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At Cox & Kings, we believe that travel changes lives, and we’re dedicated to creating authentic travel experiences, full of surprises, wonder and joy. So whether you want to venture deep into the Amazon, trace the course of trade on the ancient Silk Route, track the Great Migration in the Serengeti, or explore the icy landscapes of Greenland, we’ve got the expertise and the relationships to ensure that your journey is completely unforgettable.

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Cox & Kings was born as a luxury custom-designed travel company. It is who we are, and part of our heritage. We don’t just create “cookie-cutter” itineraries, we thrive on bringing to life destinations with wonder and excitement, as if it was our first time, every time.

Our Destination Experts are some of the best when it comes to designing innovative, authentic and remarkable travel experiences. In this brochure they have handcrafted and highlighted the very best programs that they recommend. Of course, each one of these journeys is just a suggestion. So experience your private journey as our experts intended, or work with us to perfectly craft the trip to fuel your desires.

The World is Waiting...

PETER KERKAR
Chairman, Cox & Kings
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Day 1: Arrive Kota Kinabalu
Upon arrival in Kota Kinabalu, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Shangri-La Ria Resort – 1 night

Day 2: To Kinabalu National Park
After breakfast, depart for Kinabalu National Park. En route, stop at a small village to meet the hospitable locals and tour a traditional home. Upon arrival at the park, set out for a guided hike on one of the walking trails. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow traveling companions. Nepenthes Lodge – 1 night (B, L, D)

Day 3: To Kinabatangan
After breakfast this morning, travel to the banks of the Kinabatangan River; one of only two known places on earth where ten primate species can be found, including long-nosed proboscis monkey and Bornean orangutan, as well as Borneo pygmy elephant, clouded leopard, sun bear and slow loris. Sukau Rainforest Lodge – 2 nights (B, L, D)

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10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS KOTA KINABALU, KINABALU NATIONAL PARK, KINABATANGAN RIVER, SANDAKAN & GAYA ISLAND

My Dream Trip — Borneo: Rainforests, Longhouses and Orangutans
**Journey Highlights**

Discover one of the last two natural habitats of the orangutan in the world

Explore the rainforest and visit a traditional Dusun Village en route to Kinabalu National Park

Take a river cruise in search of hornbill monkey and possibly the Bornean pygmy elephant.

Visit the limestone Gomantong Caves home to the swiftlet nests

Enjoy two nights on the protected beaches of Gaya Island

Experience the Golden Age of rail travel as you ride a steam train to the village of Papar

**Extend Your Journey**

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Kiyomizu-dera Temple in Kyoto, Japan
The island nation of Japan has captured the imagination of travelers for hundreds of years. Today, the country is an exhilarating fusion of ancient and modern traditions, from the venerated temples of Kyoto and Nara to the wild urbanism of Tokyo’s Ginza District. As you travel around the country, you’ll see it all, from the icy summit of Mount Fuji and the bucolic splendor of Hakone National Park to the iconic bullet train, the culinary scene in Osaka, and the history and myths surrounding ancient Buddhist shrines. Just turn the page to see some of the customized itineraries that our Destination Experts have designed…
Explore the metropolis of Tokyo and then marvel at the view of Mount Fuji from Hakone National Park. Heading southwest, discover the vibrant city of Kyoto, a great base from which to explore the imperial capital of Nara, which remains the spiritual center of the country. Rocket through the country on the Shinkansen (bullet train), experience the city lights, relish traditional Japanese delicacies and immerse yourself in the fusion of ancient and modern Japan.

Day 1: Arrive Tokyo
Upon arrival in Tokyo, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. The Peninsula Tokyo (Elite) / Hyatt Andaz (Preferred) – 3 nights

Day 2: Tokyo
After breakfast this morning, join your guide and set out on an exploration of this cosmopolitan city. Visit Meiji Shrine, Tokyo’s most celebrated Shinto shrine, which is dedicated to the spirit of Emperor Meiji and his wife. Explore the ancient Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo’s oldest Buddhist temple and the traditional Nakamise shopping arcade. End your day with green tea and Japanese sweets at Hamarikyu Gardens. (B)

Day 3: Tokyo
As the Tsukiji Fish market is closing to make way for new development, visit instead the new Toyosu Fish Market. Later discover the Ginza district, where the latest fashion trends are harmoniously mixed with time-honored traditions. (B)
Day 4: To Hakone
Embark on a drive to Hakone National Park, a mountainous area known for its dramatic views of Mount Fuji and volcanic hot springs. Enjoy a cruise along the serene Lake Ashinoko. Formed in the caldera of Mount Hakone 3,000 years ago, today the lake is an oasis of tranquility. Gora Kadan (Elite) / Hyatt Regency Hakone (Preferred) – 1 night (B, L)

Day 5: To Kyoto
Ride the rails as you take the iconic bullet train to Kyoto. Upon arrival, meet your local guide and venture through the narrow streets and quiet residential areas of Kyoto, stopping at several of the city’s cultural temples and shrines along the way. Ritz Carlton Kyoto (Elite) / Hyatt Regency Kyoto (Preferred) – 4 nights (B)

