

# Welcome to Explorations Central™

Why book your shore excursions with Holland America Line?

## Experts in Each Destination

- Working with local tour operators, we have carefully curated a collection of enriching adventures. These offer in-depth travel for first-timers and immersive experiences for seasoned alumni.

## Seamless Travel

- Pre-cruise, on board the ship, and after your cruise, you are in the best of hands. With the assistance of our dedicated call center, the attention of our on-board team, and trustworthy service at every stage of your journey, you can truly travel without a care.

## Our Best Price Guarantee

- Save time and money. After booking your cruise, log in to purchase your shore excursions. If you purchase a tour and find a better price on an identical tour offered elsewhere, we'll refund 110 percent of the price difference in the form of an on-board credit (conditions apply).



## Which Shore Excursions Are Right for You?

Choose the tours that interest you by using the icons as a general guide to the level of activity involved, and select the tours best suited to your physical capabilities. These icons will help you to interpret this brochure.



**Easy Activity:** Very light activity including short distances to walk; may include some steps.



**Moderate Activity:** Requires intermittent effort throughout, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and/or steps.



**Strenuous Activity:** Requires active participation, walking long distances over uneven and steep terrain or on steps. In certain instances, paddling or other non-walking activity is required and guests must be able to participate without discomfort or difficulty breathing.



**Panoramic Tours:** Specially designed for guests who enjoy a slower pace, these tours offer sightseeing mainly from the transportation vehicle, with few or no stops, and no mandatory disembarkation from the vehicle during the tour. As vehicles outside the United States are rarely lift-equipped and ramps are seldom available, a very small amount of walking will be necessary. The pace is gentle and taking your time is encouraged.



**Limited Capacity:** The number of people able to participate in this tour is strictly limited. Reasons for limiting capacity may include the number of transportation seats available, or the need to maintain a safe ratio of guides for hikes, fishing and water activities. Tours require a minimum number of participants in order to operate.

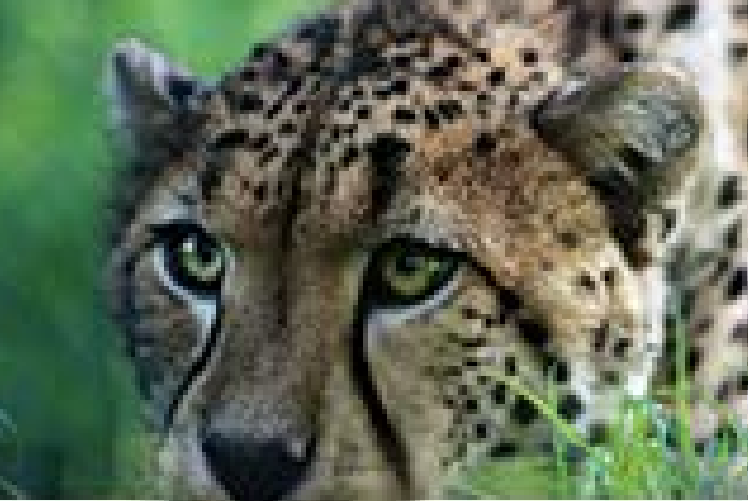


**Snack:** This tour includes a small snack or tasting of local specialties. The snack is not a meal.



**Meal:** This tour includes a meal—lunch on daytime tours, dinner on evening tours.





## Guests Using A Mobility Aid Device or Wheelchair

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What should I wear?**

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all shore excursions. When you visit places of worship, we recommend dressing conservatively (no shorts or sleeveless tops), but casual clothing is perfectly acceptable. Dress in layers and have a jacket along. Bring an umbrella or raincoat, a hat and sunscreen.

#### **What about meals?**

Most tour departures complement the ship's meal service hours. In-room dining is available on board.

#### **How will I know what time each tour departs?**

The on-board Shore Excursions Order Form in your stateroom will show departure times. This information will also be printed on your shore excursions tickets, which you will receive on board. Approximate tour departure times are posted on our website at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

#### **I am traveling with friends. Can we be accommodated on the same motorcoach?**

The departure location for each tour is printed on

your shore excursions tickets. If you wish to travel with friends, please arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will enable the staff to allocate space for you on the same vehicle.

#### **Tour durations**

The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. To allow our Shore Excursions Managers flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions Presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Desk.

#### **Tour descriptions**

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com). Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Order Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

#### **I have a disability. How do I know which tours will best suit me?**

The tours are graded according to the relative level of activity they entail. The activity icons that appear at the beginning of each tour description provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect. Please see page 1 for specific information or speak to a Shore Excursions specialist (1.888.425.9376). It is important to keep in mind that tour operators are subject to the laws of their own country with respect to accommodating the needs of guests with disabilities. In most foreign countries, the laws are not as stringent as those in the United States.

#### **Will I encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship when it's in port?**

Please see the on-board Shore Excursions staff to help determine whether you can expect to encounter difficulties (dis)embarking the ship in a particular port of call. The decision whether or not to carry or provide other mobility assistance to a guest and their device (wheelchair, walker, etc.) up or down a ship's gangway, or on or off a tender boat, is at the sole discretion of the Captain, made based on his evaluation of guest and crew safety. We encourage you to bring a collapsible wheelchair as space limitations may restrict the ability of some tour operators to accommodate motorized mobility aid devices.

# The Collections of Holland America Line

What fascinates you? A cooking class with a local chef? A private car, complete with driver and/or guide? A chance to encounter wildlife or view natural wonders up close? The Collections represent a small subset of the shore excursions you will find in this brochure. Each collection offers its own particular focus and is available only in select ports.



## World Wonders Collection

Natural treasures, architectural marvels, technical wonders: to the Seven Wonders of the World we add our own nominations based on decades of leadership in global travel—the sandstone city of Petra, the *moai* statues of Easter Island, and the Great Wall of China, among others. What they have in common is the ability to inspire awe.



## Encore Collection

Been there, done that? Think again. The Encore Collection, designed especially for repeat guests, lets you discover what lies beyond the well-known attractions you've already seen. Barbecue with Argentine gauchos, bike the tree-lined boulevards of Barcelona, ride an Icelandic pony across a windswept beach near Reykjavík. These tours showcase hidden gems, unusual angles and inside stories that will bring you back time and again.



## Overland & Overnight Collection

A passion for new experiences, goodwill toward others, or immersion in life elsewhere—whatever drives you to travel, Overland Adventures and Overnights take you further. Dig deeper, make connections, leave a part of your soul in great places, and bring home a wider knowledge of our planet and those with whom we share it.



## Cruise with Purpose Collection

For every global citizen who has ever dreamed of either giving back or paying it forward, the innovative Cruise with Purpose Collection is about improving our planet one voyage at a time. Assist in scientific research, bring supplies to an orphanage, participate in a fair trade scheme or cultural exchange, replant a forest or restore fragile habitat—your footprint will be light and your soul enriched.



## Medallion Collection

This series of exclusive experiences is designed to accommodate our most discerning guests. Each Medallion Collection tour is carefully chosen to provide an in-depth perspective, often exclusive to Holland America Line. They offer unparalleled access to events and sights not normally readily available to the public. First-class style, smaller groups, elite activities for a privileged few—this is the Medallion Collection.



# The Signature Collection

Explore at your leisure with a private vehicle and English-speaking driver and/or guide at your service. Choose your companions and visit only the landmarks that interest you so that you maximize your time ashore.



## Signature Collection

This exclusive touring option for independent-minded travelers lets you completely customize and maximize your time ashore by reserving private transportation (along with an English-speaking driver and/or guide) in advance. Whether you travel by car or minivan, customized boat, classic floatplane or stretch SUV limousine, you choose the companions, sights and pace that perfectly suit you.

### To Whom is the Signature Collection Suited?

The Signature Collection is for solo travelers, couples, families, friends and special interest groups traveling together. This may also be an excellent choice for non-ambulatory guests. Value and flexibility are just two of the advantages of first-class touring and luxury transportation. Privacy, comfort, safety, and personalized guide service are also yours to enjoy.

### Itinerary Planning

If you need help planning your personal itinerary, the Shore Excursions Manager can assist you and will gladly answer your questions. This can be very helpful in many destinations where travel time, location, holidays, and opening hours of attractions need to be taken into consideration in order to maximize the efficiency of your time ashore.

### Booking on Board

The Signature Collection may be available for booking once you are on the ship, but this cannot be guaranteed. Please check with the Shore Excursions Office on board.

### About the Signature Collection Transportation

Each type of transportation will be of the highest grade available in that port. Not all modes of transportation are available in all locations. For information about the transportation sizes and availability, please see our website at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

### Online Reservations

The fastest and easiest way for you to reserve and pay for your Signature Collection experience is online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com). Please note the cost will be per mode of transportation (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to make the reservation. The price shown on the website is the total cost for the transportation, driver and guide (not a per-person price). In many ports, availability is extremely limited. We encourage you to reserve as early as possible.

### Also Included

The cost includes the service of a English-speaking guide and/or driver, unlimited mileage, road tolls, parking fees and bottled water.

### Not Included (Unless Otherwise Noted)

Guests' entrance fees for attractions are not included in the price due to the wide range of attraction possibilities, uncertain number of attractions to be visited, and varying number of guests participating. We strongly recommend that you bring some local currency to cover such costs as credit cards are not readily accepted in some ports. Lunch will not be included on any tour as many guests prefer to select their own dining venue.

### Payment & Tour Vouchers

Your credit card will be charged after your reservation is confirmed. Next, start planning what you'll do with your Signature Collection experience in each port. On board the ship, you will be given a tour voucher and a form to advise the Shore Excursions staff of the itinerary you have chosen.





## Shore Excursions Bookings & Confirmation

Now you can choose your tour times, book your tours, and receive confirmation of your tour reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

Book online now, up until three days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your approximate tour departure times.

You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. And remember, online tour reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling.

Please see the Reservations & Online Reservations paragraph in the General Information section for terms and conditions.

## Expand the Experience

Make the most of your time in each port by combining different half-day tours to complete a full day of sightseeing. You might want to consider a morning cooking class and an afternoon walking tour; a morning stroll through a mosaic-lined church and an afternoon of sampling local wine at a vineyard; or even a bike ride and an evening cultural performance—all in one day! Whatever your interests, and whichever pace suits you best, there's a huge variety of tours to mix and match in this brochure. Please consult with a Shore Excursions specialist at 1.888.425.9376.

## Best Price Guarantee

Find a better price on any tour we offer and we'll refund to you 110 percent of the price difference in the form of an on-board credit (conditions apply). After booking your cruise, log in to [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com) to purchase your shore excursions.



**Hong Kong, China - Saturday, November 9, 2019:** Can any city in the world top Hong Kong's phenomenal energy? Judge for yourself as you ride the tram to the top of Victoria Peak, join the surge into countless markets and watch the hardworking world of Aberdeen's fishing junks.

### Evening Harbor Cruise



Departs: 6:00 PM  
Approximately 2¼ Hours  
Adult \$129.95; Child \$79.95

Board a traditional-style **Chinese floating pagoda** to take in the dramatic views of Hong Kong Island from the water. You'll tour one of the world's most exotic ports on a narrated **cruise** around Victoria Harbour. At night, Hong Kong's spectacular skyline becomes a dazzling neon cityscape. Pristine skyscrapers are lit up against the night sky, including the Bank of China, the HSBC headquarters and the International Finance Centre -- the tallest building in Hong Kong. Enjoy **unlimited drinks** from the bar as you watch the sights and the city lights.

#### Notes:

There is a short **walk** from the pier to board the vessel. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tour operates weather-permitting. This tour is not exclusive to Holland America Line guests.

### Hong Kong Night View by Tram



Departs: 6:00 PM  
Approximately 3¼ Hours  
Adult \$89.95; Child \$44.95

Depart the pier and head for **Hong Kong Island** traveling under Victoria Harbour by tunnel.

Your destination is the **Peak Tram Station**. You'll ride the **funicular** railway to the top of Victoria Peak to enjoy a panoramic nighttime view of Hong Kong Island, Victoria Harbour and the Kowloon Peninsula spread out far below. The Peak sits at 1,805 feet above sea level.

