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ASIA

Cambodia • India • Japan • Laos • South Korea • Thailand • Vietnam

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EXPERTS IN ASIA

For over four decades, travellers have explored Asia with Collette, having exclusive experiences with locals, like sharing a meal with the *ama* pearl divers in Japan. Our tours are designed by destination experts who live in the regions we visit – so you'll go far beyond the guidebook, checking off the must-sees and uncovering mysteries along the way.

Get lost in a bamboo forest in Kyoto. Taste the *banh mi* in Hanoi. Rickshaw through Delhi's streets. Watch the sun rise over the Taj Mahal. Travellers rate our Asia tours as "excellent" again and again. Come find out why.



*"Our tour guide, Ashish, was an excellent tour guide. His knowledge of his country – history, sights, food [and] culture – was outstanding. The itinerary was **excellent!**"*

– TRAVELLER MARY H. ON MYSTERIES OF INDIA (PG. 30)



By Travellers. For Travellers.

Our tours are thoughtfully crafted by in-destination experts. Inclusive itineraries feature rich culinary experiences, unique cultural inclusions, and truly thoughtful engagements with the local community.

As the leader in guided travel since 1918, we pride ourselves on helping travellers get closer to culture in every corner of the world. We get it. Because we're travellers, too.



📍 Learn about herbs grown in Chiang Mai during a visit with a Lanna family, an ethnic group in Thailand.



Yoshiko lives in Japan and guides our tours. One of her favourite moments on our **Cultural Treasures of Japan** tour is when we visit the Senso-ji Buddhist temple because it was a monk in that temple that gave her her name. Her poignant story dates back to 1923. Sharing her home with you isn't her job; it's her passion.



Iliyas lives in India and designs our Asia and Southeast Asia tours, bringing the culture to life. Will you see the Taj Mahal? Absolutely. Will you also dine with a local family in their home and spark a meaningful cultural exchange? You bet.

CRAFTED BY EXPERTS.

From handpicked hotels, restaurants, and cultural experiences to thoughtfully integrated free time, our on-the-ground team in Asia crafts each journey with careful attention to detail.

GUIDED BY EXCELLENCE.

Our Tour Managers are the best in the business. Imagine travelling with a trusted friend who lives in the destination and can introduce you to the local hangouts, hidden gems, and even a new friend or two.

Get closer to culture.

Curious travellers aren't content to simply see a destination. That's why we design tours that fully engage all your senses, leaving you with a deeper sense of connection to the world around you. You won't just pass through Old Delhi in **India**, you'll explore this iconic neighbourhood aboard an e-rickshaw, hopping in and out to meet local vendors. You won't just taste the seafood in **Vietnam** — you'll catch it yourself while floating down the Coco River. Immerse yourself in the culture and let us take care of the details.



📍 Ta Prohm Temple, Cambodia



● HOME-HOSTED MEALS

Get to know a local family in **Jaipur** when you join them at home for a thoughtfully prepared meal of authentic regional dishes.

● IMPACT MOMENTS

Have you ever heard of “hero rats?” In **Siem Reap, Cambodia**, visit APOPO, a nonprofit that trains rats to save lives by navigating minefields. Learn about the history of the minefields and meet the tiny heroes themselves during a demonstration.



● CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Visit the **Mikimoto Pearl Island** in **Japan** and learn about the legacy of the *ama* pearl diver. Then venture across the sands to an *ama* hut for an incredible dining experience. While local seafood is grilled in a charcoal fire right before your eyes, hear tales from the *ama* women about their lives and work — defying conventional gender roles to become skilled divers.

Wake up to a new adventure, every single day.

With Collette, no two days on tour are alike. We like to keep things fresh, from the food you eat to the ways you'll get around.

UNIQUE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION



- Travel across Japan aboard the high-speed *shinkansen* bullet train.



- Zip through the neon-lit streets of Bangkok, Thailand by tuk tuk.



- Sail past green mountains, small villages, and limestone peaks during a cruise through Vietnam's iconic Ha Long Bay.



- Board an open-air vehicle for a wildlife drive in Ranthambore, India.

A photograph of a traditional Korean palace, likely Gyeongbokgung, featuring a dark tiled roof with ornate decorations and a wooden railing in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image.