Day 6: Kyoto
Travel through the centuries today as you visit temples from both the Edo and Nara periods. Start this morning at the Zen Buddhist Kinkakuji Temple. Originally a shogun’s retirement villa, the shimmering, gilded mansion was turned into a temple after his death in the 15th century. Continue to Nijo Castle, which is famed throughout the country for its Momoyama architecture. This evening, enjoy a Maiko show (apprentice geisha). (B, D)

Day 7: Kyoto
Pay a morning visit to the hillside Fushimi-Inari Shrine, an important Shinto shrine in southern Kyoto, famous for its thousands of brilliant red torii gates. Then travel to Nara, home to Japan’s original emperors. Visit Todaiji Temple and Kasuga Shrine to immerse yourself in the spiritual heart of the country. End the day with a visit to the Sake Museum to learn more about Japan’s national drink. (B)

Day 8: Kyoto
The day is yours to explore modern Kyoto with your guide. Sample the wares at Nishiki Market or the astonishing selection of delicacies at Daimaru Depachika. Search for treasures at the Kyoto Handicraft Center, one of several excellent flea markets, or the best knife shop in the city, Aritsugu. If you enjoy tea, be sure to stop at Ippodo, an atmospheric old tea shop. (B)

Day 9: Depart Kyoto
Bid farewell to the Land of the Rising Sun as you are escorted to Osaka Airport for your onward flight. (B)

Journey Highlights
Explore Tokyo, including the country’s most celebrated Shinto shrine and its largest Buddhist temple
Discover the mountains of Hakone National Park
Cruise Lake Ashinoko for incredible views of Mount Fuji
Experience the ancient culture of Kyoto and discover its UNESCO World Heritage Sites
Visit Nara, the elegant former capital and spiritual heart of Japan
Attend a Maiko show in Kyoto to learn about geisha culture
Visit the galleries, markets and boutiques that make Kyoto such a vibrant city

Cox & Kings Recommends
Share a meal and conversation with one of the sumo wrestlers, after watching them practice at the Stables in Tokyo.
During baseball season attend one of their national league games in Tokyo

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Experience firsthand the influence that Zen Buddhism has had on the culture of Japan. Explore Tokyo’s shrines and temples, then venture to the ruggedly beautiful Shima Peninsula. Stay overnight at a Buddhist lodge when you head up to Mount Koya. In Kyoto, savor a tea ceremony with a tea master, learn the basics of Zen meditation, and take a stroll on the Philosopher’s Path before traveling to Osaka to explore its renowned culinary scene.

Day 1: Arrive Tokyo
Upon arrival in Tokyo, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo (Elite) / Andaz Tokyo Toranomon Hills (Preferred) – 2 nights

Day 2: Tokyo
Begin your exploration of Tokyo by visiting the grand Meiji Shrine. Visit Sensoji, Tokyo’s oldest temple, and wander down Nakamise where for generations this street has been providing temple visitors with snacks and souvenirs. In the afternoon, visit the Edo Period Hamarikyu Gardens. (B)

Day 3: To Ise Shima
After breakfast this morning, you will be met and escorted to the train station in time to board the JR bullet train to Nagoya. Upon arrival, meet your guide who will escort you to your hotel. Amami (Elite) / Shima Kanko Hotel (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)
Journey Highlights

Explore Tokyo, including the country’s most celebrated Shinto shrine and its oldest temple

Discover the striking landscapes of Ise-Shima National Park

Stay overnight at a Buddhist temple where you can experience the chanting of morning prayers

Wear a handcrafted kimono as you receive a lesson in a traditional Japanese art

WALKALONG THE PHILOSOPHER’S PATH WITH LOCALS THAT HAVE FOLLOWED THE PATH FOR GENERATIONS

Cox & Kings Recommends

Experience a private demonstration of Kendo, a Japanese fighting art taught by masters at a Budokan

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Day 4: Ise Shima
Spend the day immersed in the beautiful landscapes of the Ise Peninsula. Marvel at the Wedded Rocks, two sea stacks joined by a rope woven of rice straw, and explore the sacred Shinto site of Ise Grand Shrine. Visit the Pearl Museum on Mikimoto Island, headquarters of the Mikimoto cultured pearl company. (B)

Day 5: To Koya-san
After breakfast, travel to holy Mount Koya (Koya-san) by road. Mount Koya is the center of Shingon Buddhism, an important Buddhist sect introduced to Japan in the year 805. Tonight, you will be staying at a shukubo (Japanese temple lodging) where your hosts will serve dinner consisting of traditional vegetarian Buddhist cuisine. Buddhist Lodge - 1 night (B, D)

Day 6: To Kyoto
This morning enjoy walking throughout the mountain temples and later meet with your driver who will accompany you to Nara to explore what was Japan’s capital back in the 8th century, continuing on to Kyoto and your hotel. The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto (Elite) / Hyatt Regency, Kyoto (Preferred) – 3 nights (B)