Driving back down by coach, stop at a local tram station and board a **double-decker tram** for an evening tour of Hong Kong's hottest nightspots. Hong Kong residents love these unique double-decker trams, which slowly wind their way through the busy streets of the island. The tram is the ideal way to explore the exciting and bustling city life in Hong Kong. Sit upstairs or downstairs and enjoy the ever-changing scenery as the tram returns to Central.

After your tour, re-board the coach for the drive back to the pier and the ship.

#### Notes:

The double-decker tram is not wheelchair accessible. Not advisable for guests with

mobility limitations. Tour is not exclusive to Holland America Line guests.

**Halong Bay, Vietnam - Monday, November 11, 2019:** In the Bay of the Descending Dragon, mysterious landforms offer an ever-shifting panorama depending upon light and angle. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Halong Bay's unique beauty is thankfully preserved for generations to come.

**Delta Villages & Culture**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
 Approximately 8 hours  
 Adult \$144.95; Child \$99.95

Board a motor coach for a journey through the rural areas of the **Red River Delta**. In the district of Thuy Nguyen, you'll leave the coach for a half-mile **walk** to a **local village** renowned for its betel nut production. Enter via a series of small lanes and streets shaded by betel nut trees, the bulbs of which are cut open to reveal a red 'nut' that is chewed on by many elders throughout the country as a stimulant, in the same way that caffeine is used in the western world. Many of these betel nuts are transported throughout the north for consumption. In this local farming community, people spend the day tending their fields and livestock. You will notice a remarkable absence of mechanical assistance here—the work in the fields is mostly done by hand. At certain times of the year you may see people harvesting the rice, plowing the fields with buffalo or irrigating the intricate canal system by hand. Return to the coach for the journey to **Haiphong**, the main port city of the north. Visit the 17th-century **Du Hang Pagoda**, where you will find an impressive display of about 500 wooden relief sculptures.

**Halong Bay Cruise & Thien Cung Cave**



Departs: 8:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 1:00 PM, 1:30 PM  
 Approximately 3½ hours  
 Price \$69.95

Bay of the Descending Dragon is the English translation for **Halong Bay**. This remarkable natural wonder and **UNESCO World Heritage Site** became famous in the West when it was featured in the French film *Indochine*. Halong Bay is dotted with an estimated 1,969 islands spread over 900 square miles. Some islands are covered in dense vegetation; others are bare and rocky. **Sail** gracefully past these imposing formations on a converted **fishing junk**. See tiny islands dotted with rock arches, sheer cliffs, innumerable white sand beaches and peaceful coves. You will stop at **Thien Cung Cave** and wander through the cavern to marvel at its **stalagmite and stalactite formations** (suitable only for the agile).

Notes:

Drinks and western-style restroom facilities are available on board. There are about 120 steep steps to reach the Thien Cung Cave, which is an optional visit.

**Halong Bay Cruise, Cave & Lunch**



Departs: 12:30 PM  
 4½ Hours  
 Adult \$99.95; Child \$59.95



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Notes:

Drinks and western restroom facilities are available on board. There are about 120 steep steps to reach the Thien Cung Cave, which is an optional visit.

**Hanoi Highlights**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
 Approximately 10½ Hours  
 Adult \$179.95; Child \$129.95

Visit **Hanoi**—Vietnam's capital and a remarkable city that will seduce you with its old-world charm. Boasting a romantic blend of ancient Asian and French heritage, Hanoi boasts that it is the jewel in Vietnam's crown. It is a 2½-hour drive from the pier, and upon arrival in Hanoi you will visit **Ba Dinh Square**, also known as the Ho Chi Minh Quarter. Nearby you will find the **One Pillar Pagoda**, and step inside the **Temple of Literature**, built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius. This is a serene retreat from the busy streets and was Vietnam's first university. After **lunch**, enjoy a touch of old Hanoi as you visit the **Thirty-Six Streets**—an ancient district where the essence of Vietnamese culture is alive and well. Finally, re-board your motor coach for the return journey through the undulating countryside to Halong.

Notes:

Travel time to Hanoi is approximately 2½ hours each way.

**Hanoi: Past & Present**



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 12 Hours  
Adult \$249.95; Child \$159.95



Visit Hanoi—Vietnam's capital and a remarkable city that will seduce you with its old-world charm. Boasting a romantic blend of ancient Asian and French heritage, Hanoi holds that it is the jewel in Vietnam's crown. It is an approximately 2½-hour drive from the pier and, upon your arrival, **lunch** will be served. Afterwards, you will visit **Ba Dinh Square**, also known as the Ho Chi Minh Quarter. Nearby you will find the One Pillar Pagoda, and visit the **Temple of Literature**, built in 1070 and dedicated to Confucius. This is a serene retreat from the busy streets and was Vietnam's first university. Step inside the **Hoa Lo Museum**, known widely by the nickname of 'Hanoi Hilton'—so dubbed by the Americans during the Second Indochina War. Hoa Lo Prison was originally established by the French colonial government in 1896 for the purpose of detaining political prisoners and formed part of a northern network of 'unjust and cruel prisons'. You can view the original cells, complete with leg-irons, along with a selection of bilingual (Vietnamese and English) displays illustrating the horrors of life in the prison during the French colonial period. Before a Vietnamese **dinner** at a local restaurant, enjoy a touch of **Old Hanoi** as you visit the Thirty-Six Streets—an ancient district where the essence of Vietnamese culture is alive and well. Finally, re-board your motor coach for the return journey through the undulating countryside to Halong.

Notes:

Travel time to Hanoi is approximately 2½ hours each way. The information at the Hoa Lo museum is presented from a Vietnamese perspective.

**Yen Tu Monastery & Countryside Drive**



Departs: 12:45 PM  
Approximately 5 hours  
Adult \$54.95; Child \$34.95

After disembarking the ship, you'll set off by coach through the countryside of Ha Long. Along the way, you will see numerous rice fields, and the daily activities of local people tending their farms along the highway. Upon arrival at **Yen Tu Monastery**, you can stroll around the main hall of the temple to explore the long history of Buddhism, which is presented through pictures on the walls and ceiling. At a typical **village** nearby, meet the locals for a chance to exchange culture and lifestyle information. You'll see their rice fields and learn about their daily lives. Leaving the village, you will re-board the coach to return to Ha Long, visiting the **local market** before returning to the pier.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.



# Da Nang (Hue), Vietnam - Wednesday, November 13, 2019:

## Ancient Hoi An & Beach



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$49.95

This half-day excursion is ideal for guests wishing to explore the charming merchant town of **Hoi An** in more detail and to spend time at the beach. The pretty riverside town of Hoi An has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most **historic architecture** as well as temples and community houses. Upon arrival in the **Ancient Town** of Hoi An, you will set out on foot for a fascinating **walking tour** of this charming town. You will visit the **Hoi An Museum** and the interior of a **traditional merchant house** built to withstand the floods that plague Hoi An in the rainy season. Step inside the **Phuc Kien Temple**, built in honor of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea, and the nearby **Japanese covered bridge**. However, the real key to discovering Hoi An is to keep your eye on the skyline where you will see in the architecture evidence of the Japanese, Indians, Chinese and Portuguese merchants that once inhabited these shores. After a thorough exploration of the town, journey along charming rural roads to a local **beach in Da Nang**. Enjoy the chance to wander along the shoreline prior to re-boarding your coach for the overland journey to the port.

## Artisans of Da Nang



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 5 Hours  
Adult \$54.95; Child \$39.95

The Marble Mountain area has long inspired Vietnam's artisans because it combines the natural harmony of the Vietnamese countryside with unique architectural influences. Your exposure to artistic Vietnam begins as you meander along Da Nang's tree-lined streets on the way to the **Cham Museum**. This ethnographic facility opened in 1939, under the umbrella of the French Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient. Its collection of **original sculpture works** is displayed in four sections, according to each piece's origin. Your coach will then head seven miles from the center of town to the grand spectacle of the **Marble Mountains**. Step off the coach for a 45-minute **walk** around this historic area, whose five peaks correspond to the five basic elements of feng shui. During the Cham period, this marble ridge was a Hindu sanctuary. Later, Vietnamese Buddhists built pagodas on its slopes dedicated to Buddha or Confucius. Nowadays, Buddhist shrines occupy several mountain caves which were bombed during the war. Enjoy a photo stop at My Khe Beach—once a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—and Continue to Linh Ung Pagoda before returning to the ship.

## Best of Ancient Hoi An



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 7½ Hours  
Adult \$124.95; Child \$104.95

The presence of Eastern and Western merchants in **Hoi An** during the first half of the 19th century significantly influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this lovely community. Many remaining wooden buildings lend the town a distinctive charm. Take a step back in time during your guided **walk** through its narrow streets. Your visit to a traditional merchant's house will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles. Enjoy some **free time** for exploring and **shopping** in the town. Lunch is served at a local restaurant with exquisitely subtle Vietnamese flavors. Before returning to the ship, you will pause at **My Khe Beach**. This was a favorite military recreation spot during the war and became world famous through the television series in the USA. It is also a great chance to see the beauty the Marble Mountains and a marble workshop operating right on the roadside.

## Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$599.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed

to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

### Notes:

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

### Da Nang Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$699.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity:5 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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### Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$399.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

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### Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$499.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

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### Da Nang by Rickshaw & the Cham Museum



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

See **Da Nang** as the local people do, aboard a **pedal cab**. An air-conditioned motor coach or minibus will whisk you to the **Cham Museum**, where your pedal cab awaits. Aboard this simple and somewhat noisy conveyance you take a **whirlwind tour** through the city streets to see such landmarks as the Han Market, the Da Nang Cathedral and the TV Broadcasting Station en route to the Cham Museum. Leave the pedal cab there as you step inside for a 30-minute museum sojourn. View an extraordinary collection of sandstone-sculpted items, which provide insight into the history and culture of the fascinating Cham minority people. Your motor coach or minibus waits for the continuation of this excursion to **My Khe Beach**. You'll pause for photos at the idyllic spot—a wartime

recreational hangout for American GIs—that was immortalized in a television series before returning to the port.

### Hoi An Highlights



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$39.95

Explore this fascinating part of Vietnam, starting out by motor coach through central **Da Nang**, where colonial-style buildings border shady, tree-lined streets. You will continue your journey to **Hoi An**, where the presence of Eastern and Western merchants has influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this community. Many of the wooden buildings dated from the first half of the 19th century, so the town retains a distinctive charm. Step back in time on a guided **walk through the narrow streets**. A visit to a **traditional merchant's house** will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles, and you will see a short handicraft production demonstration. Before returning to the ship, pause at **My Khe Beach**. This was a favorite military R&R spot during the war and a recreational hangout for American GIs.

### Imperial Hue



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 9 Hours  
Adult \$149.95; Child \$69.95

Hue was the Imperial City of the Nguyen Emperors, rising to glory during their reign from 1802 to 1945. Drive through the Hai Van tunnels from Da Nang, to arrive in **Hue**. Your visit will be to the **Imperial Citadel**. Passing through the impressive Mon gate, you will reach the main pavilion—the **Palace of Supreme Harmony**. It was here that important ceremonies took place. Recent reconstruction has seen this building restored to its former splendor with regal red and gold columns and ornate furnishings. Much of the ground beyond the Palace suffered damage in the Tet Offensive of 1968, and beyond the walls, entrepreneurial farmers work the fertile land. You will see the immense Dynastic Urns, each depicting a different Vietnamese region, and the **Pavilion of Benevolence**. A buffet **Imperial Feast lunch** is served at a local hotel. Enjoy your meal featuring Asian specialties including those of Hue, where Vietnamese cuisine is more extensive than anywhere else in the country. After lunch, drive through **pine forests** and **orchards** to visit one of the numerous **imperial tombs** which dot the surrounding countryside. Built by the Nguyen Dynasty Emperors, each tomb was meant as a place of recreation before being utilized as a final resting place. **Tu Duc Tomb** resembles a miniature royal palace with an attractive pavilion overlooking a tranquil lake, ornate buildings, fragrant gardens and hunting grounds.

### Notes:

Travel time to Hue is approximately 3 hours each way.