NEW FOR 2025

JAPAN & SOUTH KOREA: FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL

There's something for every traveller in Japan and South Korea. Uncover the rich history behind it all with access to local guides, hands-on experiences, and windows into cultural tradition. Whether it's spending an afternoon in Ise-Shima with the *ama* pearl divers, feeding the "bowing" deer of Nara, or exploring Seoul's alleyways and ancient palaces — these countries have it all, made effortless for you.

Find out why Japan and South Korea are destinations of endless discovery.





NEW FOR 2025

Japan & South Korea: *From Tokyo to Seoul*

15 days • 23 meals

Starting at \$11,999*

Price based on 10 May 2026 departure

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at collette.com.au/733

Included Meals

14 Breakfasts
2 Lunches
7 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations
Max Group Size: 24

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Tokyo

- Say “*Konnichiwa!*” to Tokyo and start your day like the locals by hopping on the subway. Clean, efficient, fast, and easy to use, the Tokyo subway system is one of the best in the world.
- Set out on a walk to Zojoji Temple, known as the centre of Japanese Buddhism in the region, standing in the shadow of Tokyo Tower and painting a powerful picture of Tokyo’s ancient roots and modern culture.
- Experience the tradition of the Japanese tea ceremony before exploring the Nakamise shopping street where you can buy local souvenirs and sweets.
- Explore the Tokyo National Museum’s collection of art and antiques and learn about the city’s fascinating history and culture.

Accommodation: Aloft Tokyo Ginza

Days 4 – 5 – Ise-Shima

- Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen* (bullet train) and comfortably speed through the Japanese countryside at 321 kilometres per hour.
- Arrive at one of the most important shrines in Japan — Ise Shrine. Wander among the thatched roofs and wooden buildings, taking in the serenity of this spiritual wonder.
- Venture to the Mikimoto Pearl Museum to explore the island and the legacy of the skilled *ama* pearl divers. Watch divers take the plunge and learn about the history of pearl diving over a freshly grilled seafood meal.

Accommodation: Nemu Resort

Days 6 – 7 – Hiroshima

- Travel to Nara Park and Todaiji Temple. Venture inside the massive temple to take some time in this sacred place and find the huge bronze Buddha statue. Wander the grounds outside and discover the famous “bowing” deer of Nara.

- Board the *shinkansen* again and be whisked away to Hiroshima.
- Enjoy dinner at a local cooking studio, where you'll learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake, a favourite of Hiroshima residents.
- Visit the Peace Memorial Park to see the ruined Atomic Dome, then reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum where you'll speak with an Atomic Bomb survivor.
- Board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water.

Accommodation: ANA Crowne Plaza

Days 8 – 10 – Kyoto

- Journey to Japan's former capital city via *shinkansen*. Your first stop takes you to Fushimi Inari Taisha for a glimpse into the most revered shrine of Inari.
- Explore Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district.
- Wander through the Arashiyama bamboo forest before continuing to *Kinkaku-ji* Temple, also known as the Golden Pavilion.
- Visit the Women's Association of Kyoto and delve into an array of enlightening Japanese activities, guided by your knowledgeable hostess.
- Make your way to Nishiki Market, where colourful stalls are filled with fresh foods and local specialties, like pickles, dried seafood, and sushi.
- Enjoy an afternoon of free time to explore Kyoto on your own.

Accommodation: Hotel Monterey

Days 11 – 15 – Seoul

- After a flight to Seoul, journey to the Korean Demilitarized Zone for a tour of this storied border and learn about the long cold war between North and South Korea.

- Learn about the struggles in North Korea firsthand when you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector.
- Sit down for a home-hosted traditional Korean lunch with a local family, and get insight into their daily lives.
- Tour the sprawling grounds of Gyeongbok Palace and watch the ceremonial changing of the guard.
- Visit Insadong Street and tour the narrow maze of alleys that hold tea shops, boutiques, galleries, and cafes.
- Say goodbye to Seoul as you depart for home.

Accommodation: Courtyard Marriott Namdaemun





CULTURAL TREASURES OF JAPAN

Japan's rich history, diverse culture, and modern innovations cater to travellers all around the world. With an expert guide by your side, days flow effortlessly without ever missing a beat. Connect all the pieces in this destination confidently while trying your hand at local experiences, like the ancient craft of stencilling and a sushi rolling demonstration in Kyoto. Get ready for the ultimate journey to Japan from beginning to end.

A blend of ancient traditions, futuristic innovation, and stunning natural beauty.





