodation: 2 nights at The Imperial Hotel in a Heritage Room.

Day 2 (Tue): Delhi (B/D)

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Old Delhi visiting Jama Masjid and drive past Red Fort. Take a rickshaw ride through the narrow lanes of Chandni Chowk. Later visit Rajghat, the cremation site of Mahatma Gandhi.

In the afternoon enjoy the sights of New Delhi visiting Qutab Minar and Humayun's tomb. Later drive past President house, parliament building, Rajpath and India Gate.

In the evening take a decorated TUK-TUK ride to Dharampura Haveli in Old Delhi

for dinner and an experience of historic grandeur with contemporary comforts.

Day 3 (Wed): Delhi (D)

Day at leisure before an afternoon transfer to the station for a red carpet welcome, while boarding the Palace on Wheels. In the evening depart for your journey into the heart of fascinating Rajasthan.

Day 4 (Thu): Jaipur (B/L/D)

Enjoy a full day tour of the Pink City of Jaipur, visiting Hawa Mahal or Palace of Winds, followed by a visit to the Amber Fort by Jeep. In the afternoon, visit the City Palace Museum and Observatory.

Day 5 (Fri): Sawai Madhopur - Chittaurgarh (B/L/D)

Arrive into Sawai Madhopur and visit Ranthambhore National Park - this wildlife sanctuary is the country's best for observing and photographing tiger activities. The train leaves in the afternoon for Chittaurgarh. Explore the historic fort, with its legends of valour and chivalry, before continuing on to Udaipur.

Day 6 (Sat): Udaipur (B/L/D)

Udaipur, the Lake City, is one of the most romantic cities of the East. Two of the most beautiful sites of Udaipur are the dream-like marble palaces - the Jag Niwas (Lake Palace) and the Jag Mandir, which appear to rise from the blue waters of Lake Pichola. Visit the City Palace overlooking Lake Pichola.

Day 7 (Sun): Jaisalmer (B/L/D)

In the heart of the Thar Desert, lies

Jaisalmer, a walled city. See the palaces, Jain temples and magnificent Havelis. After lunch on board, visit sand dunes of Sam and enjoy camel rides in the desert. Dinner and cultural program at hotel before returning to the Palace on Wheels.

Day 8 (Mon): Jodhpur (B/L/D)

Arrive in Jodhpur and visit Meherangarh Fort - one of the most impressive and formidable in Rajasthan, Jaswant Thada, the Royal Cenotaphs and Mahamandir, an architectural wonder with 84 intricately carved pillars. In the afternoon, visit handicraft showrooms for some bargains.

Day 9 (Tue): Bharatpur - Agra (B/L/D)

Arrive into Bharatpur and visit the world famous bird sanctuary, Keoladeo Ghana National Park, the nesting place for thousands of species of birds. A short journey takes you to Agra to visit the Agra Fort and Taj Mahal, a pristine monument of undying love. Agra is known for its splendid marble inlay work like the Pietra Dura work on the Taj, leather goods and jewellery.

Day 10 (Wed): Delhi (B)

Palace on Wheels arrives into Delhi, disembark after breakfast and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: 1 night at The Imperial Hotel in a Heritage Room.

Day 11 (Thu): Delhi (B)

Transfer to international airport to connect to onward flight

Prices from **\$11,400 NZD**
per person

Included: Accommodation and meals as per itinerary, group transfers, sightseeing as indicated, local English speaking guides and entrance fees.

Excluded: International flights, visa, insurance and items of a personal nature.

Note: Train departs every Wednesday from October to March.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tuk Tuk ride & dinner at Haveli, Old Delhi
- Rickshaw ride in Delhi
- Heritage Train experience
- Palaces, Temples & Forts
- Ranthambhore National Park
- Vist to Taj Mahal

CHINA

Where ancient history and modern landscapes collide, China offers the very best of luxury hotels, fine dining and designer shopping. Marvel at the wonders of the Great Wall, the Terracotta Warriors and The Forbidden City and enjoy the bustling, energetic pace of life in some of China's great cities. A truly magnificent country to discover..



LUXURY CHINA – 9 DAYS

Beijing-Chengdu-Shanghai

Day 1: Beijing (D)

On arrival in Beijing, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel for check in.