### My Son Heritage & Cham Art



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 8 Hours  
Adult \$119.95; Child \$79.95

Approximately two hours' drive by motor coach from Da Nang, via the undulating countryside of Central Vietnam, you will discover the beautiful My Son Mountains—the holy land of the lost Champa kingdom. Upon arrival, you will switch to a local van or jeep for five minutes to gain access to the exquisite spiritual architecture of the **My Son UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Historically, this land was ruled by the Champa civilization from the early 7th century through the 14th century. More than 70 brick temples were built to worship the Hindu gods. When French explorers came upon the temples at the end of the 19th century, most were intact. Unfortunately, many were later destroyed in 1969 by bombing raids during the Vietnam War. Today, however, visitors like you can still appreciate their historical value and gain an insight into the lost kingdom. Returning to Da Nang city, you will stop at a local restaurant for **lunch**. Clamber into a **rickshaw** afterwards for a fun pedal around the main city streets. Your rickshaw driver will drop you off at the Cham Museum for 30-minute museum sojourn. The **Cham Museum** was founded by a group of French scholars in 1915 and this old sandstone building now houses the best collection of Cham art in the

world. On display are more than 300 sandstone and terra cotta sculptures. During your guided visit, you will see a sampling of Cham artifacts, sculptures and sandstone carvings, many of which were excavated from the My Son site.

# Da Nang (Hue), Vietnam - Thursday, November 14, 2019:

## Ancient Hoi An & Beach



Departs: 7:15 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$49.95

This half-day excursion is ideal for guests wishing to explore the charming merchant town of **Hoi An** in more detail and to spend time at the beach. The pretty riverside town of Hoi An has remained unchanged for centuries. Initially an important trading port, Hoi An boasts some of Vietnam's most **historic architecture** as well as temples and community houses. Upon arrival in the **Ancient Town** of Hoi An, you will set out on foot for a fascinating **walking tour** of this charming town. You will visit the **Hoi An Museum** and the interior of a **traditional merchant house** built to withstand the floods that plague Hoi An in the rainy season. Step inside the **Phuc Kien Temple**, built in honor of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the Sea, and the nearby **Japanese covered bridge**. However, the real key to discovering Hoi An is to keep your eye on the skyline where you will see in the architecture evidence of the Japanese, Indians, Chinese and Portuguese merchants that once inhabited these shores. After a thorough exploration of the town, journey along charming rural roads to a local **beach in Da Nang**. Enjoy the chance to wander along the shoreline prior to re-boarding your coach for the overland journey to the port.

## Artisans of Da Nang



Departs: 7:15 AM  
Approximately 5 Hours  
Adult \$54.95; Child \$39.95

The Marble Mountain area has long inspired Vietnam's artisans because it combines the natural harmony of the Vietnamese countryside with unique architectural influences. Your exposure to artistic Vietnam begins as you meander along Da Nang's tree-lined streets on the way to the **Cham Museum**. This ethnographic facility opened in 1939, under the umbrella of the French Ecole Française d'Extrême Orient. Its collection of **original sculpture works** is displayed in four sections, according to each piece's origin. Your coach will then head seven miles from the center of town to the grand spectacle of the **Marble Mountains**. Step off the coach for a 45-minute **walk** around this historic area, whose five peaks correspond to the five basic elements of feng shui. During the Cham period, this marble ridge was a Hindu sanctuary. Later, Vietnamese Buddhists built pagodas on its slopes dedicated to Buddha or Confucius. Nowadays, Buddhist shrines occupy several mountain caves which were bombed during the war. Enjoy a photo stop at My Khe Beach—once a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—and Continue to Linh Ung Pagoda before returning to the ship.

## Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$399.95



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Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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## Da Nang Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



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**Da Nang by Rickshaw & the Cham Museum**



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

See **Da Nang** as the local people do, aboard a **pedal cab**. An air-conditioned motor coach or minibus will whisk you to the **Cham Museum**, where your pedal cab awaits. Aboard this simple and somewhat noisy conveyance you take a **whirlwind tour** through the city streets to see such landmarks as the Han Market, the Da Nang Cathedral and the TV Broadcasting Station en route to the Cham Museum. Leave the pedal cab there as you step inside for a 30-minute museum sojourn. View an extraordinary collection of sandstone-sculpted items, which provide insight into the history and culture of the fascinating Cham minority people. Your motor coach or minibus waits for the continuation of this excursion to **My Khe Beach**. You'll pause for photos at the idyllic spot—a wartime recreational hangout for American GIs—that was immortalized in a television series before returning to the port.

**Hoi An Highlights**



Departs: 7:45 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$39.95

Explore this fascinating part of Vietnam, starting out by motor coach through central **Da Nang**, where colonial-style buildings border shady, tree-lined streets. You will continue your journey to **Hoi An**, where the presence of Eastern and Western merchants has influenced the architecture, culture and customs of this community. Many of the wooden buildings dated from the first half of the 19th century, so the town retains a distinctive charm. Step back in time on a guided **walk through the narrow streets**. A visit to a **traditional merchant's house** will reveal a unique mix of European, Japanese and Chinese styles, and you will see a short handicraft production demonstration. Before returning to the ship, pause at **My Khe Beach**. This was a favorite military R&R spot during the war and a recreational hangout for American GIs.

**Nha Trang, Vietnam - Friday, November 15, 2019:** White sand beaches, turquoise waters, beachfront cafés. Nha Trang's days as an underappreciated treasure are over. Still very much intact since the 7th century are the venerated towers of the Cham Ponagar Temple complex.

### Cooking Class in Nha Trang



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 3/4 Hours  
Price \$129.95



Vietnam is finally getting the recognition it deserves for its fine cuisine, whose hallmarks are fresh ingredients and imaginative flavors. In fact, one of the true highlights of any trip to Vietnam is unfettered access to amazing food.

A **Vietnamese cooking class** is a fun and interesting way to learn about the local ingredients and find out how to make some of the most popular and delicious dishes. This half-day class starts in the morning with a trip to the **local market**, where your guide will explain the produce, both familiar and unfamiliar, in detail.

Then, head to an **open-air workshop area** to **prepare your meal**. You will have your own cooking station and be immersed in this hands-on, lively and informative culinary experience.

End your adventure by devouring the fabulous, flavorful dishes that you prepared.

### Local Life in Nha Trang



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

**Nha Trang's beachfront** is a spectacular façade for the equally picturesque countryside behind it. Just a few miles inland, the terrain is dotted with palm trees and fruit orchards. Industry here is simple indeed, with small farming businesses making up the principal commercial enterprise.

Take a **stroll** along a village path to the **home** of a family whose business entails weaving mats from the rushes that grow abundantly nearby. Two people working together are able to weave four mats each day. These are sold or bartered at the local market for food and other essentials.

Step inside a **traditional village house**. Ancestor worship is an important part of daily life in Vietnam—a large area of this small home is reserved for the family altar. Then visit a local market to observe the daily rituals of local trade -- a colorful place bustling with activity.

Finally, visit the **Embroidery workshop** to admire the skill and creativity of hundreds of Vietnamese artists crafting their embroidered works. Re-join your coach for the return drive to the pier.

### Nha Trang Highlights



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$49.95

Visit the **Po Nagar Cham Towers** -- one of the few remaining testaments to the ancient Cham civilization. These were built between the 7th and 12th centuries. Today, both Chinese and Vietnamese Buddhists come to Po Nagar to pray and make offerings according to their beliefs. Be sure to snap a photo from the Cham Towers or nearby Xom Bong Bridge of the abundant, brightly painted blue and red fishing boats moored in the shallow Nha Trang Harbor.

Continue by coach to **Long Son Pagoda**, which was founded in the late 19th century and has been rebuilt several times since. It is now home to fewer than ten monks. The entrance and roofs are decorated with mosaic dragons made of glass and ceramic tile. From the pagoda, you will have the chance to climb the 152 stone steps leading to the giant white Buddha seated on a lotus blossom. You'll have superb views of the whole city from the platforms surrounding the Buddha.

In complete contrast, visit the **Nha Trang Gothic Cathedral** -- a huge stone church dating from the early 20th century.

At **Dam Market**, you'll find a giant two-story market complex that can accommodate up to 2,000 shoppers.

Notes:

You must remove your shoes before you enter the Cham Towers.

### Nha Trang Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$399.95



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**Nha Trang Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Price \$799.95



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Capacity:6 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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**Nha Trang by Rickshaw & Shopping**



Departs: 8:30 AM, 9:15 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$59.95

Explore **Nha Trang** by **rickshaw** -- a fun and interesting way to get around in Vietnam. You will ride through Nha Trang's city center to view the fishing boats moored in the shallow harbor. The boats are brightly painted in blue and red.

At the **Po Nagar Cham Towers**, you will discover that these towers are evidence of the ancient Cham civilization and were built between the 7th and 12th centuries on a site used for Hindu worship. Today, both ethnic Chinese and Vietnamese Buddhists come to Po Nagar to pray and make offerings according to their beliefs.

Continue by coach to visit **Long Son Pagoda**, which was founded in the late 19th century and rebuilt several times. It is now home to less than ten monks. The entrance and roofs are decorated with mosaic dragons made of glass and ceramic tile. From the pagoda, if you are feeling particularly energetic, you will have the chance to climb the 208 stone steps leading to the giant white Buddha seated on a lotus blossom. There are superb views of the whole city from the platform around the Buddha, which was built in 1963.

**Dam Market** is a spot to do some local **shopping**. Spend some free time taking a leisurely walk on the beach before you return to the ship.

**Notes:**

You must remove your shoes before you enter the Cham towers.

**Phu My, Vietnam - Saturday, November 16, 2019:** Whether you are on a wide boulevard admiring the French Colonial architectural influence, or in a bustling market haggling with a street vendor, you cannot escape the culture and history of this bustling city. Ho Chi Minh City is home to many colorful pagodas, cathedrals and palaces-including one of the city's oldest, Giac Lam Pagoda, dating from 1744. Explore Reunification Hall, which has been left almost exactly as it was when Saigon fell in 1975.

**A Taste of Vietnamese Cuisine: In Partnership with FOOD & WINE Magazine**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 7 Hours  
Adult \$139.95; Child \$79.95

Vietnamese cuisine is varied and wonderful. This tour is highly specialized for guests interested in regional cuisine, and gives a **practical introduction to Vietnamese cooking.**

Upon arrival in **Ho Chi Minh City**, you'll begin your experience with a visit to the **local market**, where you will participate in the purchase of fresh produce. Accompanied by a qualified executive sous chef, you will be introduced to a range of exotic fruits and vegetables particular to the region. The atmosphere of the market is unmatched, as customers haggle with vendors over an endless display of the freshest spices, fruits, vegetables, grains, meat and seafood.

Continue to the **Vietnam Culinary Cooking Center** (or similar venue) for a practical demonstration of Vietnamese cooking. Alongside professional chefs, you will discover the Vietnamese art of gastronomy. You will learn about typical Vietnamese dishes, dining etiquette, how to use chopsticks, and savor your own culinary creation in a relaxing ambiance.

Enjoy **lunch**, including the dishes you have prepared. The chef is available during lunch to comment on Vietnamese cuisine and food preparation. Return to Phu My by motor coach, passing through scenic countryside and along the main highway.

A handbook with **recipes** from the day will be dedicated to you so you can indulge in this delicious cuisine at home.

Notes:

Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way.

**Angkor Wat & Saigon Overland Adventure - Double**



Departs: 8:30 AM  
3 Days / 2 Nights  
Price \$2,899.95



**Day 1 (L/D)**

Depart from pier to bustling **Ho Chi Minh City**, still commonly referred to as **Saigon**.

Drive by the Notre Dame Cathedral, a neo-classical structure dating back to the 19th century. The imposing twin spires have long heralded arrival in Saigon to passenger liners that travel the winding Saigon River. You'll have a chance to snap some photos here.

Continue to the former Presidential Palace, now known as **Independence Palace**. This historic building was made famous when a North Vietnamese tank crashed through its front gates in 1975, signaling the end of the Vietnam War. It has changed little since that time and is now retained as a museum. Your tour will take in the reception and dining rooms of the President's quarters, and the basement with its ancient American-made telecommunications equipment still in place, and strategic military maps lining the walls.

**Lunch** is served at a local restaurant in Vietnam's former capital. Continue your exploration of Saigon with a visit to the **History Museum**, housing a rewarding collection of artefacts illustrating the evolution of the Cultures of Vietnam.