Day 7: Kyoto
Enjoy a full day of enlightenment, including a tea ceremony with an expert tea master. Visit a Zen temple to learn the basics of zazen, the same sitting meditation that led the Buddha to enlightenment. Continue through the sprawling Maruyama Park to the 13th-century Chion-in Temple. Situated close by is the Yasaka Shrine, which has long been associated with the geisha community. (B)

Day 7: Kyoto
This morning, embark upon the mile-long Philosopher’s Path, which follows a canal lined with hundreds of cherry trees that philosophers and priests have strolled throughout the ages. Continue to the Nanzenji Temple and end your morning at the Museum of Traditional Crafts. (B)

Day 9: To Osaka
Rise early for the unforgettable experience of witnessing the monks chanting their morning prayers. Depart for Osaka, the country’s culinary capital whose motto is Kuidaore, which translates to “eat until you drop.” Explore the foodie scene as you sample local delicacies while wandering around the Dotonbori district. The St. Regis Osaka (Elite) / InterContinental Osaka (Preferred) – 1 night (B)

Day 10: Depart Osaka
Today, you will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Want a true Japanese experience? Turn the page to see what it is like to stay in a Ryokan
The Ryokan Experience

To experience the essence of ancient Japanese culture, we recommend a stay at a *ryokan* or traditional Japanese inn. The origins of the ryokan can be traced back to the Nara Period in the 8th-century A.D. when the inns began as free rest houses for travelers. Today, there are many different types of ryokans, but they all offer the enchanting Japanese tradition of hospitality to travelers. Typically, guest rooms are simple in decor, with a low table for seasonal multi-course set-menu where dinner is served. Japanese *tatami* straw mats cover the floor, and a traditional futon is laid out for sleeping.
Kifu No Sato, Mimasaka
Located in the mountains between the seas, Kifu No Sato ryokan welcomes you with exquisite culinary creations that change with the seasons, a selection of relaxing spa treatments, and beautiful ceramics produced by local artisans. Immerse yourself in a traditional Japanese experience as you take a dip in an open-air onsen (hot springs) while enjoying the peaceful garden or the night sky teeming with stars.

Hoshinoya, Kyoto
Hoshinoya Kyoto was built from a riverside villa in Arashiyama, where its perfectly preserved scenery and architecture have been defined by silence, beauty, and luxury for centuries. The resort has inherited these qualities, and continues to build on them. Built 100 years ago on the former premises of Kyoto business tycoon Suminokura Ryoi’s private residence, the ryokan has been modernized just enough to ensure a pleasant stay without sacrificing the heart of traditional Japanese architecture.

Biyu No Yado, Yudanaka
Biyu No Yado is a modern-style ryokan located near Nagano and the famous snow monkeys of Jigokudani Yaen Koen. During your stay here, enjoy the hot spring onsen baths on the roof of the ryokan. Or do as the locals do and wear your yukata (light robes) as you stroll down the street for a soak. When it’s time for dinner, sit down to a traditional Japanese kaiseki meal, up to nine courses.

Gora Kadan, Hakone
Gora Kadan, a member of the Relais & Chateaux Collection, is located in the heart of the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, an area well known for its natural hot springs. It is a traditional Japanese ryokan designed to blend in with the nearby mountains, combining tradition and impeccable service with modern elements. There are two wells from which mineral-rich, hot spring water flows and feeds the open-air baths.

Hiiragiya Ryokan, Kyoto
This traditional ryokan opened for business in 1818, and it remains one of the finest guesthouses in Kyoto. Operated by the same family for six generations, Hiiragiya is known for its individualized service as well as its lovely gardens, views of which are offered from some of the guest rooms. The ryokan serves the finest Kyoto-style Japanese kaiseki (formal, traditional Japanese cuisine) on traditional ceramic pottery and lacquerware.

Hoshino Resort Kai Aso, Oita
This lovely ryokan offers seclusion, hot springs and spectacular views of Mt. Aso, which also provides the abundant supply of mineral-rich water. Each of the spacious villas at Kai Aso has its own outdoor private hot spring tub as well as an indoor bath and shower. The ryokan has a lounge where you can enjoy local yams washed down with Kyushu’s famed shochu or Jersey milk.
Immerse yourself in the culture of the ancient land of Japan. In Hiroshima, visit the Peace Memorial Park and sail to the island of Miya-jima, marveling at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, en route. Then embark on a section of the Shikoku Temple Pilgrimage Route in the scenic Iya Valley before ending your journey in cosmopolitan Osaka. Along the way, get a taste of traditional Japanese hospitality during several nights in traditional ryokans.