Beijing, China's capital city and the starting point of this culinary pilgrimage. Here you can not only find Beijing cuisine, but cuisines from all corners of China including Uighur, Sichuan, Cantonese, as well as international food.

This evening relax and enjoy a traditional Peking Roast Duck dinner at 1949 The Hidden City restaurant.

Accommodation: Three nights at the NUO Hotel in a Premier room.

Day 2: Beijing (B/L)

After breakfast at your hotel, we visit the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. This section was built and restored in the early Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644), on the remnants of a wall originally built in the Northern Qi Dynasty (550-577) and has been restored and renovated so the road is now mainly steps. Hike up the wall and take cable car when we're ready to come back.

Enjoy a unique Champagne picnic lunch on the wall. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 3: Beijing (B/L)

This morning enjoy a tour to the Forbidden City, a vast complex of halls, temples and housing which make up the former residence of the ancient emperors. Also

known as the Imperial Palace, the complex is said to contain 9,999 rooms. As you walk around the Forbidden City you can really lose yourself as the outside world of Beijing is barely visible from most parts. During a special private tour guided by an archeologist, pay a visit to secret garden Shufangzhai and walk in rooms to see the furniture jade ware in Qing Dynasty.

Lunch at Kongyiji, Restaurant and enjoy a walk around Houhai Lake after lunch.

Visit the Temple of Heaven. The Temple of Heaven, the jewel of Ming Dynasty architecture, was built in 1420 and is set in a 660 acre park. It is one of Beijing's most famous images and its silhouette is an emblem of the city. Southeast of the Forbidden City, the whole complex

contains the Temple of Heaven, the hall for the Prayer for Good Harvests, the Round Altar, the Echo Wall and the Imperial Vault of Heaven. Enjoy the art of Tai Chi during a lesson at The Temple of Heaven.

Day 4: Beijing – Chengdu (B)

This morning take a flight to Chengdu. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Visit Jinli Street if time permits. It is modeled after traditional Chinese style shops and dwellings. Stroll along while you take in the beautiful architecture, explore quaint arts & crafts shops, and try some local snacks. Night time, with the street lit up, is an especially nice time to visit.

Accommodation: Two nights at The Temple House in Studio 60 room.

Day 5: Chengdu (B/L/D)

This morning drive to Dujiangyan panda base where you participate in volunteer programs which enable you to get closer to these magnificent giant pandas. Visit a local farmer's home and have lunch.

Return to the city and enjoy tea in a teahouse in Renmin Park. Or visit Broad and Narrow Alley, listed in Chengdu Historical and Cultural Protection Project. Broad and Narrow Alley is composed of broad alley, narrow alley and across alleys, among which, there are a lot of traditional courtyards, or Siheyuan. After its reconstruction, the Broad and Narrow Alley have been reopened to public and is now, one of the hottest tourist destinations in Chengdu.

Enjoy dinner at Chengdu Impressions restaurant.

Day 6: Chengdu – Shanghai (B/L)

Drive to Bi County to learn how to cook

Sichuan Cuisine and snacks. Enjoy this unique cultural experience before being transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Check in to your hotel and the rest of the evening is at your leisure.

Accommodation: Three nights at the Fairmont Peace Hotel in a Gold room.

Day 7: Shanghai (B/L/D)

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city this morning and head to the charming water town of Zhujiajiao on the outskirts of Shanghai. Discover the vast variety of Ming and Qing dynasty bridges the village is famous for as you drift along the crisscrossing waterways on a romantic boat ride. Immerse yourself at Ahn Luh Chinese Culture Experience with a choice of Architecture Introduction, Wu Dang Ba Duan Jin Exercises or Chinese Calligraphy. After this activity enjoy a scrumptious lunch at a local restaurant.

Following lunch transfer back to your hotel and relax this afternoon at your leisure. In the evening you will be collected for dinner at Lost Heaven, a renowned restaurant specialising in the tribal cuisine of China's Yunnan province.

Day 8: Shanghai (B/D)

After breakfast enjoy a 2-hour vintage side car tour. Discover the most trendy contemporary art spaces in downtown Shanghai. Jump on our side cars and let us drive you around the city to visit selected Art galleries. In each gallery, you will be welcomed by the gallery Owner or Associate and have a private showing of the Art on display.