📍 Fushimi Inari Taisha

Cultural Treasures of Japan

13 days • 18 meals

Starting at \$7,799*

Price based on 23 February 2026 departure

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at collette.com.au/607

Included Meals

12 Breakfasts

6 Dinners

Travel Style

Classic

Max Group Size: 32

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Tokyo

- Visit the Meiji Shrine before taking a stroll through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world.
- Explore Asakusa, Tokyo's oldest Geisha district.
- Visit the famous Buddhist temple, Senso-ji, famous for the red *chochin* (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate before experiencing a traditional Japanese tea ceremony.
- Take some free time to explore the city as you wish.

Accommodation: Grand Nikko Daiba

Day 4 – Hakone

- Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone and make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone.
- Climb aboard an aerial cable car for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji.
- Set sail on Lake Ashi for stunning views before experiencing a traditional *kaiseki* dinner.

Accommodation: Odakyu Hotel de Yama

Days 5 – 6 – Takayama

- Explore the city of Matsumoto and its castle with your guide.
- Step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, well known to the locals for its connection to sake. The perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan's 200-year-old sake breweries.
- Experience a true Japanese treat – traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner.
- Spend some extra time in Takayama and stroll through the 600-year-old open air market.

Accommodation: Takayama Green Hotel

Days 7 – 8 – Kanazawa

- Embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO).
- Visit the Samurai district and enter the former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family.
- Dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson.
- Experience local life in the Omicho fish market before venturing out to explore on your own.

Accommodation: Kanazawa Tokyo Hotel

Days 9 – 13 – Kyoto

- Explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari, made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*.
- Connect with Kyoto's culture and admire many of the 2,000 surrounding temples and shrines.
- Learn the art of sushi making during a hands-on cooking class.
- Visit Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the Golden Pavilion, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf.
- Hop on the *shinkansen* (bullet train) to Hiroshima and board a ferry for a short trip to "Shrine Island" (UNESCO).
- Venture into Hiroshima city and take time to reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.
- Learn about the ancient craft of stencilling during a hands-on lesson in Kyoto.
- Be fully immersed in Japanese culture during a maiko show.

Accommodation: Hotel Nikko Princess

"The breadth and depth of the places that we visited really provided me with an excellent understanding of the Japanese culture and history. By the end of the tour, I felt that I really knew about Japan."

– TRAVELLER STEVEN S.



KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Southeast Asia is a trending destination for curious travellers. Parts of the region, like Cambodia and Vietnam, did not open to Western tourists until the late 1980s. Interest in these countries has piqued as wartime perceptions fade. And Thailand's welcoming nature and rich culture have made it a top destination.

It's time to see it all. Uncover shared traditions and different customs across Southeast Asia.







Angkor Wat

Kingdoms of Southeast Asia

18 days • 31 meals

Starting at \$7,499*

Price based on 24 April 2026 departure

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at collette.com.au/425

Included Meals

17 Breakfasts

7 Lunches

7 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Hanoi

- Embark on a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter.
- Head out on a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes.
- Visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, commonly referred to as the "Hanoi Hilton."
- Sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War for a chat as he recounts his experience.

Accommodation: Silk Path Hotel

Day 4 – Ha Long Bay

- Aboard a 20-cabin junk boat, explore Ha Long Bay, cruising past small villages and the limestone peaks jutting from the sea before settling in for a night on calm waters.

Accommodation: Bhaya Classic

Days 5 – 7 – Hoi An

- Take a sunrise Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck of your traditional junk boat.
- Visit Sung Sot cave, a limestone grotto only accessible by boat.
- Explore Hoi An's Old Town on a walking tour.
- Board a basket boat and journey along the Coco River for a cooking class in Hoi An.
- Stroll through the market on the banks of the Thu Bon River.

Accommodation: Little Oasis Hotel and Spa

Days 8 – 10 – Ho Chi Minh City

- Get to know Ho Chi Minh City during a city tour.
- Peruse goods from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1.
- Sail the waters of the famous Mekong Delta.
- Spend time at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used during the Vietnam War.

Accommodation: Novotel Saigon Centre

Days 11 – 13 – Siem Reap

- Get a taste of Cambodian cuisine at a local restaurant, accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance in Siem Reap.
- Watch the sun rise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture.
- Experience an **Impact Moment** at the Visitor Centre of APOPO, where “hero rats” are trained to navigate minefields and save lives.
- Learn about daily life in the village of Preah Dak and see how Nom Banh Jok (rice noodles) are created.
- Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts.