Transfer to the airport and continue your onward air journey to **Siem Reap** in Cambodia. Enjoy **Dinner** with a Show and overnight at your hotel.

**Day 2 (B/L/D)**

This morning, an optional tour for sunrise at Angkor Wat is available, returning in time for breakfast at hotel.

After **breakfast** at the hotel, hop aboard a Remok for a fun ride to **Angkor Wat** -- the largest temple in the world, whose volume of

stone equals that of the Cheops pyramid in Egypt. It is unlike all other Khmer temples in that it faces west, and is inspired by 12th-century Hinduism. Its symmetrical towers are stylized on the modern Cambodian flag. Conceived by Suryavarman II, Angkor Wat took an estimated 30 years to build. It is generally believed to have been a funeral temple for the king. It has been occupied continuously by Buddhist monks and is well preserved. Intricate bas reliefs surround Angkor Wat on four sides. Each tells a story. The most celebrated of these is the Churning of the Ocean of Milk, which is located on the east wing. In it, the Naga serpent is twisted by demons and gods to spurt out the elixir of life.

Return to your hotel for **lunch**.

This afternoon, visit the monumental **Angkor Thom** -- the last capital of the Khmers. With its Elephant Terrace, the Terrace of the Leper King, the stunning **Bayon Temple**, a 12th-century masterpiece, lies at the center of Angkor Thom and is a wonder of symmetry and grandeur. The exterior gallery walls have extensive bas reliefs but the highlight is the 'faces' -- more than 200 of them, with the famous half-smile playing on their lips. PJ de Beerski wrote of them, 'godliness in the majesty and the size, mystery in the expression.' Continue your exploration of the Angkor temples at **Ta Prohm**. This temple has



been left largely in its natural state since its 're-discovery' by French explorers. Surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways is overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees that envelop it like tentacles. It is one of the largest temples at Angkor, dedicated in 1186. Historians have noted its mystical charm. Entering the courtyards is like stepping into a new kind of vegetable world -- not of branches and leaves, but of roots. Ta Prohm is an exhibition of the mysterious subterranean life of plants, offering an infinite variety of cross sections. 'Huge trees have seeded themselves on the roofs of the squat towers and their soaring trunks are obscured from sight, but here one can study in comfort the drama of those secret and conspiratorial activities that labor to support their titanic growth,' said Norman Lewis in *A Dragon Apparent*.

Enjoy an early dinner; then, transfer to airport for a flight to Phnom Penh. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check in.

**Day 3 (B)**

After **breakfast**, visit the **Royal Palace**, built in 1866 by King Norodom. The palace is made up of a number of structures within a pagoda-style compound -- one of which is the **Silver Pagoda**. The Silver Pagoda takes its name from the 5,000+ silver tiles and the building itself holds a number of National Treasures -- perhaps most notably a life-sized gold Maitreya Buddha decorated with 9584 diamonds, weighing in at 90 kg, and a small 17th-century Emerald Buddha made from baccarat crystal. Then, take an overland drive to your ship in Sihanoukville. It will take

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**Angkor Wat & Saigon Overland Adventure - Single**



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3 Days / 2 Nights  
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**Ba Ria: A Local Life Experience**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Price \$49.95

Located a short distance inland from Phu My Port is the untouched rural area of **Ba Ria Province**. This area has seen little in the way of urban development and many inhabitants continue to lead their lives the way they have for generations. You will visit **a local pagoda** and drive past **the local market** place for a glimpse of everyday local life. Next you’ll have the rare opportunity to enter the confines of a **local home**. As in nearly all Vietnamese homes, a series of altars stands proudly in memory of deceased family members. The owners welcome a visit from outsiders and are pleased to talk about their simple but traditionally rich lifestyle. For all Vietnamese, rice is the staple diet, but it can also be made into many different forms. Your next stop allows you to see the **process of rice paper making** and a **distillery** producing the local ‘**moonshine**’—a potent form of rice wine.

Finally, step inside a colorful **Cao Dai temple**. This religion was officially founded in 1926 and within a year the group had 26,000 followers. By the mid-1950s eight percent of South Vietnamese were Cao Daist. Founded in an attempt to create the ideal religion through fusion of secular and religious philosophies of east and west, Cao Daim is

fascinating combination of Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, native Vietnamese spirits, Christianity and Islam. Look out for the official Cao Dai symbol—the ‘divine’ eye—insert into the front of the temple above the altar.

**Cu Chi Tunnels**



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 10 Hours  
Adult \$114.95; Child \$59.95

A comfortable motor coach will transport you out of the port of Phu My and into the surrounding countryside.

As you approach **Cu Chi**, it is hard to believe you are entering what was a war zone of incredible strategic importance. This tour focuses on the ingenuity and resilience of the Vietnamese fighters who both lived and fought from underground tunnels. Originally constructed as a means to fight against the French by the Viet Minh, the tunnels were later expanded up to 36 feet below ground in hard soil using only rudimentary tools. Most tunnels were only 2 – 2½ feet wide and 4½ feet tall, with thick roofs capable of withstanding the weight of tanks or the impact of bombs.

Watch a **short video** that traces the history of the tunnels, their origins, construction and design. Then, a military guide will explain, with the use of dioramas, the underground network. On display are some of the tools and weapons used by the guerrilla fighters. Much of the tunnel complex has been opened and ventilated so that you can more easily experience the underground meeting rooms,

kitchens, hospital and sleeping areas.

More adventurous and agile tunnel explorers can experience an **unlit passage**, which has not been enlarged for the comfort of visitors. See if you can find the hidden tunnel entrances and learn about the ingenious methods Vietnamese soldiers employed to remain undetected and frustrate their enemies.

Lunch is served during the tour.

Refreshments (at your own expense) and souvenirs are available in the nearby parking area, which also displays some military paraphernalia.

Notes:

The information is presented from a Vietnamese perspective. While the portrayal of their story may be at odds with American sentiment, it is nonetheless an interesting visit. It is important to note that, after the fall of Saigon, the guerrilla fighters were considered heroes, and still are by many older Vietnamese people. Wear sturdy shoes, sunscreen and insect repellent. Guests visiting lower levels of the tunnels may get dirty. Travel time to Cu Chi Tunnels is approximately three hours each way. Minimum height is 2 feet. Maximum age is 70 years.

### Phu My Private Touring - Full Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$599.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

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are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

### Phu My Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$799.95



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### Phu My Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 8:30 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$399.95



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**Phu My Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)**



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See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$499.95



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**Sensational Saigon**



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 8½ Hours  
Adult \$134.95; Child \$59.95

Transfer by motor coach to the center of bustling **Ho Chi Minh City**.

Your first stop is at the recently renovated **City Museum**—a wonderful example of French heritage that has survived the surge of development currently enveloping old Saigon. Among the most attractive buildings in the city, the museum belonged to the Emperor Gia Long at the beginning of French rule in the mid-1800s. Since 1975, it has housed artifacts unique to Vietnam’s culture and history, including a wide selection of rarely seen black and white images of the

communist struggle for power in Vietnam.

At the **Bitexco Financial Tower**, take advantage of time to explore on your own with an optional visit to the Ben Thanh Market.

Continue to the **Notre Dame Cathedral**. Although it is not quite as impressive as its Parisian namesake, French colonists proudly paid homage to the motherland with the construction of this Roman-Gothic-style church whose construction materials hailed entirely from France.

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet **lunch** of Asian and Western dishes at a local hotel.

You’ll also visit the former Presidential Palace, now **Reunification Hall**, made famous when a North Vietnamese tank crashed through the front gates on 30th April, 1975, signaling the end of the Vietnam War. It has changed little since that time. See the reception and dining rooms of the President’s quarters and the basement—still full of ancient American-made telecommunications equipment and strategic military maps lining the walls.

Enjoy a short visit to a **lacquer ware workshop** before returning to Phu My port.

**Notes:**

Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way. Maximum age is 84 years. Entrance Ticket to the Bitexco Tower is NOT included.

**The Best of Ho Chi Minh City**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 8½ Hours  
Adult \$149.95; Child \$59.95

Drive from Phu My through pretty countryside dotted with rice fields and rubber plantations. The main ‘highway’ is packed with bicycles, heavily laden buses and people making their way to market. This tour introduces the major highlights of bustling **Ho Chi Minh City**, still commonly referred to as **Saigon**.

Among the grand old buildings, you will see colorful markets selling everything from chilies to French baguettes.

The former **Presidential Palace** is now known as Independence Palace. This historic building was made famous when a North Vietnamese tank crashed through its front gates in 1975, signaling the end of the Vietnam War. It has changed little since that time and is now retained as a museum. Your tour will include the reception and dining rooms of the President’s quarters, and the basement with its ancient American-made telecommunications equipment still in place, and strategic military maps lining the walls.

Drive by the Notre Dame Cathedral—a neo-Classical structure dating back to the 19th century. The imposing twin spires have long heralded arrival in Saigon to passenger liners that travel the winding Saigon River.

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet **lunch** of Asian and Western dishes at a local hotel.

Visit the **History Museum**. Built in 1929, this facility houses an excellent collection of artifacts illustrating the evolution of the cultures of Vietnam, from the Bronze Age Dong Son civilization to Cham, Khmer and modern-day Vietnam.

Browse, shop and observe at a **lacquer ware workshop** before returning to Phu My port.

Notes:

Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way.

### Transfer to Ho Chi Minh City



Departs: 9:15 AM  
Approximately 8½ Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$39.95

This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to **explore on your own**. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to **Ho Chi Minh City**. You will be dropped off at a central location, and the coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey. You will have time to shop and explore on your own.

Notes:

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the pick-up point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 90 minutes each way.

### Vung Tau Highlights



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 4 Hours  
Adult \$59.95; Child \$34.95

**Vung Tau** was known as Cap St Jacques during the days of the French occupation, and has always been a popular beach resort for residents of Saigon. Attractive villas that dot the hillsides have now been converted into guesthouses. The resort is on a peninsula lined with miles of sandy beach.

Drive along the coast past a 100-foot-tall statue of Jesus, and visit a hillside Buddhist temple with attractive views. Further around the peninsula, you will see the so-called Bay of Boats, where numerous colorful wooden fishing boats are anchored.

A visit to the former **Royal Residence of Bach Dinh**, the White Villa, is included. Take in spectacular views over the bay from the frangipani-scented gardens of the villa before you return to the ship.

# Sihanoukville, Cambodia - Monday, November 18, 2019:

## Le Kep



Departs: 7:00 AM  
Approximately 9¼ Hours  
Price \$189.95

A 90-minute **panoramic drive** by motorcoach brings you to **Kdat fishing village**. This is your opportunity to see firsthand and experience the lifestyle of the local villagers.

Continue to **Kampot**, set among a landscape of palm trees and rice fields. The town is perched on the banks of the river, and its examples of classic fin-de-siècle French-colonial architecture are very picturesque. If you're feeling that Kampot is a name you recognize, it could be due to the fact that the pepper grown in the province is famous worldwide, touted by many a chef as being the finest pepper in the world. There's even an appellation for the *Piper nigrum* (black pepper) grown here.

Next, you'll head directly to **Le Kep city**. A **panoramic drive** orients you to the town; then, you'll visit the local market. The **Phsar Kdam crab market** is quite famous and it's where the Cambodian people go to buy seafood, especially crab, for a picnic lunch. Your own set-menu lunch will be served at Sailing Club Restaurant. Cambodian food is flavorful, fun and fresh -- enjoy!

Leave Le Kep and return to Sihanoukville. En route, your guide will point out a pagoda and a Monastery school.

Notes:

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

## Panoramic Sihanoukville



Departs: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM  
Approximately 1¼ Hours  
Adult \$39.95; Child \$29.95

Named for the former King, **Sihanoukville** is a bustling and lively port town and Cambodia's premier beach destination. It is home to some architecturally intriguing pagodas. Experience Sihanoukville's stunning coastline scenery and explore the visual feast that is Cambodia's capital on a **panoramic drive** past some of its highlights.

You'll see Independence Beach en route to the most prominent religious landmark in Sihanoukville. View from the outside the colorful Intra Ngean Pagoda, which takes pride of place overlooking the town and seascape beyond.

Continue to Sihanoukville's prettiest and 'noisiest' stretch of sand -- **Sokha Beach** -- whose silicon-like sand squeaks loudly underfoot. The tiny eastern end of Sokha Beach is open to the public.