In the afternoon, enjoy a tour to Jade Buddha Temple, an old temple built to keep two jade Buddha statues which had been brought from Burma by a monk named

Huigen. Following this visit the Shanghai World Financial Center, endearingly referred to as "the bottle-opener." Take a lift to 100th floor to see the view.

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a western restaurant on the Bund.

Day 9: Shanghai (B)

Morning transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation and meals as per itinerary, airport transfer, tours and entrance fees, English speaking guide and domestic flights.

Excluded: Visa, travel insurance, tipping, beverages during meals, meals not stated on itinerary, Insurances and other personal expenses.



Prices from **\$9,410 NZD** per person

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Great Wall & Champagne Lunch
- Forbidden City Private Tour
- Giant Panda Base & Cooking Class
- Yu Garden in Shanghai
- Vintage sidecar tour in Shanghai

LUXURY CHINA & YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE - 14 DAYS

Beijing- Xi'an - Chengdu- Yangtze River Cruise - Shanghai

Day 1: Beijing (D)

On arrival in Beijing, you will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel for check in.

Beijing, China's capital city and the starting point of this culinary pilgrimage. Here you can not only find Beijing cuisine, but cuisines from all corners of China including Uighur, Sichuan, Cantonese, as well as international food.

This evening relax and enjoy a traditional Peking Roast Duck dinner at 1949 The Hidden City restaurant.

Accommodation: Three nights at the NUO Hotel in a Premier room.

Day 2: Beijing (B/L)

After breakfast at your hotel, we visit the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. This section was built and restored in the early Ming Dynasty (1368 – 1644), on the remnants of a wall originally built in the Northern Qi Dynasty (550-577) and has been restored and renovated so the road is now mainly steps. Hike up the wall and take cable car when we're ready to come back.

Enjoy a unique Champagne picnic lunch on the wall.

Day 3: Beijing (B/L)

This morning enjoy a tour to the Forbidden City, a vast complex of halls, temples and housing which make up the former residence of the ancient emperors. Also known as the Imperial Palace, the complex is said to contain 9,999 rooms. As you walk around the Forbidden City you can really lose yourself as the outside world of Beijing is barely visible from most parts. During a special private tour guided by an archeologist, pay a visit to secret garden Shufangzhai and walk in rooms to see the furniture jade ware in Qing Dynasty.

Lunch at Kongyiji, Restaurant and enjoy a walk around Houhai Lake after lunch.

Visit the Temple of Heaven. The Temple of Heaven, the jewel of Ming Dynasty architecture, was built in 1420 and is set in a 660 acre park. It is one of Beijing's most famous images and its silhouette

is an emblem of the city. Southeast of the Forbidden City, the whole complex contains the Temple of Heaven, the hall for the Prayer for Good Harvests, the Round Altar, the Echo Wall and the Imperial Vault of Heaven. Enjoy the art of Tai Chi during a lesson at The Temple of Heaven.

Day 4: Beijing – Xi'an (B/D)

Take a high speed train to Xi'an. On arrival check into hotel and then enjoy a tour of this ancient city. Visit the Great Mosque, one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China. Walk around the Muslim Quarter, the home to the Muslim people in Xi'an and the Great Mosque, and watch a shadow puppet show in a local courtyard.

Later enjoy dinner at the famous dumpling restaurant 'De Fa Chang' where the dumplings are made in different shapes and colors.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Sofitel Legend Hotel in a Premier room.

Day 5: Xi'an (B/L/D)

This morning drive to Terracotta Warriors Museum. The Terracotta Warriors and Horses are one of the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Life size terracotta figures of warriors and horses arranged in battle formations are the star features at the museum. Lunch at a local restaurant.

Drive back to the city center for a calligraphy lesson at the Tang Bo Art Museum. The Tang Bo Art Museum displays a collection of Shaanxi folk arts, ancient Chinese art and representative ancient paintings exhibited in historical sequence. Return to your hotel to relax a while before dinner and a Tang Dynasty Show.