**Day 1: Arrive Hiroshima**
Upon arrival in Hiroshima, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. **Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel – 3 nights**

**Day 2: Hiroshima**
After breakfast this morning, wander through the beautiful Shukkei-en Garden, built in 17th century as a miniature version of West Lake in China. A short ferry ride takes you to the picturesque island of Miya-jima. As you approach the shore, marvel at the massive red Itsukushima Shinto Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

**Day 3: Hiroshima**
Embark on a full-day exploration of Hiroshima with your guide. Pay tribute to the victims at the Peace Memorial Park and witness the aftermath of the blast through the photographs at the Peace Memorial Museum. Later this afternoon, take in the sprawling Chuo Park, which is part of the Hiroshima Castle complex. (B)
**Journey Highlights**

- Wander through beautiful Shukkei-en Garden in Hiroshima
- Visit the Peace Memorial Park and the Peace Memorial Museum
- Admire the massive red Itsukushima Shinto Shrine on your way to Miyajima Island
- Go on a spiritual pilgrimage in the Iya Valley, visiting several historic temples
- Soak in the hot springs of your traditional ryokan
- Admire the Ohara Museum of Art and the distinctive 17th-century architecture of Kurashiki
- Walk through the past at Himeji Castle and Osaka Castle
- Explore the largest food market in Osaka

**Cox & Kings Recommends**

Visit a knife maker outside of Osaka to learn the skill and precision of specialty Iron Chef quality knives.

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Spotlight Journeys – Japan

Cox & Kings Spotlight Journeys are Single-Destination Short Itineraries, designed to combine or extend your customized Private Journey.

Takayama

Day 1: Takayama
Today, depart Tokyo for Takayama by rail via the world-famous Shinkansen bullet train and the Limited Express Hida Wide View train (one of the most scenic train journeys in Japan). Koto No Yume Ryokan – 2 nights

Day 2: Takayama
Begin your day at Miyagawa Market and browse the stalls, which sell everything from local produce to handicrafts. Walk the district of San-machi Suji, the traditional home of Takayama merchants, where the homes have been painstakingly preserved. Visit Takayama Jinya Museum and stop at a local sake shop for a taste of Takayama’s renowned variety of traditional rice wine. End your exploration with a visit to the open-air Hida Folk Village. (B, D)

Day 3: Depart Takayama
Return to the train station for your journey back to Tokyo or to your next destination. (B)

Kanazawa

Day 1: Kanazawa
Depart Tokyo by rail to Kanazawa. Upon arrival, you will be met by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. Hotel Nikko Kanazawa – 2 nights

Day 2: Kanazawa
Spend the day discovering Kanazawa, which rivaled Kyoto and Tokyo during the Edo Period. Explore the breathtaking beauty of Kenroku-en Garden, one of the most acclaimed gardens in Japan. Continue to Kanazawa Castle, the seat of the Maeda Clan. See the Nagamachi Samurai district, including the Kaga Yuzen Silk Center where you will learn about the techniques employed in the creation of a Yuzen silk painting. Wander through the Nomura Samurai House, a traditional Japanese home with tea-ceremony room, an interior courtyard garden and artifacts from the Edo period. (B)

Day 3: Depart Kanazawa
After breakfast this morning, you will be escorted to the airport in time for your onward flight. (B)

Miya-jima

Day 1: Hiroshima – To Miya-jima
Upon arrival in Hiroshima, you will be met by your Cox & Kings representative and accompanied to the Miyajimaguchi port for the ferry trip to Miya-jima Island and your traditional Japanese ryokan. This afternoon, visit the otherworldly Floating Torii Gate, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Iwaso Inn – 2 nights (D)

Day 2: Miya-jima
Today, explore the highlights of Hiroshima beginning with Peace Memorial Park, ground zero for the Atomic Bomb on August 6, 1945. Continue to Shukkeien Garden, translated into English as “shrunken-scenery garden,” where valleys, mountains, and forests are represented in miniature. Continue to Saijo, a city known for some of the top sake bars. Later, return to your ryokan where the rest of the day is yours at leisure. (B)

Day 3: Depart Hiroshima
Bid farewell to Miya-jima as you are escorted to the railway station in time for your onward journey. (B)
Southeast Asia is a banquet for the senses. Listen to the resonant bells ringing out from ancient temples. Savor the scents of jasmine and hibiscus, ylang-ylang and the revered lotus. Sit down at a table in a bustling market to indulge in the tastes of fiery curries, homemade noodles, green mango, and coconut ice cream. Feel the tropical sun on your face as you drift through placid waters on a wooden boat. And feast your eyes on golden temples glowing in the setting sun, vibrant blooms in luxuriant gardens, and sapphire-blue waters lapping white-sand beaches. Your perfect journey awaits you.
Golden Buddhas, elephant rides, river cruises and idyllic tropical beaches await you on this fascinating journey to the Land of Smiles. A warm and welcoming country, Thailand offers something for everyone — from beautiful handicrafts and gilded temples to blissful white-sand beaches and lush rainforest. Along the way, browse through amazing local markets, learn to cook traditional Thai dishes and snorkel among schools of vibrant tropical fish.