Accommodation: Borei Angkor Resort & Spa

Days 14 – 16 – Luang Prabang

- Explore Luang Prabang's lively outdoor markets at night.
- Hop into a tuk tuk and make your way to the Luang Prabang city centre.
- Cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues.
- End your day with a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony.
- Journey to a Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao where you'll learn about this ethnic group and their way of life.

Accommodation: Souphattra Hotel

Days 17 – 18 – Bangkok

- End your adventure on a Klong dinner cruise.

Accommodation: Pullman Bangkok Hotel G

“I really enjoyed the immersion of getting lost in the culture. I really enjoyed the mix of history, but also being invited to people’s homes to really get a feel of how the locals live.”

– TRAVELLER FRANCISCO V.



WONDERS OF THAILAND

Like the flavour profile renowned in Thai food: sweet, sour, salty, and spicy, Thailand is a country that offers a unique cultural blend. A tapestry of bustling cities, ancient temples, and jungle beaches mesh as the backdrop for a kind, welcoming people.

**Thailand is called the Land of Smiles for a reason.
Ready to find out why?**





📍 Marble Temple

Wonders of Thailand

15 days • 24 meals

Starting at \$6,299*

Price based on 20 March 2026 departure

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.
Learn more at collette.com.au/711

Included Meals

14 Breakfasts

6 Lunches

4 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Max Group Size: 20

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Bangkok

- Explore the canals in Bangkok's old town on a private boat trip.
- Visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex, and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha.
- Experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including the sacred Emerald Buddha and the ornately decorated Grand Palace.
- See another side of Bangkok during a nighttime city tour by tuk-tuk. Your motorised rickshaw will whisk you to a street food tour that captures the local flavours. Take in the night lights and get a different perspective of typically busy attractions, like the local flower market.

Accommodation: Amari Bangkok

Days 4 – 5 – Sukothai

- Choose between a visit to the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum -OR- a trip to the Marble Temple where you can join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting.
- Discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai.

Accommodation: Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa

Days 6 – 7 – Chiang Rai

- Stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the intricate Buddhist-styled White Temple.
- Tour the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River.
- Learn about the opium trade and its impact on local communities at the Opium Museum.
- Meet with Akha and Karen Long Neck people. As the women weave during the visit, you can support these local craftspeople by purchasing their art.
- Spend the evening exploring the Chiang Rai night bazaar.

Accommodation: The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa

Days 8 – 10 – Chiang Mai

- Embark by cable car to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand.
- Support an elephant sanctuary dedicated to the ethical treatment of these endangered species. Take a 4x4 and cross a rice paddy field for your glimpse into the elephants embracing their freedom.
- Sit down to lunch in a local family's home and learn about the Lanna ethnic group — thought to be the first people of Thailand.

Accommodation: Kantary Hills Chiang Mai

Days 11 – 13 – Phuket

- Spend some time winding down after an eventful trip at your resort set on a private tropical beach.
- Explore Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafes, and ice cream shops.

Accommodation: Cape Panwa Hotel

Days 14 – 15 – Bangkok

- Head to an airport hotel, take time to get some rest, and prepare for your trip home.

Accommodation: Kantary House

"The variety of activities/sites was wonderful! Nothing felt like, 'Oh, we've already seen stuff like this.' We learned so much about the culture, traditions, and spirituality of Thailand."

– TRAVELLER CHRISTINE M.



Reclining Buddha



Akha people in Chiang Rai

ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY ON



PRE-NIGHT STAY

Amari Bangkok

Want to adjust to a new time zone? Get acclimated before the tour begins? Start your journey one night early with an evening at the Amari Bangkok.

FROM \$120* PP



GUIDED EXTENSION

Singapore Pre-Tour Extension

5 days • 4 nights • From \$2,400* PP

With a Singaporean local guide, visit several of the heritage neighbourhoods and learn about what makes this country so unique.

WONDERS OF THAILAND



Gardens by the Bay



Chinatown

Day 1

- Set out on a journey that introduces you to a mix of cultures in this city-state by the sea.
- Singapore combines old and new seamlessly, with impressive sights that range from skyscrapers that soar above colonial buildings to age-old places of worship.