Day 6: Xi'an – Chengdu (B)

This morning take a flight to Chengdu. On arrival you will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. Visit Jinli Street if time permits. It is modeled after traditional Chinese style shops and dwellings. Stroll along while you take in the beautiful architecture, explore quaint arts & crafts shops, and try some local snacks. Night time, with the street lit up, is an especially nice time to visit.

Accommodation: Two nights at The Temple House in Studio 60 room.

Day 7: Chengdu (B/L/D)

This morning drive to Dujiangyan panda base where you participate in volunteer programs which enable you to get closer to these magnificent giant pandas. Visit a local farmer's home and have lunch.

Return to the city and enjoy tea in a teahouse in Renmin Park. Or visit Broad and Narrow Alley, listed in Chengdu Historical and Cultural Protection Project. Broad and Narrow Alley is composed of broad alley, narrow alley and across alleys, among which, there are a lot of traditional courtyards, or Siheyuan. After its reconstruction, the Broad and Narrow Alley have been reopened to public and is now, one of the hottest tourist destinations in Chengdu.

Enjoy dinner at Chengdu Impressions restaurant.

Day 8: Chengdu –Chongqing (B/D)

Morning free at your leisure.

Transfer to the railway station for high speed train to Chongqing. On arrival meet your local guide and transfer to a local restaurant for an opportunity to try spicy Sichuan food at a local restaurant.

Transfer to the pier for your Yangtze River cruise in the evening and check-in.

Accommodation: Three nights onboard the Century Paragon or Century Legend in a Junior Suite.

Day 9: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

After early morning coffee/tea and pastries enjoy some Tai Chi exercises onboard. Breakfast is then served before an optional tour to Ghost City, a unique complex of temples and shrines dedicated to the Gods of the underworld.

After lunch onboard enjoy an excursion to Shi Baozhai Pagoda and return to freshen up before the Captains welcome party, dinner and evening entertainment onboard.

Day 10: Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

After early morning coffee/tea and pastries enjoy some Tai Chi exercises onboard. Breakfast is then served before an optional tour to White Emperor City, an ancient temple complex perched on the hillside.



Prices from **\$12,000 NZD** per person

Enjoy some scenic cruising through Qutang and Wu Gorge with activities and lunch onboard.

After lunch visit Shennong Stream before returning to your cruise for Captains Farewell Dinner and evening entertainment.

Day 11: Yichang - Shanghai (B/L)

After breakfast take a shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam site before cruising through Xiling Gorge to Yichang. Disembark at Yichang where you will be met at the pier and taken for lunch.

After lunch visit the Yichang Museum before your transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai.

Accommodation: Three nights at The Fairmont Peace Hotel in a Gold room.

Day 12: Shanghai (B/L/D)

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city this morning and head to the charming water town of Zhujiajiao on the outskirts of Shanghai. Discover the vast variety of Ming and Qing dynasty bridges the village is famous for as you drift along the crisscrossing waterways on a romantic boat ride. Immerse yourself at Ahn Luh Chinese Culture Experience with a choice of Architecture Introduction, Wu Dang Ba Duan Jin Exercises or Chinese Calligraphy. After this activity enjoy a scrumptious lunch at a local restaurant.

Following lunch transfer back to your hotel and relax this afternoon at you leisure. In the evening you will be collected for dinner at Lost Heaven, a renowned restaurant specialising in the tribal cuisine of China's Yunnan province.

Day 13: Shanghai (B/D)

After breakfast enjoy a 2-hour vintage side car tour. Discover the most trendy contemporary art spaces in downtown Shanghai. Jump on our side cars and let us drive you around the city to visit selected Art galleries. In each gallery, you

will be welcomed by the gallery Owner or Associate and have a private showing of the Art on display.

In the afternoon, enjoy a tour to Jade Buddha Temple, an old temple built to keep two jade Buddha statues which had been brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. Following this visit the Shanghai World Financial Center, endearingly referred to as "the bottle-opener." Take a lift to 100th floor to see the view.

This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a western restaurant on the Bund.

Day 14: Shanghai (B)

Morning transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Included: Accommodation and meals as per itinerary, airport transfer, tours and entrance fees, English speaking guide, domestic flights and train tickets.