Day 1: Arrive Bangkok
Upon arrival in Bangkok, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and accompanied to your hotel. The Peninsula Bangkok (Elite) / Shangri-La Hotel (Preferred) — 3 nights

Day 2: Bangkok
Cruise along the bustling Chao Phraya River (River of Kings) and the Thonburi canals. Along the way, visit the Royal Barge Museum and the spectacular Wat Arun or Temple of Dawn. After lunch at a local restaurant, pay a visit to Wat Po and the Grand Palace with its iconic Emerald Buddha. Also visit the five-ton golden Buddha of Wat Traimit. (B, L)

Day 3: Bangkok
Venture south to the town of Amphawa. Stop at a country market along the railway tracks before experiencing the Tha Kha Floating Market. Sip a coconut drink, talk to local families and enjoy a boat ride through the canals before arriving at Rama II Park with its Thai-style Pavilion Museum. (B, L)
Journey Highlights

Visit Wat Po (Temple of the Reclining Buddha), Wat Traimit and the ornate Grand Palace in Bangkok

Cruise Bangkok’s Chao Phraya River and the Thonburi canals

Experience riding on an elephant and bamboo rafting in Chiang Mai

Savor a special Thai cooking class in a local culinary institute in Chiang Mai

Shop for treasures at Chiang Mai’s colorful Night Market

Indulge yourself on the blissful white-sand beaches of Phuket

Cox & Kings Recommends

Roast and grind your own coffee in the mountains near Chiang Mai. Visit the local Lahu Tribe and experience their organic coffee farm.

Extend Your Journey

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Embark on a journey to a bygone era aboard expertly crafted ships that blend the stately elegance and rich artistry of the past with the luxurious comforts of today. Set sail on a French Colonial cruiser to explore the Mekong Delta and the temples of Cambodia, a high-end boutique junk to cruise the emerald waters of Halong Bay, or a traditional British paddle steamer to travel along the mighty Irrawaddy River in Myanmar. Throughout your journey, you’ll be immersed in comfort and style, while you discover the classic and hidden wonders of Southeast Asia.

Onboard Comforts

With a fleet of ships all designed to reflect the spirit of the Golden Age of Exploration, you can relax and indulge while cruising the legendary waterways of Southeast Asia. While each ship offers a different set of amenities, here’s just a sampling of some remarkable onboard experiences. Sip a classic cocktail in the colonial-style bar, dine like royalty in the opulent restaurant, and browse through the curated collection of the onboard boutique. When it’s time to pamper yourself, enjoy the views from a Jacuzzi on the sun deck, take a dip in the pool or indulge in a healing treatment or massage at the blissful spa. Spacious staterooms offer a multitude of comforts, including balconies, air-conditioning, bathrobes, music system, and much more — all with a timelessly elegant design.

Expert Itineraries

In Vietnam, travel from frenetic and vibrant Ho Chi Minh City to the tranquility of the Mekong Delta and its floating markets, riverside towns, and venerated shrines. Then cross the border to Cambodia to explore pre-Angkorian temples and the great Tonlé Sap Lake.

Drift through the peaceful waters of UNESCO World Heritage Halong Bay, visiting limestone caves and fishing villages. Or discover the regal city of Mandalay, the ancient city of temples in Bagan, and the untouched villages that have grown up on the banks of the Irrawaddy.

Authentic Experiences

Throughout your journey, select from innovative and authentic experiences that will bring you closer to the heart of some of the world’s most fascinating and welcoming cultures. Prepare a delectable Vietnamese feast alongside a master chef, greet the morning with a session of centering Tai Chi or Yoga, and delve deeply into rural traditions during visits with local artisans. Depending on your interests, take a horse-drawn carriage through the ancient capital of the Burmese Kings, paddle in a kayak to Halong Bay’s Luon Cave, or ascend to the top of the 8th-century Wat Hanchey for stunning views of the Cambodian countryside. The opportunities are nearly endless, and the choice is yours.
Day 1: Arrive Siem Reap, Cambodia
Upon arrival in Siem Reap, you will be welcomed and accompanied to your hotel. This provincial capital is home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor. Park Hyatt Siem Reap (Elite) / Belmond La Residence (Preferred) – 3 nights

Day 2: Siem Reap
After breakfast, begin your exploration of the temple complex of Angkor. See the massive South Gate of Angkor Thom, the enigmatic Bayon temple, the terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King and the jungle temple of Ta Prohm, left as it was discovered with massive tree roots and thick vines intertwined with the stones laid hundreds of years ago. This afternoon, explore the 12th-century masterpiece of Angkor Wat, one of the world’s most beautiful buildings. (B)

Day 3: Siem Reap
Begin your day with a visit to the mulberry plants at the Silk Farm Puok to learn first hand about the silk production from silk worm to loom.
Continue exploring some of the secondary temples of the area. (B)

Day 4: Mekong River Cruise
This morning you will be escorted to the port to board The Jahan, your home for the next three nights. As the custom-built cruiser casts off for the next leg of your adventure, admire the scenery and enjoy a sundowner cocktail.