The Serendipity Beach area offers an array of rowdy bars and budget accommodation, along with the gloriously tacky Golden Lions traffic circle -- it's hard to look away!

You'll pause at Ocheuteal Beach for great photos from the coach. Guests who wish to stay at the beach independently are welcome to leave the tour here, but must make their

own way back to the ship by shuttle or take a tuk tuk to the city center and return to the ship at their own expense.

A drive through **Psar Leu -- the main market in Sihanoukville** -- offers an unfiltered, authentic glimpse of a real, working Khmer market. Wander briefly among the stalls and perhaps purchase a traditional Krama -- the colorful Cambodia headscarf so commonly worn by all Khmers.

## Premier Resort Beach Getaway



Departs: 8:00 AM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$104.95; Child \$69.95

Enjoy a day at a local **hotel resort**, which provides an excellent **swimming** opportunity. Shared day rooms are provided for Holland America Line guests to change and freshen up. You'll have access to the beachfront—one of the most beautiful beaches in Cambodia—and time to relax in the shade, swim and sunbathe. (Sundeck is subject to availability)

Notes:

Bring your swimsuit, a towel, sunscreen and a hat.

## Sihanoukville & Environs



Departs: 7:45 AM  
Approximately 3½ Hours  
Adult \$89.95; Child \$49.95

Enjoy a scenic overview of **Sihanoukville**, stopping at the **Intra Ngean Pagoda**—the city's most prominent religious site. Then, you'll drive through the outskirts of town and stop along the way for a short **stroll** along **Ochheuteal beach** under the shade of tall pines. Stop at the **local market** to see Khmer commerce firsthand. Returning to the ship you'll visit the nearby fishing village of TumnuK Rolok.

## Sihanoukville & Monk's Blessing



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 8 Hours  
Price \$179.95

Enjoy an in-depth introduction to **Sihanoukville**. Named after the King of Cambodia, Norodom Sihanouk, this port town provides key trading access to an otherwise land-locked nation. The town sits overlooking an expansive bay dotted with natural forested islands, many of which remain uninhabited. A nation of devout Buddhists, Cambodia is home to some architecturally intriguing pagodas.

You will visit the splendid **Intra Ngean Pagoda** -- the city's most prominent religious site. Indra Ngean takes pride of place overlooking the town and seascape beyond. Here, you will receive a monk's blessing. This traditional ceremony includes the monks

sprinkling water and flowers over you, while chanting prayers. It is believed that this traditional Khmer blessing ceremony cleanses bad spirits from the past and brings good luck for the coming year.

Continue to the **Public School** and see firsthand how the next generation of Cambodians are receiving an education. You'll have a chance to **interact with the children**, who are as fascinated by you as you are by them.

Renewed, relaxed, and sporting a mantle of good luck, continue to **Psar Leu** -- the main market in Sihanoukville. This is an unfiltered, authentic experience in a real, working Khmer market -- a chance to see local life and trade at firsthand. You may wish to wander among the stalls and perhaps purchase a traditional *krama* -- the colourful Cambodia headscarf so commonly worn by all Khmers.

Your outing ends with a stop at one of the most beautiful beaches in Sihanoukville -- **Otres II Beach**. Enjoy **lunch** at an upscale boutique beach restaurant. Otres II remains unspoiled and is far from the busy party beaches of Serendipity and Ochheuteal. It's a beautiful and tranquil place to relax and enjoy the fresh sea air before returning to the ship.

**Notes:**

Wear comfortable walking shoes. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, reef-safe/biodegradable sunscreen and a hat.

**Town & Village Exploration**



Departs: 7:30 AM  
Approximately 7½ Hours  
Price \$139.95

A scenic two-hour drive through the Cambodian countryside brings you to **Kampot**, with rice paddies, traditional stilt-houses and rural life evident all along the way. You'll stop at a **pepper plantation** that produces the famous Kampot pepper—renowned for decades as one of the best peppers in the world. You will also stop at a local village to witness the daily life of the farmers and learn about making a living in the countryside. Continue to **Kampot** town, with a population of about 40,000 inhabitants, to view its beautiful French colonial architecture. Enjoy a fresh **seafood lunch** at a local restaurant here. The area is known for its fresh and delicious crab—straight from the ocean to your plate. On the way back to Sihanoukville, you'll spend a few minutes at **Kdat fishing village** to see locals bringing in the catch, mending nets, or relaxing after the day's work.

# Laem Chabang (Bangkok), Thailand - Tuesday, November 19, 2019:

## A Day in the Thai Countryside



Departs: 10:45 AM  
7 Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$54.95

Depart by motor coach and drive 20 miles to **Wat Yansangwararam**. This temple is under the King's patronage and is unique for its mix of architectural styles derived from many countries. You'll also see the interesting Chinese **Sala Viharnsien Pavilion**, containing hundreds of antiques donated to King Bhumibol by the Chinese Government. Take advantage of a photo stop at Chee-Jan Mountain, on the side of which is a 390-foot-tall Buddha embossed in gold. Enjoy lunch at **Silver Lake Winery** before proceeding to the **Gems Gallery** and back to the ship.

### Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years. Modest attire is required for visiting temples; no fitted or collarless tops are allowed; shirts/blouses must cover shoulders; trousers must cover knees; shorts and mini-skirts are not permitted. Wear comfortable walking shoes. You must remove your shoes when entering the chapel.

## Bangkok Highlights & River Cruise



Departs: 10:30 AM  
Approximately 11½ hours  
Adult \$169.95; Child \$69.95

following a 2 ½ hour motor coach transfer, you will board a boat for a river cruise into the colorful daily life of bustling **bangkok**. cruising the river and canal, you'll see houses built on stilts and the royal barge dockyard. lunch will be at a riverside restaurant. upon re-boarding your motor coach, drive through chinatown's commercial district. stop at the local flower market; then continue to the **marble temple**, one of bangkok's best-known landmarks. if time permits, your guide will show a gem factory and a souvenir store on the way back to the ship.

### notes:

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we have been notified by our local tour operator that the streets around marble temple will be closed from 09 december 2018 to 19 january 2019 due to the 'un ai rak khelai khwam nao' (love and warmth at winter's end) event organized by h.m. king maha vajiralongkorn bodindradebayavarangkun. the visit to the **marble temple has been replaced by wat trimitr** or the golden buddha

temple for the **westerdam** calls on **29 december 2018** and **5 january 2019**.

## Bangkok Overnight - Gold Package (Double): In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine



Departs: 10:15 AM  
2 days / 1 night  
Price \$729.00

During this special overnight tour, you will discover Bangkok's highlights and have the chance to dine at Sra Bua -- 'one of the best Thai restaurants in the city' according to Food & Wine Magazine. This is an extraordinary opportunity that's not to be missed.

### Day 1 (L/D)

Leave the pier for the 2½-hour drive to **Bangkok**, which is also known as the City of Angels.

Upon arrival, board a chartered **motor launch** for a journey along the **canals and river tributaries** that traverse this fascinating city. As you explore the area, you'll pass rustic homes built on stilts over the water.

Visit the **Royal Barges** -- fabulously ornamented boats that are used during Thai festivals and processions on the river. Take note of the King's barge, which is more than 160 ft long and requires a crew of 50 oarsmen.

You'll stop for a lovely **lunch** at a local restaurant before continuing to visit **Wat Po** -- a temple that's renowned for its golden reclining Buddha statue and the Chedis of the Kings -- a spectacular **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Then, sit down to an **eight-course tasting menu** at **Sra Bua by Kiin Kiin**, awarded a prestigious Michelin star. *Food & Wine* says that diners will be blown away by 'the modern interpretation of Thai cuisine'. Everything is homemade, even the fish sauce, and you'll taste a range of flavors, from humble prawn crackers to molecular creations such as mango sticky rice with a coconut nitrogen ball that explodes when warm syrup is poured over it. From the elegant atmosphere to the dazzling dishes, this is a night to remember.

### Day 2 (B/L)

After **breakfast** at the hotel, board a motorcoach and pass through Chinatown and its beautiful flower market, which is filled with roses and orchids and other colorful blooms.

You'll visit **Wat Trimit**, a gilded historical temple, and the **Grand Palace**. Since 1872, this palace has been the focal point for the people of Thailand. Exploring the grounds, you will marvel at the extensive murals, gilded spires and amazing architectural designs of the buildings.

The image of the Buddha sits high atop a golden throne in the **Wat Phra Kaew** (Temple



of the Emerald Buddha). Carved in the 15th century from a single piece of jade, the Buddha guards the sovereignty of the Kingdom and the religious beliefs of the people.

**Lunch** today is at a local Thai restaurant.

In the afternoon, you will have a chance to **shop** for some wonderful Thai products. Leave Bangkok in the mid-afternoon and return to the ship at Laem Chabang.

Notes:

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Some parts of the Grand Palace are restricted to visitors so not all buildings are open. Dusit Mahaprasat and the Audience Hall of Amarin Winitchai are closed on Saturday & Sundays and can be viewed only from outside of the halls.

The tour is non-refundable if cancelled 21 days prior to the call date.

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Day 2 (B/L)

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You'll visit **Wat Trimit**, a gilded historical temple, and the **Grand Palace**. Since 1872, this palace has been the focal point for the

people of Thailand. Exploring the grounds, you will marvel at the extensive murals, gilded spires and amazing architectural designs of the buildings.

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**Bangkok Overnight - Silver Package (Double)**



Departs: 10:15 AM  
2 days / 1 night  
Adult \$549.95; Child \$299.95



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You'll stop for a lovely **lunch** at a local restaurant before continuing to visit **Wat Po** - a temple that's renowned for its golden reclining Buddha statue and the Chedis of the Kings -- a spectacular **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Check in at the hotel; then, this evening introduces you to mystical dances, Thai food and a truly Thai ambience at a **local dinner restaurant**. During dinner, feast your eyes on the grace and beauty of the dancers, elegantly performing stories from classical literature and folk tales. The traditional colorful costumes bedecked with jewels are quite dazzling.

**Day 2 (B/L)**

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**Bangkok Overnight - Silver Package (Single)**



Departs: 10:15 AM  
2 days / 1 night  
Price \$699.95



**Day 1 (L/D)**

Leave the pier for the 2½-hour drive to **Bangkok**, which is also known as the City of Angels.

Upon arrival, board a chartered **motor launch** for a journey along the **canals and river tributaries** that traverse this fascinating city. As you explore the area, you'll pass rustic homes that are built on stilts above the water.

Visit the **Royal Barges** -- fabulously ornamented boats that are used during Thai festivals and processions on the river. Take note of the King's barge, which is more than 160 feet long and requires a crew of 50 oarsmen.

You'll stop for a lovely **lunch** at a local restaurant before continuing to visit **Wat Po** -

- a temple that's renowned for its golden reclining Buddha statue and the Chedis of the Kings -- a spectacular **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Check in at the hotel; then, this evening introduces you to mystical dances, Thai food and a truly Thai ambience at a **local dinner restaurant**. During dinner, feast your eyes on the grace and beauty of the dancers, elegantly performing stories from classical literature and folk tales. The traditional colorful costumes bedecked with jewels are quite dazzling.

#### Day 2 (B/L)

After **breakfast** at the hotel, board a motorcoach and pass through Chinatown and its beautiful flower market, which is filled with roses and orchids and other colorful blooms.

You'll visit **Wat Trimit**, a gilded historical temple, and the **Grand Palace**. Since 1872, this palace has been the focal point for the people of Thailand. Exploring the grounds, you will marvel at the extensive murals, gilded spires and amazing architectural designs of the buildings.

The image of the Buddha sits high atop a golden throne in the **Wat Phra Kaew** (Temple of the Emerald Buddha). Carved in the 15th century from a single piece of jade, the Buddha guards the sovereignty of the Kingdom and the religious beliefs of the people.