Excluded: Visa, travel insurance, tipping, beverages during meals, meals not stated on itinerary, Insurances and other personal expenses.

CHINA HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

NUO Hotel, Beijing: An iconic luxury five star hotel ideally located beside the Forbidden City and stands as the epitome of the city's long storied history combining the excitement and sophistication of contemporary China.

The Temple House, Chengdu: An enthralling and vibrant hotel in Chengdu, The Temple House celebrates a city with a rich and fabled past and extremely exciting future. From first steps through a historic courtyard building, to the elegant modern design of the hotel rooms and residences centred around gentle hills concealing a subterranean world, The Temple House is an engaging journey.

Century Paragon Cruise: As you embark on the luxury and elegant cruise, the friendly, English-speaking crew will welcome you aboard in the stunning 7-story atrium lobby. You'll enjoy every moment when you stay onboard from the modern facilities to the highest level of service. This will be a completely new cruise experience on Asia's longest river!

Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai: Situated in Shanghai, China, this hotel is a luxurious Art-Deco masterpiece, brilliantly reinvented for the 21st century where old fashioned glamour sparkles with a new luster. Situated at the famous Bund promenade and the unrivaled shopping area on Nanjing Road, it is the perfect place to explore Shanghai's spectacular scenery and vibrant lifestyle.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Great Wall & Champagne Lunch
- Forbidden City Private Tour
- Terracotta Warriors
- Giant Panda Base
- Yangtze River Cruise
- Yu Garden in Shanghai

OMAN

Known as the Jewel of the Middle East, Oman offers a life of luxury among mountainous and desert landscapes, ancient cities and towns and coastal retreats. Discover this spectacular country rich in culture and tradition while offering a modern, luxurious experience..



OMAN LUXURY DELIGHT - 9 DAYS

Muscat – Jebel Akhdar- Wahiba Sands - Sur – Muscat

Day 1: Muscat Arrival

Upon arrival you will be met and greeted at the airport by your chauffeur and transferred to your hotel for check in. Rest of the day at your leisure.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Chedi Muscat in a Deluxe Club Room (includes exclusive access to The Club Lounge and other benefits).

Day 2: Muscat City Tour (B)

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for a city tour of Muscat. Visit the Grand Mosque. After the visit to Grand Mosque you continue to Muscat's new Royal Opera House. The newly completed building is the premier venue for musical arts and culture in Oman. Drive along the Corniche to visit the Fish Souk and the colourful Muttrah Souk. Stop for a photo at the Al Alam Palace and the 16th century

Forts of Mirani & Jalali. Visit also the Bait Al Zubair Museum.

Afternoon is free to relax at your leisure.

Day 3: Muscat- Jebel Akhdar (B/D)

In the morning we depart from Muscat and proceed to visit the Nizwa Round tower Fort & the Nizwa Souk. Drive to the pretty village of Birkat Al Mauz. Enjoy a walk through the lush green date plantations.

We continue to Wadi Al Madeen. From here a 36 km stretch of winding road takes one to Jebel Akhdar (2000 mts above sea level) the green jewel of the Al Hajjar mountain ranges, a truly unique spot in the Arabian Peninsula. Enjoy the cool climate up in the mountains. Jebel Akhdar is famed for its fruit orchards typically laid out terrace style along the slopes of mountains, which are endowed with natural springs and aflaj. The villages of Saiq, Wadi Bani Habib (the village of the old houses) & Al Ain dot the landscape. The villages overlook a spectacular landscape of dramatic peaks,

gorges and wadis. The roses of Jebel Akhdar fill the air with fragrance when in full bloom and rose water is distilled in the homes of the villagers.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Alila Resort in a Horizon View Suite.

Day 4: Jebel Akhdar (B/D)

Enjoy at day at your leisure to relax in the hotel surroundings or take a drive around the area. Vehicle available for your use.

In the evening enjoy a private champagne & dinner from the Yoga Deck and enjoy the serene mountain views.