Heritage Line The Jahan – 3 nights (B, D)

Day 5: Mekong River Cruise
Begin your day with an invigorating Tai Chi lesson on the Sundeck just as the sun begins its slow rise. As the ship sets sail across the Tonle River, see the spectacular marshlands floating along the riverbanks. Disembark to visit a local Khmer pottery workshop before re-boarding the ship to explore the wetlands, floating houses and fish farms in the region. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mekong River Cruise
Rise early and disembark for the journey to the pre-Angkorian hilltop temple of Wat Hanchey, which offers one of the most breathtaking views in Cambodia. Cruise toward Kampong Cham to visit Wat Nokor, a Wat built within the ruins of an ancient temple. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Disembark and to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Disembark after breakfast and head into the city of Phnom Penh for a morning of sightseeing, including the architectural wonder of Wat Phnom, the atmospheric French Quarter, the magnificent Royal Palace and the National Museum, which is housed in a beautiful traditional building and boasts the world’s finest collection of exquisite Khmer sculpture. In the afternoon, fly to Ho Chi Minh City. Park Hyatt Saigon (Elite) / Intercontinental Saigon (Preferred) – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 8: Ho Chi Minh City
Explore the city formerly known as Saigon, including the colorful Cholon neighborhood (Chinatown), the elegant Thien Hau Pagoda, energetic Ben Thanh Market, the fascinating museum of traditional Vietnamese medicine, the somber War Remnants Museum and the former presidential palace. (B)

Day 9: Depart Ho Chi Minh City
Bid farewell as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight today. (B)

Journey Highlights
Explore the hidden wonders of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor
Visit a traditional floating village on Tonle Sap Lake
Cruise the Mekong on the beautiful Heritage Line The Jahan
Embark on a journey to the pre-Angkorian temple of Wat Hanchey
Tour the cultural landmarks of Phnom Penh and see the incredible collection of Khmer sculpture in the National Museum
Discover the highlights of Ho Chi Minh City, including the former presidential palace and the vibrant neighborhood of Cholon

Cox & Kings Recommends
Enjoy a helicopter ride over the jungle and temple tops in Siem Reap, for a birds eye view of the vast jungle that kept the area of Angkor Wat hidden for centuries.

Extend Your Journey
Thailand • Laos • Myanmar
Southeast Asia: Thailand, Laos, Vietnam & Cambodia

Suggested Itinerary Only

15 Days & 14 Nights
Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Luang Prabang, Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Ho Chi Minh City & Siem Reap

On this journey, tempt your tastebuds at a Thai cooking class and ride an elephant through the lush forest. Participate in a Baci ceremony with the orange-robed monks in Laos and float down a river on a bamboo raft. Stroll through colonial Hanoi and cruise the emerald waters of Ha Long Bay. Go underground to explore the CuChi Tunnels and discover the Temples of Angkor.

Day 1: Arrive Bangkok, Thailand
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. *The Siam Bangkok (Elite) / The Peninsula Bangkok (Preferred) – 2 nights*

Day 2: Bangkok
After breakfast, visit monks at Wat Po, see the reclining Buddha and admire the Emerald Buddha at the Grand Palace. This afternoon, stroll through Chinatown, stop at the Bangkok Folk Museum and cruise the Chao Phraya River. *(B)*

Day 3: To Chiang Mai
Fly north to Chiang Mai. This evening, browse the wares at the colorful night market. *Four Seasons Resort, Chiang Mai (Elite) / 137 Pillars House (Preferred) – 3 nights (B)*

Day 4: Chiang Mai
Embark upon a scenic drive to Chiang Dao for an elephant ride along the Mae Ping River. After lunch, embark on a bamboo raft trip down the river. *(B)*
Day 5: Chiang Mai
This morning, immerse yourself in Thai cuisine during a cooking class with master chefs. After lunch, visit several of Chiang Mai’s Buddhist temples as well as the area’s largest market. (B, L)

Day 6: To Luang Prabang, Laos
Fly to Luang Prabang, the best-preserved colonial city in Southeast Asia. Tonight, experience a traditional Lao Baci Ceremony of blessing by a local elder. Aman Luang Prabang (Elite) / Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)

Day 7: Luang Prabang
Early this morning, watch the locals give alms to the monks. Immerse yourself in Lao culture at the National Museum. Cruise the Mekong River to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou. (B)

Day 8: To Hanoi, Vietnam
Fly to Hanoi today where you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi (Elite) / Hotel de l’Opera Hanoi (Preferred) – 1 night (B)

Day 9: To Ha Long Bay
Embark on an overnight private cruise through the stunning limestone landscapes Ha Long Bay. Heritage Line: Jasmine – 1 night (B, L, D)

Day 10: To Hoi An
Visit Hanoi’s Temple of Literature before flying south to the French colonial city of Hoi An. The Nam Hai Resort (Elite) / Fusion Maia Resort (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)

Day 11: Hoi An
Take a walking tour of the town center, including the famed Japanese bridge. (B)

Day 12: To Ho Chi Minh City
Fly to Ho Chi Minh City and discover Chinatown, Thien Hau Pagoda and Binh Tay Market. Park Hyatt Saigon (Elite) / Caravelle Hotel (Preferred) – 1 night (B)

Day 13: To Siem Reap, Cambodia
Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, an incredible underground network of houses constructed by the Viet Cong. This afternoon, fly to Siem Reap. Park Hyatt Siem Reap (Elite) / Belmond La Residence (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)