**Lunch** today is at a local Thai restaurant.

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#### Bangkok's Hidden Treasures with Tuk Tuk Ride



Departs: 10:30 AM  
Approximately 10 hours  
Adult \$174.95; Child \$79.95



On this second-to-none adventure, you will visit beautiful temples that are not often discovered by visitors and appreciate scenic views of old Bangkok. The temples are located on **Rattanakosin Island** in the City of Angels. You will visit **Wat Ratchanadda**—renowned for its simple beauty and neat decorations—with the spectacular 116-foot-tall Loha Prasat and 37 surrounding spires. It is the only one of its kind left in the world. You will also visit **Wat Suthat** with the gorgeous Big Buddha and beautiful Viharn and Ubosot with pediments, mural paintings and Buddha Image galleries. See the world-famous **Wat Po** and its huge Reclining Buddha adorned with 108 auspicious scenes in Chinese and Indian styles, and decorated with inlaid mother-of-pearl. And don't miss the gorgeous 20-cornered mosaic **Chedis of the Kings**, devoted to the first four kings of Chakri Dynasty. Then, there's a chance for an unforgettable **tuk tuk ride** along Thailand's **Avenue des Champs-Élysées**—an enthralling experience—stopping for a delicious **Thai lunch** along the way.

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#### Best of Ayutthaya: A UNESCO Heritage site



Departs: 10:15 AM  
Approximately 9½ Hours  
Adult \$194.95; Child \$84.95

Step back into the days when Thailand was Siam as you take in the unforgettable beauty of **Ayutthaya**—a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Ayutthaya was the ancient capital of Thailand from 1350 to 1767. It is a lovely three-hour **scenic drive** from Laem Chabang by motor coach to the historic city of Ayutthaya where you will enjoy lunch at a local hotel. Re-board your coach to explore some of Ayutthaya's most famous and interesting ruins including **Wat Chai Wattanaram**—a replica of the Angkor Wat temple—and Wat Mahathat, one of Ayutthaya's oldest temples. Don't miss the **Buddha in a Bodhi tree**. Re-board your coach for a three-hour drive back to the pier.

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Then, you'll visit an **organic garden**, where you will be welcomed with a snack -- either a morsel that is usually made for Thai royalty, or a Thai-Chinese treat made by a nearby family using a recipe that has been passed down through generations. In the garden, you'll learn about the herbs and vegetables that are included in many of the best-known Thai dishes. You'll also have a chance to see how rice -- the key ingredient in Phad Thai -- is planted.

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See additional  
Price \$399.95

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**Nong Nooch Cultural Village**



Departs: 1:00 PM  
5½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$34.95

This delightful half-day tour will show you a cross-section of Thailand's scenery, religion and culture. Begin with a motor coach ride to Pattaya and **Nong Nooch**, a beautifully landscaped village, where all aspects of Thai culture are on display. **Enjoy a cultural performance in the auditorium**, approximately an hour and 15 minutes of show filled with color and action, with **traditional costumed folk dancers** and **warriors on elephants**, along with a display of the **Thai martial arts** and followed by an **elephant show** in the open courtyard. See the huge elephants at work, moving massive pieces of lumber as they did in days gone by.

You can show them your appreciation by feeding them bananas. Before or after the show, free time at leisure for you to enjoy a **walk through Nong Nooch** themed gardens, such as cactus, tropical palm gardens and topiary garden, Time permitting, enjoy a **shopping stop for silk, Thai products and gemstones** before returning to the ship.

**Pattaya City Orientation & Thai Massage**



Departs: 11:15 AM  
5 Hours  
Price \$59.95



Board an air-conditioned coach for the drive to **Pattaya**. A brief orientation tour introduces you to the city and a lookout point offers panoramic views of the area. Next, enjoy a **traditional Thai massage**—the ancient art of body therapy for healing, health and transformation. This experience is an interactive manipulation of the body, using passive stretching and gentle pressure along energy lines that help adjust the skeletal structure, increase flexibility, relieve muscular and joint tension, stimulate internal organs, and balance the body's energy system.

**Notes:**

Minimum age is 16 years.

**The Best of Bangkok**



Departs: 10:15 AM  
Approximately 10 hours  
Adult \$169.95; Child \$69.95

Take in the most fascinating sights of **Bangkok**. First you will drive through **Chinatown**, which has been an important commercial center in Bangkok for more than 200 years. Enjoy a drive through the city and stop by the **Pak-Klong-Talad flower market** en route to **lunch** at a leading hotel. Afterwards, you'll head to the grounds of the **Royal Palace**. Today the buildings are used only for state functions and royal ceremonies. Visit the **Temple of the Emerald Buddha**—the most ornate temple in Thailand, with murals, statues and glittering gold. The centerpiece is Buddha's image carved from a single piece of jade, almost two feet tall. See the **Golden Chedi**, the Pantheon of Kings and the Towers of Nine Planets before moving on. Time permitting, you can browse at a **gem factory** and a **souvenir store** en route back to the ship.

**Notes:**

Notes: Some part of the Grand Palace are restricted to visitors so not all buildings are open. Dusit Mahaprasat and the Audience Hall of Amarin Winitchai are closed on Saturday & Sundays and can be viewed only from outside of the halls.

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must cover ankles; shorts and mini-skirts are not permitted. You must remove your shoes when entering the chapel. Wear comfortable walking shoes. 8mm movie cameras and still cameras are permitted within the palace grounds but may not be used inside buildings. Approximately one mile of walking is required at the palace. Minimum age is 6 years.

**The Courageous Kitchen Cooking Class: In Partnership with Food & Wine Magazine**



Departs: 10:30 AM  
Approximately 8 Hours  
Price \$159.95



Here's an immersive, authentic culinary experience that has a heart -- part of the proceeds from your tour go toward helping feed locals and train youth in need.

Atlanta native Dwight Turner is a Bangkok-based chef and food blogger who is transforming the lives of locals through his company, the Courageous Kitchen. There are many cooking classes and market tours in Bangkok; what is unique about the Courageous Kitchen is that part of the proceeds benefit local children and their families and help to train disadvantaged youth in the art of cooking. Plus, it's a great way to get an insider's look at this exciting Asian capital.

This immersive morning or afternoon experience starts with a visit to a **local market** in a residential neighborhood of Bangkok. During the market tour, you will see, touch

and taste the flavors of Thailand. Meet vendors selling all sorts of vegetables, meat, freshly-pressed coconut milk, and colorful flowers. Later, you will stop at a street stall for a **traditional snack** before bringing your discoveries back to Dwight's own kitchen to begin cooking.

During the **hands-on cooking class**, you'll learn to make dishes such as Pad Thai (the famous noodle dish), Tom Kha Kai coconut soup, and fried pork with basil leaves (dishes may vary seasonally). Throughout the process, you will see how Asian spices can be combined to create delicious flavors and you will learn the basics of **home-style Thai cooking**. You'll get to eat the dishes you made and finish off the meal with a delicious Thai dessert.

Take copies of the recipes so that you can make your creations back at home.

**Notes:**

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

**The Sanctuary of Truth**



Departs: 11:00 AM  
5¼ Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$49.95

Depart from Laem Chabang port by motor coach for a one-hour transfer to the **Sanctuary of Truth**. Located at Cape Ratchawat, the sanctuary was conceived by Mr Lek—owner of the Ancient City in Samut Prakarn. The Sanctuary of Truth is made solely of wood and is considered to be an example of distinguished architecture in

Thailand. This wooden structure is built in Chaturamuk style and is decorated with Chofa, Bai Raka and Thepphachao (gods). The Sanctuary of Truth is a tribute to Thailand's religious beliefs, especially Buddhism. A team of 250 wood carvers works on the sanctuary at any given time, but construction is expected to take another five years. Although incomplete, the building site is open to visitors who want to view the work in progress. Then, take a drive up to the Pattaya Viewpoint for a view of Pattaya Bay and, time permitting, you'll **shop** for local products and souvenirs.

**Notes:**

Minimum age is 6 years.

**Tiger Zoo**



Departs: 1:00 PM  
5 Hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$29.95

Transfer by motor coach to visit the **Sriracha Tiger Zoo**. With an area of more than 100 acres, the zoo is home to more than 185 Bengal tigers and 4,100 crocodiles. In addition to the fascinating animals, the zoo also provides many activities for visitors to enjoy, including the Amazing Circus, the Crocodile Show and the Elephant Show. You will have a chance to hold a baby tiger in your arms and bottle-feed it for a memorable photograph (at your own expense).

**Notes:**

Minimum age is 4 years.

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Additional fee will be charged to hold the baby tiger

**Transfer to Bangkok**



Departs: 10:30 AM  
Approximately 11 hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$29.95

This **transfer** may suit you if you would like to **explore on your own**. It consists of a motor coach ride from the ship to the city. You will be dropped off at a central location, and the coach escort will advise you of the pick-up time for the return journey.

**Notes:**

Guide service, taxi transfers, entrance fees and lunch are not included in the transfer price. It will be your responsibility to be at the drop-off point at the given return time. An English-speaking escort will be aboard the transfer motor coach to answer questions en route. Travel time to Bangkok is approximately 2½ hours each way. Most shops are closed on Sundays, with the exception of some souvenir shops. Minimum age is 6 years.

**Transfer to Pattaya (Sold On Board)**



Departs: 11:00 AM  
6½ Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$29.95

# Laem Chabang (Bangkok), Thailand - Wednesday, November 20, 2019:

## A Day in the Thai Countryside



Departs: 7:30 AM  
7 Hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$54.95

Depart by motor coach and drive 20 miles to **Wat Yansangwararam**. This temple is under the King's patronage and is unique for its mix of architectural styles derived from many countries. You'll also see the interesting Chinese **Sala Viharnsien Pavilion**, containing hundreds of antiques donated to King Bhumibol by the Chinese Government. Take advantage of a photo stop at Chee-Jan Mountain, on the side of which is a 390-foot-tall Buddha embossed in gold. Enjoy lunch at **Silver Lake Winery** before proceeding to the **Gems Gallery** and back to the ship.

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are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

### Laem Chabang Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 4 h  
Price \$499.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 8 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

Notes:

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not

per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

### Nong Nooch Cultural Village



Departs: 8:15 AM  
5½ Hours  
Adult \$69.95; Child \$34.95

This delightful half-day tour will show you a cross-section of Thailand's scenery, religion and culture. Begin with a motor coach ride to Pattaya and **Nong Nooch**, a beautifully landscaped village, where all aspects of Thai culture are on display. **Enjoy a cultural performance in the auditorium**, approximately an hour and 15 minutes of show filled with color and action, with **traditional costumed folk dancers** and **warriors on elephants**, along with a display of the **Thai martial arts** and followed by an **elephant show** in the open courtyard. See the huge elephants at work, moving massive pieces of lumber as they did in days gone by. You can show them your appreciation by feeding them bananas. Before or after the show, free time at leisure for you to enjoy a **walk through Nong Nooch** themed gardens, such as cactus, tropical palm gardens and topiary garden, Time permitting, enjoy a **shopping stop for silk, Thai products and gemstones** before returning to the ship.

### Pattaya City Orientation & Thai Massage



Departs: 8:30 AM  
5 Hours  
Price \$59.95



Board an air-conditioned coach for the drive to **Pattaya**. A brief orientation tour introduces you to the city and a lookout point offers panoramic views of the area. Next, enjoy a **traditional Thai massage**—the ancient art of body therapy for healing, health and transformation. This experience is an interactive manipulation of the body, using passive stretching and gentle pressure along energy lines that help adjust the skeletal structure, increase flexibility, relieve muscular and joint tension, stimulate internal organs, and balance the body's energy system.

#### Notes:

Minimum age is 16 years.

### The Sanctuary of Truth



Departs: 8:00 AM  
5¼ Hours  
Adult \$79.95; Child \$49.95

Depart from Laem Chabang port by motor coach for a one-hour transfer to the **Sanctuary of Truth**. Located at Cape Ratchawat, the sanctuary was conceived by Mr Lek—owner of the Ancient City in Samut Prakarn. The Sanctuary of Truth is made solely of wood and is considered to be an example of distinguished architecture in Thailand. This wooden structure is built in

Chaturamuk style and is decorated with Chofa, Bai Raka and Thepphachao (gods). The Sanctuary of Truth is a tribute to Thailand's religious beliefs, especially Buddhism. A team of 250 wood carvers works on the sanctuary at any given time, but construction is expected to take another five years. Although incomplete, the building site is open to visitors who want to view the work in progress. Then, take a drive up to the Pattaya Viewpoint for a view of Pattaya Bay and, time permitting, you'll **shop** for local products and souvenirs.

#### Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years.

### Tiger Zoo



Departs: 8:00 AM  
5 Hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$29.95

Transfer by motor coach to visit the **Sriracha Tiger Zoo**. With an area of more than 100 acres, the zoo is home to more than 185 Bengal tigers and 4,100 crocodiles. In addition to the fascinating animals, the zoo also provides many activities for visitors to enjoy, including the Amazing Circus, the Crocodile Show and the Elephant Show. You will have a chance to hold a baby tiger in your arms and bottle-feed it for a memorable photograph (at your own expense).

#### Notes:

Minimum age is 4 years.

Minimum age is 4 years.

Additional fee will be charged to hold the baby tiger

### Transfer to Pattaya (Sold On Board)



Departs: 8:15 AM  
6½ Hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$29.95

**Nathon (Koh Samui), Thailand - Thursday, November 21, 2019:** Koh Samui is an island of towering coconut trees, brilliant sunshine and beautiful white sand beaches. One of the three largest islands in Thailand, it is easy to forget the world in this paradise. On the south end of the island, the strange rock formations of Hin Ta and Hin Ya are said to be the physical embodiment of a couple whose ship was wrecked in the bay. First settled by Malay fishermen, the island is rich with legends and tales like this one.

The Big Buddha on the island's Northern shore is a popular attraction and an important symbol for the locals. Visit one of the world's most stunning waterfalls, Na Muang - or enjoy the simple beauty of rare butterflies, insects and bees at the Na Tian Butterfly Garden. Or you may want to watch the world go by under the shade of a coconut palm.

### AFAR: Temples & Beach



Departs: 8:15 AM  
6 Hours  
Price \$115.95

Board your air-conditioned motorcoach and embark on a drive that takes you through the tropical countryside as you drive through **Hua Thanon**, a traditional fishing village set amidst a paradise of green trees, golden sand and glistening ocean. Have your cameras at the ready to possibly capture the photogenic beauty of the fishermen's Kor Lae boats, ornately painted in bright colors.

Prepare yourself for some monkey business. Literally! Because you'll also visit a local venue where **monkeys** harvest coconuts! It's true. For centuries monkeys have been trained to scale coconut palms and pluck coconuts for their handlers. You'll enjoy a delightful demonstration of this ancient art performed by these frisky little creatures.

Nearby you'll also enjoy the beauty of **Plai Laem Temple**. Once part of the **Big Buddha Temple**, **Wat Plai Laem** is home to a superb statue of Kwan Yin (or Guanjin), the 18-armed Buddhist avatar of Mercy and to a

massive, vibrantly-colored **Smiling Buddha**. The temple is also famous for the hundreds of big fish that live in the lake. Take time out from exploration to feed them - food is available at the temple for a small donation.

Towering, golden and featuring a benign smile, a 39-foot high golden Buddha welcomes as you visit one of the island's most popular spots - Big Buddha Temple. Situated on the northeastern tip of the island, it has become a major meditation center for local and tourists alike. Climb the stairs to the viewing platform to take in superb vistas of the northern coast. A perfect photo opportunity. Take a stroll around the local handicraft stalls located within the temple complex search out unique souvenirs and gifts for your family and friends offered by local vendors.

Take a break from your exploration to indulge in a delicious **international buffet** at a beach resort hotel. Set along a pristine stretch of white sand, this upscale resort is a perfect backdrop for a relaxing meal.

Be sure to bring your swimsuit if you wish to swim after lunch there will be a short time for you to relax or take a swim.... Explore

Chaweng Beach and enjoy its powdery white sands turquoise sea vistas - that's what greets you as you step onto Koh Samui's most popular beach.

Notes:

To visit the Phra Yai (Big Buddha), you must be able to walk up 82 steps.

Modest attire is required to visit the temple complex—knees must be covered and shoes must be removed.

Minimum age is 6 years.

Excursion is Guided in English

### Eco Safari by 4-Wheel-Drive



Departs: 8:45 AM  
4½ Hours  
Adult \$154.95; Child \$89.95

Samui has more to offer than just its beautiful beaches, clear water and gorgeous scenery. It also has an impressive **tropical forest** and a **seasonal fruit orchard** that is yours to explore. This adventurous eco-safari will introduce you to the 'other side' of Samui. Travel in a **4-wheel-drive vehicle** passing the local villages where mostly they are fisherman and farmers. Learn about the coconut—the coconut that is the heart of the island's original industry.

Entering the safari park, you'll leave the vehicle and switch to an entirely different and rather unusual mode of transportation—you will trek through the tropical jungle of Samui upon the **back of an elephant** (Elephant riding is optional). Later, watch the adorable **baby elephant show**. Watch in delight as a trained **monkey** plucks a nut from high atop a coconut tree. Just inside the same compound, step inside a local restaurant in the camp area for **lunch**; then, visit a **rubber plantation** to see how the farmers tap the tree for sap, and how it is transformed into sheets of rubber. Finally, enjoy **free time** to explore Nathon Market on your own or return to the ship.

Notes:

Minimum age is 6 years.

Restrictions apply for pregnant women.

Wear comfortable shoes.

Excursion is in **English**

### Explore Buddhist Temples



Departs: 9:15 AM  
Approximately 4 hours  
Adult \$49.95; Child \$29.95



Koh Samui's fascinating culture and unique architecture captivate many visitors from all over the world. Some of the most famous landmarks on this island include a number of wats, or temples. This half-day tour takes you to explore the most prominent Buddhist temples.

Board an air-conditioned vehicle and set off on the approximately 30-minute drive to **Wat Kunaram**—home to its own Buddhist miracle. A special building here holds the mummified corpse of its most famous monk, who died while sitting in meditation. The monk's body is housed in a glass coffin.

Then, visit **Wat Sila Ngu**, a beautiful golden temple in Koh Samui, often visited by many locals as a place of worship. As many locals believe that this temple is a relic of the Lord Buddha, you will always find many devotees at this temple. You will see some beautiful artworks, sculptures and beautiful **Buddhist illustrations**. The temple's beautiful decor represents Koh Samui's art, tradition and Buddhist culture. Wat Sila Ngu's Buddhist sculptures also showcase the century-old artwork and architecture of Thailand, which inspires devotees in their spiritual faith. Unquestionably, this temple is one of the finest examples of Buddhist architecture in Asia. The temple's wonderful serene setting, breathtaking beach view and beautiful sculptures will delight all visitors to this

beautiful temple

Back in the vehicle, head to **Wat Plai Laem**—once part of the **Big Buddha Temple**. Wat Plai Laem is home to a superb statue of **Kwan Yin** (or Guanjin)—the 18-armed Buddhist avatar of Mercy. The temple is surrounded by a lake stocked with fish. You will be given a bag of **food** to feed the **fish**. Finally, visit the huge **Seated Buddha**, built in 1972. **Phra Yai** (Big Buddha) sits proudly on the top of a rocky islet off the northeast coast of the island. You'll stop to view this monumental landmark, and the small temple complex that surrounds it, en route back to the pier.

Notes:

To visit the Phra Yai (Big Buddha), you must be able to walk up 82 steps. Modest attire is required to visit the temple complex—knees must be covered and shoes must be removed. Minimum age is 6 years. Excursion is guided in English

### Koh Samui Sun, Sea & Sand



Departs: 8:15 AM  
Approximately 6 hours  
Adult \$119.95; Child \$69.95

Today is all about kicking back for some sea, sun and fun. Head for one Samui's premier resorts hotels on **Chaweng Beach**. Here you will have the chance to relax, soaking up the sun on one of the island's top beaches and its fine white powdery sand—a great way to spend the day in this tropical paradise. Cool off with a tropical beverage (at your own

expense) and **lunch** is included. Beach chairs, beach towels, and umbrellas are provided.

Notes:

Club music is usually played in the background at the resort. Minimum age is 2 years. Excursion is in **English**

### Samui Highlights & Tropical Spa



Departs: 8:15 AM  
6 Hours  
Price \$149.95

It's your day to enjoy with this combination of a great tour of Samui's best attractions and a relaxing **spa treatment**.

A short drive brings you to a **spa resort** for a two-hour spa experience with a choice of treatments. Your spa package includes either a 120-minute aroma-oil massage, or a 90-minute Thai massage combined with a 30-minute foot massage.

Enjoy your memorable spa experience in an open-air pavilion. Alternatively, a tranquil tropical garden setting may be offered at the facility's discretion.

Afterwards, take some time to stroll in the 'Garden of Eden' if you wish.

You'll also visit the symbolic **Big Buddha** and Grandma/Grandpa Rocks of Samui.

Take advantage of some **free time** for **shopping** and exploring in Nathon town before returning to the ship.

**NOTES:** Minimum age is 16 years.

### Samui Sights with Lunch



Departs: 8:45 AM  
Approximately 5½ hours  
Adult \$99.95; Child \$59.95

This half-day tour takes you to see the stunning sights of this tropical paradise. Learn about the **coconut industry** on the island from a local farmer; then, visit the fishing village of **Baan Hua Tanon**. You'll be delighted as you watch a trained monkey climb a coconut tree to pluck a nut. Enjoy a taste of the natural **coconut beverage**--fresh coconut water! Visit the huge **Seated Buddha**, built in 1972. **Phra Yai** (Big Buddha) sits proudly on the top of a rocky islet off the northeast coast of the island. You'll stop to view this monumental landmark and the small temple complex that surrounds it. End your experience with a delicious lunch at a beach resort.

Notes:

To visit the **Phra Yai** (Big Buddha), you must be able to walk up 76 steps. Modest attire is required to visit the temple complex: knees must be covered and shoes must be removed. Minimum age is 6 years. Excursion guided in **English**

### Samui Sights



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 4 hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$34.95

This half-day tour takes you to see the stunning sights of this tropical paradise. Learn about the **coconut industry** on the island from a local farmer; then, visit the fishing village of **Baan Hua Tanon**. You'll be delighted as you watch a trained **monkey** climb a coconut tree to pluck a coconut. Enjoy a taste of the natural coconut beverage - fresh coconut water! Visit the huge **Seated Buddha**, built in 1972. **Phra Yai** (Big Buddha) sits proudly on the top of a rocky islet off the northeast coast of the island. You'll stop to view this monumental landmark and the small temple complex that surrounds it.

Notes:  
To visit the Phra Yai (Big Buddha), you must be able to walk up 82 steps. Modest attire is required to visit the temple complex: knees must be covered and shoes must be removed. Minimum age is 6 years.  
This excursion is in **English**

### Waterfall Hike & Market Explorer: In Partnership with FOOD & WINE Magazine



Departs: 9:00 AM  
5 Hours  
Adult \$64.95; Child \$34.95

Board an air-conditioned vehicle at Nathon Pier and set off on a short drive to visit the local **market**. The market offers an incredible range of some of the finest and freshest

seafood that can be found on the island of Koh Samui. Then, head to the **Hin Lad Waterfall** for a half-hour **hike** into the **Samui Jungle**. Hin Lad Waterfall is one of the most beautiful waterfalls found on the island and is located just south of Nathon. Enjoy a swim in the mountain fresh water to cool off before a delicious Thai and seafood **lunch** is served at a local restaurant.

Notes:  
The waterfall hike through the jungle is strenuous and is on an unimproved trail with uneven ground. Please make sure to wear close-toed shoes. Guests should be in good physical condition, not suffer from any heart, knee or back conditions and able to walk 3 miles over uneven ground. Water flow at the waterfall varies seasonally. Wear your swimsuit under your clothing; bring a towel, sunscreen and a hat.  
Minimum age is 6 years.  
Excursion guided in English

**Singapore - Saturday, November 23, 2019:** The cultural crossroads of the world, where in the space of a few hours you can relax in a quaint Chinese teahouse, purchase a colorful sari in Little India and visit a Sultan mosque. Ponder it all on the verandah of the famous Raffles Hotel.

**Singapore Highlights & Airport Transfer**



Departs: 9:30 AM  
Approximately 4½ Hours  
Adult \$94.95; Child \$74.95

An ideal "first experience" **overview** of dynamic **Singapore**, this tour features many highlights of this island nation that is known for its extraordinary tidiness and its friendly people. First, you will drive to the heart of **Old Singapore**, passing St Andrew's Cathedral, City Hall and Padang. Disembark the motorcoach at **Esplanade Walk** to discover **on foot** the historic Colonial District's splendid architecture. From here, you can also see the Merlion -- the half-fish, half-lion symbol of Singapore -- welcoming visitors to the harbor. You might also catch a glimpse of the famous Marina Bay Sands Hotel at a distance (weather permitting).