Day 5: Jebel Akhdar- Wahiba Sands (B/D)

This morning proceed to the Sinaw market which is a traditional and old market where one can view trade in goats, guns and silver. From here we carry onto to Mudhaybi. Visit the old village of Munziff in Ibra. Drive to Wahiba Sands to experience

the sunset at the top of the Wahiba dunes. Enjoy Dune Driving at Wahiba sands and visit a Bedouin family to experience local traditional hospitality.

Retire this evening to the comforts of our Private Luxury Desert Camp.

Accommodation: Two nights at our Private Luxury Camp.

Day 6: Wahiba (B/D)

This morning enjoy a spot of dune driving in the Wahiba Sands. Drive to Wadi Bani Khalid one of Oman's most spectacular wadis with its deep blue pools of water. Wadi Bani Khalid comprises of small pretty villages embedded in the mountains. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax and enjoy the desert surroundings.

Day 7: Wahiba- Sur- Muscat (B/L)

Morning pick up from the camp and proceed to Muscat via Sur. Visit the fish jetty and dhow factory. Stop at Fins beach for a swim. Our next stop is the Bimah Sinkhole, a spectacular limestone crater with blue green water at the bottom. On clear sunny days while driving along the coast one might have the chance to see sharks in the deep blue water or fleet footed Gazelle sprint across the landscape. Proceed to Wadi Arbayeen with its refreshing deep pools of water set among the date palms. Return to Muscat by the evening.

Accommodation: Two nights at the Chedi Muscat in a Deluxe Club Room (includes exclusive access to The Club Lounge and other benefits).

Day 8: Muscat (B)

Free day at your leisure.

Enjoy a private dining experience at your hotel for your final evening in Oman.

Day 9: Muscat Departure

Free until transfer to the airport for departure flight.

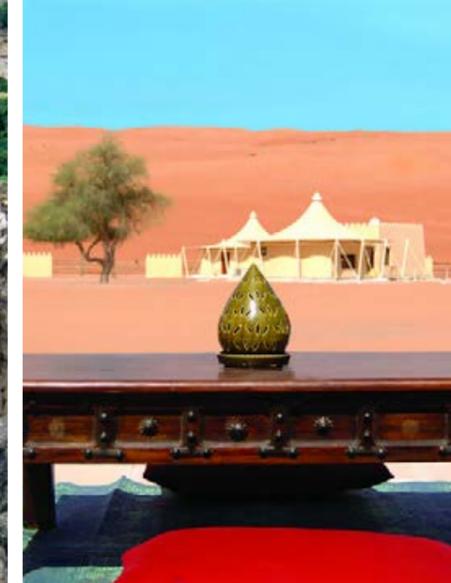
Note: Private yacht/catamaran charter available on request.

Included: Accommodation and meals as per itinerary, airport transfer & chauffeur, tours and entrance fees, English speaking chauffeur and mineral water.

Excluded: Visa, travel insurance, tipping, beverages during meals, meals not stated on itinerary, Insurances and other personal expenses.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- City of Muscat
- Nizwa Round Tower Fort & Souks
- Jebel Akhdar
- Private Champagne & Dinner at Alila Resort
- Wahiba Sands & Dune driving
- Wadi Arbayeen
- Private Dinner at The Chedi



Prices from **\$11,800 NZD** per person

OMAN HOTEL DESCRIPTIONS

The Chedi, Muscat: Sparkling waters, vibrant gardens and dramatic mountains as seen through the grand windows in all tasteful, well-appointed guestrooms and suites heighten the calming effect of the natural and timeless environment at The Chedi Muscat.

Beyond their generous dimensions, in-room luxury comforts and panoramic views of the gardens or the Gulf, all Deluxe Club Rooms, Deluxe Club Terrace Rooms and Chedi Club Suites confer privileged access to The Club Lounge. Benefits here begin with airport transfers by private air-conditioned limousine and continue daily, from complimentary breakfast to cocktails and canapés.

Alila Resort, Jebel Akhdar: Perched 2,000 metres above sea level in the Al Hajar Mountains, Alila Jebel Akhdar is a haven for adventure travellers, nature lovers and those seeking a retreat from the desert heat. Inspired by ancient forts, traditional Omani construction techniques using local stones are combined with contemporary architecture to create a uniquely relaxing environment, from the pool to the spacious suites that look out to mesmerising views of the cliff and mountains.

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