Day 14: Siem Reap
Enter the ancient city of Angkor Thom through the South Gate, then explore the Bayon temple and the terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King. This afternoon, visit Angkor Wat, the 12th-century crown jewel of Angkor. (B)

Day 15: Depart Siem Reap
Discover the jungle temple of Ta Prohm. Stop at Banteay Kdei, a Buddhist monastery, and the pool of Srah Srang. In the afternoon, visit one of the floating rivers before heading to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Journey Highlights
Cruise Bangkok’s Chao Phraya River and see the Emerald Buddha
Embark on an elephant ride and bamboo raft voyage
Experience a traditional Baci Ceremony of blessing in Laos
Enjoy a private cruise on the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ha Long Bay
Set out on a walking tour of the former trading port of Hoi An
Explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, constructed by the Viet Cong
Discover the enchanting Buddhist and Hindu Temples of Angkor

Cox & Kings Recommends
Extend your time in Ha Long Bay to experience kayaking to remote caves and fishing villages adapted to living on the water.

Extend Your Journey
Myanmar • Koh Samui • Mekong Cruise
AN IMPERIAL REBIRTH

The Peninsula Beijing is proud to unveil its landmark renovation, combining timeless artistry and craftsmanship with the largest guest rooms for a contemporary expression of Chinese luxury in the heart of the Capital.
Begin your journey in Yangon at the majestic Shwedagon Pagoda. Reach the last royal city of Mandalay and marvel at the sunset from the summit of famed Mandalay Hill. Cruise the Irrawaddy River on a four-night cruise past remote villages where rural life has remained the same for centuries. Take a hot-air balloon flight over the plains of Bagan, where thousands of pagodas dot the plains, reflecting the Burmese people’s devotion to Buddhism.

Day 1: Arrive Yangon
Upon arrival in Yangon, you will be escorted to your hotel. Set off on an afternoon tour of the city, including the Sule Pagoda, the magnificent reclining Buddha at Chauk Htat Gyi, and Botataung Pagoda before arriving at Yangon’s most celebrated temple: Shwedagon Pagoda. Belmond Governor’s Residence – 1 night

Day 2: To Mandalay
After breakfast, fly to Mandalay, the former royal capital in northern Myanmar. See the Vo Mahamuni Pagoda, tour traditional workshops and discover Kuthodaw Pagoda and Shwe In Bin Monastery. On the summit of Mandalay Hill enjoy a stunning sunset. Mandalay Hill Resort – 1 night (B)

Day 3: Cruising The Irrawaddy
After breakfast, embark on a cruise on the Irrawaddy River. Enjoy lunch as you sail to Mingun, site of the huge unfinished pagoda of King Bodawpaya and the world’s biggest un-cracked bell. Moor in Sagaing with a beautiful view of the illuminated pagodas dotted along these sacred hills. Heritage Line Anawrahta – 4 nights (B, L, D)
Journey Highlights

Marvel at the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda at the heart of Yangon

Explore the lovely monasteries of Mandalay

Admire the sunset views from the summit of famed Mandalay Hill

Cruise the Irrawaddy on the beautiful Heritage Line Anawrahta

Visit the spiritual center of Sagaing

Discover the majestic temples in the sacred plain of ancient Bagan

See the “real” Yangon on a journey by trishaw through the rural villages on the other side of the Yangon River

Cox & Kings Recommends

Visit the third sacred site in Myanmar, the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda otherwise known as the Golden Rock, the small pagoda built on top of a granite boulder, covered with gold leaves pasted by devotees seems to defy gravity.

Extend Your Journey

Bangkok • Luang Prabang • Siem Reap • Chiang Mai

Day 4: Irrawaddy River Cruise
After breakfast, see the highlights of Sagaing before crossing the river to the ancient capital of Ava, which you explore aboard a traditional horse and cart. Don’t miss the Bagaya Kyaung, a beautiful teak monastery built in 1834. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Irrawaddy River Cruise
Disembark for a walking tour of the riverside village of Yanderbo. Sail on past the confluence of the Irrawaddy and the Chindwin rivers, arriving in Bagan in time to see the magnificent Ananda Temple, the Sulamani Pagoda and the beautiful sunset over the temple plain. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Irrawaddy River Cruise
After breakfast, visit the Nyaung-U market and the revered Shwezigon Pagoda. Learn about the process of making lacquer ware and see the fine frescoes inside the Wetkyi-In Gubyaukgyi Pagoda. This afternoon, choose to visit sacred Mount Popa or explore the area around Myinkaba Village before returning to the ship for a festive farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Bagan
Disembark after breakfast. Meet with your local guide and driver to continue your explorations of Bagan. Continue to Min Nan Thu village to explore the Tayokepyay and Nandamanya temples, which are known for their exquisite murals. Discover the famous meditation retreat of Kyat Kan Cave monastery before arriving at Shwe San Daw in time for another unforgettable sunset. Shwe San Daw in time for another unforgettable sunset. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Bagan
Start early to embark on a hot-air balloon flight at sunrise. Seeing the plains below dotted with ancient temples just as the sun crests the horizon is an unforgettable experience. After breakfast, visit the local villages to learn about local industry — from artisan lacquerware workshops to cigar makers. (B)