Re-boarding the coach, continue to **Arab Street** to take advantage of an opportunity to photograph the beautiful, gold-domed Sultan Mosque. Next stop, **Chinatown! Walking** through the alleyways around Sri Mariamman Hindu Temple, you'll see that the building is flamboyantly graced with multi-colored gods and goddesses.

And finally, visit the **National Orchid Garden** to feast your eyes on the largest orchid display in the world, featuring more than 60,000 orchid plants.

**Notes:**

This tour is available only to guests whose cruise ends in Singapore with flights at 4:30pm or later. If you have already purchased an airport transfer with your cruise booking, a refund will be processed on board the ship, as this excursion automatically includes a transfer.

Luggage will be stored inside the coach compartment hence max per coach will be 26 for long cruises and 28 for short cruise itinerary. Please note updated cost tier.

**Singapore Private Touring - Full Day (Car)**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$1,299.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to

create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

**Notes:**

Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

**Singapore Private Touring - Full Day (Minivan)**



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 8 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Please call for pricing



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your

time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 6 guests (without luggage). Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

**Notes:**

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

### Singapore Private Touring - Half Day (Car)



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$649.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 2 guests. Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

**Notes:**

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are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

### Singapore Private Touring - Half Day (Minivan)



Departs: 9:00 AM  
Approximately 4 hours - Price is per vehicle, not per person.  
See additional NOTES below.  
Price \$799.95



Explore at your own pace with a private vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide at your service. This exclusive tour is designed to allow you the chance to customize your time ashore and discover the most interesting sights in the comfort and privacy of your own vehicle. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to design your itinerary ashore according to your own interests, and take in the sights at your own pace. See the famous sights, or go beyond to create your own intimate connections and unique cultural encounters. The Signature Collection is recommended for the single/solo traveler, couples, family, friends, and special interest groups traveling together. It can also be an excellent choice for guests with mobility limitations.

Capacity: 6 guests (without Luggage). Your private party may be of any size up to the maximum capacity.

**Notes:**

Private minivans are ordered per vehicle (not per person), so only one person in the party needs to order the vehicle. The price shown is the total cost for the vehicle, driver, and English-speaking guide. Entrance fees for attractions are not included. In many destinations, the number of vehicles available is extremely limited, so guests are encouraged to secure their private vehicle reservation as early as possible.

# Overland Adventures & Overnights



# General Information

For those with a thirst for adventure as well as luxury cruising, we offer a selection of special Overland Adventures and Overnights to take you deep into the heart of the lands we visit. Varying in length from two to several days, these tours will take you through breathtaking scenery and to historical sites that allow you to explore each region more thoroughly.

## Clothing

Comfortable, layered clothing and walking shoes are strongly recommended.

## Flights, Meals & Accommodation

As flight times have not been confirmed at the time this brochure was printed, some meals and visits to some attractions may be adjusted for your comfort and convenience, to accommodate the schedule. Overland Adventures and Overnights include all meals (unless otherwise specified), transportation and overnight accommodations in the finest hotels available and are escorted by a member of Holland America Line's staff.

## Advance Bookings

We are increasingly aware that many discerning travelers are enthusiastic to participate in our comprehensive program of spectacular Overland Adventures and Overnights. Because it is not always possible to guarantee space beyond the tours' booking deadline on these exciting journeys, we earnestly encourage you to use the Holland America Line website well in advance to secure space

on the overland or overnight experience of your dreams. Space is limited! We suggest that you book early to avoid missing these truly enticing tours which have been arranged to give you an in-depth view of inland areas.

## Physical Limitations

Due to the in-depth nature of these tours, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs.

## Luggage

Luggage must be limited to one small checked bag per person on Overland Adventures and Overnights.

## Special Notes

- Wear comfortable footwear at all times
- Bring a lightweight sweater or jacket in case of cooler temperatures
- Book early. Capacity is limited on many Overland Adventures and Overnights
- Book your Overland Adventures and Overnights online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com)

## Visas, Vaccinations & Tourist Cards

It is each guest's sole responsibility to obtain (before traveling) any visas, vaccinations and/or tourist cards that are required for participating in Overland Adventures and Overnights, unless noted otherwise in the description. Please be aware that you may need a visa for any and/or all countries that you will depart from and travel through as part of your overland adventure or overnight tour, and for the country in which you will re-join the ship.

## Tour Durations & Prices

The information in this brochure is designed to help you select the tours most suited to your interests. The individual tour descriptions include approximate durations. Prices can be found on our website at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com) and are quoted in U.S. funds. Prices are subject to change without notice. To allow the Shore Excursions staff the flexibility to coordinate your time in port with meals and activities on the ship, exact departure times are published in the Shore Excursions Planning Form on board. For more information, please attend the Shore Excursions presentation or visit the Shore Excursions Desk.

## Tour Descriptions

Tour descriptions may change after printing. Information that becomes available after this brochure is published will be posted in the Shore Excursions section of our website, which can be found online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com). Significant changes will be noted on the Shore Excursions Planning Form on board. Tour schedules are subject to change.

## Guides, Services & Transportation

In certain interesting, off-the-beaten-track places, professional guides and vehicles are at a premium. The best available are engaged. For all tours other than the Signature Collection, it is exceptional for drivers of public hire vehicles to speak any language but their own and it is not always possible to obtain air-conditioned buses or taxis in many ports. However, we do our utmost to find the very best packages for your touring pleasure. Guests who leave during a tour for which transportation is included must thereafter provide for their



own transportation and services at their own expense. Transportation standards vary from country to country.

### Self-Guided Touring

Guests who do not join these prearranged shore excursions must rely on whatever transportation is available in each port. If you choose to devise your own excursion, we suggest that you remind the driver or tour escort of the ship's sailing time. Of course, the ship's facilities are fully available to guests while in port.

### Reservations & Online Reservations

Now you can easily choose your tour times, book your tours and receive confirmation of your shore excursions reservations 24 hours a day. Visit us online at [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com) or phone us at 1-888-425-9376. Book online now, up until 3 days before sailing. Make your payment online via our secure website, and receive confirmation as well as your tour departure times. You can also download the shore excursions, view tour prices, find answers to frequently asked questions and read general information. Remember, online and phone shore excursion reservations are processed prior to any requests made on board the ship and receive priority handling. At

the time of making your reservations online, we will advise you whether or not your reservations are confirmed or whether you have been waitlisted. Your credit card will be charged immediately for all confirmed reservations. Should space become available for a waitlisted tours request, we will e-mail or otherwise contact you at that time and either immediately charge your credit card if you have already given us your credit card information or ask you to provide us with that information for immediate charge processing. Reservations for shore excursions are subject to cancellation by us at any time prior to the credit card charge being accepted by your bank. If you or Holland America cancel a tour (except Overland Adventures and Overnights) more than 3 days prior to cruise departure, we will issue a credit on the credit card that you used to pay for the reservation. For any cancellation within 3 days of departure, a credit will not be given on your credit card. Instead, we will apply an ONBOARD CREDIT ONLY policy under which the refund (less any cancellation fee) will show up as a credit to the shipboard account of the person who was to take the tour. If the credit is not fully utilized during the cruise, the balance will be paid to that guest by the ship's Purser. Once on board, if you cancel your tour reservation after the booking deadline stated in the Shore Excursion Planning Form on board, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged. If space on the tour you have ordered is not available you will be contacted to see if you are interested in another tour selection. You may receive confirmation of your tours via e-mail. Vouchers for each confirmed tour will be delivered to your stateroom after embarkation.

### Immunizations

Immunizations may be required for some of the ports of call included in your voyage. Please contact your local physician, Health Department and/or travel medicine clinic to discuss immunization requirements for all countries on



your itinerary. You can also check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov). Click on Travelers' Health and then Vaccinations. It is also a good idea to bring along a record of your immunizations, as requirements for immunizations may change. It is the guests' responsibility to remain apprised of changes in immunization policies, so that they have all the required inoculations and immunizations at the time of departure.

### Safety

We take steps to identify and contract with reputable tour operators. Tour operators must comply with local government requirements and carry liability insurance in amounts consistent with local standards to address personal injury and property damage.

### Visa Requirements

Each guest is responsible for obtaining all visas needed to join the cruise. Unless otherwise noted, it is the guest's sole responsibility to obtain any necessary visas to participate in any Overland Adventures and Overnights. Guests must keep themselves apprised of policy changes. Passports, visas (other than as specified above), tourist cards, and vaccinations, if required, are the sole responsibility of the guest. Remember, guests must have a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond the completion of their trip.



### Visa Service

It is each guest's responsibility to obtain all necessary visas. Your travel agent will assist you with your visa needs. Should you require further assistance, special arrangements have been made with ZIERER VISA SERVICE. They can be contacted directly at:

#### ZIERER VISA SERVICE

4301 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

Suite 250

Washington, D.C. 20008

(866) 788-1100/Phone

(202) 265-3061/Fax

Walk-in hours: 8:30am to 5pm EST

or

165 Post Street (walk-in hours: 9am to 5pm PST)

3rd Floor

San Francisco, CA 94108

(866) 788-1100/Phone

(415) 495-4491/Fax

Documents need to be submitted no earlier than three months prior to your home country departure, but no later than 70 calendar days prior to your departure from home. Documents received after this deadline may be subject to additional fees.



### Cancellation of Signature Collection Arrangements

There is no penalty for canceling most pre-booked tours; however, if you cancel a Signature Collection private vehicle tour, a 100% cancellation fee will apply since transportation and services will have already been arranged.

### Cancellation of Overland Adventures and Overnights

The cancellation policy for Overland Adventures and Overnights is (unless noted otherwise in the tour description):

- 30 - 60 days before tour date: 25%
- 14 - 29 days before tour date: 50%
- Within 14 days: Non-Refundable

Please note that the Cancellation Protection Plan covers pre-booked tours, including Overland Adventures and Overnights, if cancellation is made up to 24 hours prior to commencement of cruise. Tours cancelled within 24 hours prior to commencement of cruising or while on board are not covered by the Cancellation Protection Plan and are subject to the above penalties. In the event a complete tour is cancelled by Holland America Line or the tour operator, pre-booked refunds will be handled on board. Very shortly after each booking deadline/cancellation date, e-mails are sent from the ship to the agencies concerned, informing them of our definite requirements for meals, seats on aircraft, number of automobiles and motorcoaches, etc., and commitments are made. If notice of cancellation is received after the booking deadline/cancellation date, a refund can be assured only if the ticket is resold. Guests are encouraged to pre-purchase tours. We recommend speaking with the Shore Excursions Manager on board if you have any questions about your physical ability to take part in any tour. Should you opt not to take the tour following this discussion, full reimbursement will be made provided the cancellation is made within 24 hours of boarding the ship. For Overland Adventures and Overnights, due to the in-depth nature of the adventures, most areas are not accessible to wheelchairs and require a considerable amount of activity.



### Scooters

Depending on the port, the tour operator(s) may impose weight restrictions for electric scooters and/or additional charges may apply.

### General Conditions

Shore Excursions, Overland Adventures and Overnights are "Non-Holland America Line Services" for the purposes of your Cruise Contract. This means that tours are not owned or operated by Holland America Line. Refer to your Cruise Contract for a full statement of your rights and obligations as well as those of the Owner of the Ship, Holland America Line Inc. and certain other persons and entities with respect to Non-Holland America Line Services. In particular, please note that you are assuming the entire risk of utilizing Non-Holland America Line Services subject only to whatever terms or arrangements are made by you or on your behalf with the third party furnishing the Non-Holland America Line Services. Holland America Line does not assume liability for injuries or damages that occur during or as a result of Shore Excursions, Overland Adventures and Overnights, nor is Holland America Line liable for loss of or damage to any baggage or other property which occurs ashore, for any reason whatsoever. Tours are subject to cancellations or changes. Tour operators reserve the right to deny participation to guests based on such criteria as they may establish. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult aged 21 years or older.