Day 2

- Get to know your surroundings on a tour through Chinatown and a hawker centre.
- After your guide shares their tips and tricks for a trip to the Maxwell Food Centre, get a taste of local snacks and coffee.
- Enjoy free time to explore how you choose.

Days 3 – 4

- Take some time at leisure to explore the city on your own.
- Step into two climate conservatories, the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest, at Gardens by the Bay.
- Savour another meal at a local restaurant.

Day 5

- It's time to head to Bangkok because your journey is just beginning.

MYSTERIES OF INDIA

Tranquil and serene. Bustling and colourful. Pristine temples and gritty city streets. Rich history and modern day-influence. A mix of religious and cultural beliefs coming together in the world's most populated country to create a beautiful, blended culture.

Are you ready to see how the pieces fit together in this multifaceted country?







Mysteries of India

14 days • 26 meals

Starting at \$5,299*

Price based on 21 March 2026 departure

Tour Activity Level: 1 2 3 4

Active: For on-the-go travellers.

Learn more at collette.com.au/292

Included Meals

13 Breakfasts

7 Lunches

6 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Max Group Size: 24

"I most enjoyed the cultural immersion of the tour, while still being comfortable and safe. This was the first small group tour I have been on, and the group size definitely made a big impact."

– TRAVELLER ALISON M.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1 – 3 – Delhi

- Explore Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s.
- Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw.
- Take some free time to explore on your own.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India.

Accommodation: The Suryaa Hotel

Days 4 – 6 – Jaipur

- Stroll through the heart of Jaipur's Old City during your free time.
- Head to the palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power, by vintage Jeep.
- Get to know a local family as they host you in their home for dinner.
- Take in some of Jaipur's most memorable sites, like the City Palace and Jantar Mantar – the world's oldest stone sundial.

Accommodation: Radisson Jaipur City Center

Days 7 – 8 – Ranthambore

- Travel to Ranthambore National Park and seek out tigers in their natural habitat.
- Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organisation has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary.
- Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife.
- Board a canter (open-air truck) for two game drives.
- Choose to experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans.

Accommodation: Juna Mahal

Days 9 – 10 – Agra

- Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning.
- Visit Agra's impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago, it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently.
- During a second **Impact Moment**, enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of violence to reclaim their lives through employment.

Accommodation: Grand Mercure

Day 11 – Khajuraho

- Embark on a train ride to Jhansi.
- Explore the small, ancient city of Khajuraho on your own.

Accommodation: Radisson Jass Hotel

Days 12 – 13 – Varanasi

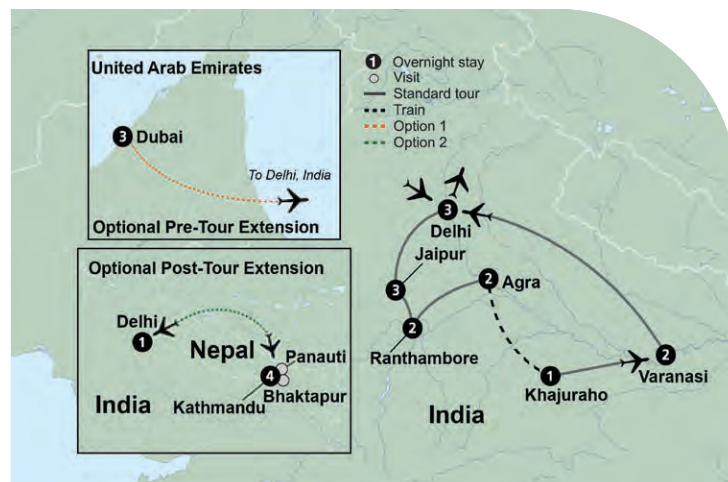
- Visit the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings.
- Sail along the River Ganges where locals wade into the river.
- Experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky.
- Hop on a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the River Ganges.
- Discover the holy site of Sarnath where Siddhartha Gautama – later known as Buddha – gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C., and gain insight into the country's divine past.

Accommodation: Radisson Hotel

Day 14 – Delhi

- Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi for your return flight home.

Accommodation: Lemon Tree Premier



ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY ON



HOSTED EXTENSION

Dubai Pre-Tour Extension

4 days • 3 nights • From \$1,400* PP

See one of the world's fastest growing cities on a hosted extension.

Days 1 – 2

- Take a private 4x4 vehicle for a light dune drive through the desert.
- Stop at a flamingo hide and see wild flamingos mingle in their sanctuary.
- Visit the Al Fahidi Historical Neighbourhood, where a local guide will take you on a walking tour.
- Visit the Sheikh Mohammed Cultural Centre of Understanding, where you'll have a cultural lunch followed by a Q & A hosted by a local.



Day 3

- Spend time at the Dubai Museum.
- Head to the Al Shindagha Museum located on the waterfront.
- Venture across the creek in a private Abra and visit the Spice and Gold Souk.

Day 4

- Fly to Delhi to start your Indian adventure.

MYSTERIES OF INDIA



GUIDED EXTENSION

Nepal Post-Tour Extension

6 days • 5 nights • From \$1,610* PP

Continue your tour with a fully guided Nepalese adventure, from Kathmandu to Mount Everest and beyond.

Days 1 – 3

- With a local guide, discover Kathmandu's Thamel neighbourhood.
- Have a discussion with a local Everest climber.
- Stand in awe before Swayambhunath, a Buddhist temple that is home to holy monkeys.
- Go to Patan Darbar Square and join a private visit with Kumari, a local girl who is worshipped as the living incarnation of a goddess.



Days 4 – 5

- Embark on a moderate one-hour hike before arriving at Thangu Tashi Yangtse Monastery.
- Meet with the high Lama and partake in an offering ceremony.
- Stroll through Bhaktapur's narrow streets to explore its many historical sites.
- Join a local family for a home-hosted meal.

Day 6

- Board a flight to Delhi where a room has been reserved for you to freshen up before your flight home.



COMING SOON

Journey Through Northern Vietnam

11 days • Starting at \$4,499*

Embark on an 11-day adventure through northern Vietnam, immersed in the country's rich culture and near-mythic beauty. Step into the bustling streets of Hanoi, be surrounded by the emerald waters and towering islands of Ha Long Bay, and explore rural life and history from Ninh Binh to Mai Chua.

Here's a glimpse of what awaits:

- On a food tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter, explore the city from the seat of a legendary UAZ-469 Soviet Era army open-air jeep.
- Learn about Vietnamese water puppetry in the home of a renowned artist, who shares stories about her life and work.
- Visit Tràng An Grottoes (UNESCO) on a boat tour drifting by limestone mountains, caves, and temples.
- Cruise the waters of Ha Long Bay and overnight on a junk boat, practice tai chi at sunrise, go kayaking, and venture into a fishing village.
- In Mai Chau, visit with a Vietnam war veteran and his family and learn about the war from their perspective.
- In Ninh Binh, enjoy a cooking experience followed by a home-hosted meal with a local family as they share family stories and secrets to making sticky rice.
- **Optional 5-night post tour extension** to Southern Vietnam.





Mount Fuji

COMING SOON

Journey Through the Heart of Japan: Tokyo to Osaka

11 days • Starting at \$9,499*

Travel south along Japan's coast from Tokyo to Osaka on this 11-day journey through Japan's scenic countryside and historic cities. Take in the views from Mount Fuji, wander through ancient temples in Tokyo and Nara, catch a live demonstration at a Sumo-themed restaurant, and immerse yourself in the art, culture, and landscapes of the Land of the Rising Sun.



Cedar Avenue



Fudo Temple

Here's a glimpse of what awaits:

- At Mount Fuji Fifth Station, take in commanding views of the surrounding valleys and lakes while experiencing the majesty of Japan's most famous peak.
- Experience the Fudo Temple & Fire Ritual in Tokyo, a powerful display of tradition and spirituality where flames and chants create an unforgettable atmosphere.
- Wander along Cedar Avenue in Hakone, a peaceful pathway framed by majestic, centuries-old cedar trees.
- Explore the intersection of nature and creativity at the Hakone Open Air Museum, an interactive sculpture park featuring one-of-a-kind works by Rodin, Miro, Picasso, and more.
- Travel from Odawara to Kyoto via the *shinkansen* (bullet train), a marvel of modern engineering with stunning views of Mount Fuji and the Japanese countryside.

"Oh my, there were so many great adventures. The train that ran through the bars in Hanoi, the scooter rides at night to see Saigon, Angkor Wat, the temple in the jungle, Angkor Thom, meeting the Hmong people, the Grand Palace, and meeting our tour director. He was absolutely, spot-on amazing."

– TRAVELLER BARBARA O. ON KINGDOMS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA (PG. 20)

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