Day 9: To Yangon
Fly to Yangon. After checking in to your hotel, visit Bogyoke Market (formerly known as Scott’s Market), offering a selection of Burma’s handicrafts. Belmond Governor’s Residence – 1 night (B)

Day 10: Depart Yangon
Take the local ferry across the Yangon River to the town of Dalla. Hop aboard a traditional trishaw for a fascinating ride through local villages and plantations in this rural area of the country before returning to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
Capture the essence of Myanmar (formally known as Burma), and Bhutan on this fascinating journey. Stand in awe of the majestic Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. Discover the hundreds of temples in the ancient city of Bagan and the floating gardens of Inle Lake. Then, head north to a land where success is measured in “Gross National Happiness” — the remote Himalaya Kingdom of Bhutan. Traveling the length of the country, explore its serene monasteries and ancient dzongs.

Day 1: Arrive Yangon, Myanmar
Upon arrival, you will be met and escorted to your hotel. After visiting Sule Pagoda, watch the flickering lights of 3,000 oil lamps against the golden-domed Shwedagon Pagoda. Belmond Governor’s Residence – 1 night

Day 2: To Bagan
Fly to Bagan. Explore the golden stupa of Shwezigon Pagoda, the murals of Gubyaukgyi and Ananda Temple. After lunch, stop at a lacquerware workshop and visit Myingaba

Day 3: Bagan
Soar over the temples of Bagan on a hot-air balloon before visiting a local village and a monastery. Learn about Burmese culture through cuisine during a cooking class. See the intricate woodcarvings at Nat Htaung Kyaung monastery, and take a sunset cruise on the Irrawaddy.

Gu Byuk Kyi Temple. Bagan Lodge – 2 nights (B, L)
**Journey Highlights**

Marvel at the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda, the spiritual heart of the country

Discover the majestic temples in the sacred plain of ancient Bagan on a hot-air balloon flight

Visit the floating gardens and sacred temples of Inle Lake

Visit the National Museum’s collection of traditional Bhutanese art

Marvel at the majestic Punakha Dzong at the confluence of the Mo Chhu and Pho Chhu rivers

Ascend to the Tiger’s Nest Monastery, one of Bhutan’s holiest places

**Cox & Kings Recommends**

Explore Burmese cuisine by shopping for ingredients at the local market and creating local dishes with chefs that give back to the education of the local children

**Extend Your Journey**

Luang Prabang • Siem Reap • Delhi

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**Day 4: To Inle Lake**

Fly to Inle Lake. Pass by floating gardens and admire the traditional fishing boats as you visit Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda and Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery, one of the oldest on the lake. *Inle Princess Resort – 2 nights (B, L)*

**Day 5: Inle Lake**

On market days, visit the famed colorful Ywama floating market. Climb the winding stairs to see a complex of pagodas and take a leisurely nature walk before lunch. Visit local villages to learn about local customs, and meet with the monks at a monastery. *(B, L, D)*

**Day 6: To Yangon**

Return to Yangon today and embark on a short walking tour to learn about the city’s colonial heritage. Enjoy afternoon tea before attending a performance of a traditional Burmese puppet show. *Belmond Governor’s Residence – 1 night (B, D)*

**Day 7: To Bangkok, Thailand**

Fly to Bangkok this afternoon and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. *Hotel Novotel Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport – 1 night (B)*

**Day 8: To Thimphu, Bhutan**

Fly from Bangkok to Paro and take a scenic drive to the Bhutanese capital of Thimphu. Visit the National Folk Heritage Museum, the Memorial Chorten and the seat of government, Tashicho Dzong. *Taj Tashi – 1 night (B, L, D)*

**Day 9: To Punakha**

En route to Punakha, the old capital of Bhutan, stop at Dochula Pass to visit the Druk Wangyel Chorten & the cluster of 108 stupas. Descend down the Pass to the fertile valleys of Teobisa, Wangdi & Punakha. *Uma by COMO, Punakha – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

**Day 10: Punakha**

Discover Punakha Dzong, the second oldest fortress in the Kingdom and home to Bhutan’s most revered holy text. Take a short hike to the Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chhorten, a striking example of Bhutanese architecture. *(B, L)*

**Day 11: To Gangtey**

Depart for the magnificent valley of Gangtey, home to the Gangtey Gompa monastery. *Gangtey Goenpa Lodge – 1 night (B, L, D)*

**Day 12: To Paro**

Drive to the Paro Valley, home to many of Bhutan’s oldest temples and monasteries and the National Museum. *Uma by COMO, Paro – 2 nights (B, L)*

**Day 13: Paro**

Take a half-day trek to the spectacular Taktshang (Tiger’s Nest) Monastery, one of the most venerated pilgrimage sites in the Himalayas. *(B, L)*

**Day 14: Depart Paro**

This morning, you will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*
Immerse yourself in the customs, fashion, architecture and cuisine of the multicultural nation of Malaysia. Begin in Singapore, where you will visit the main sights, then travel north through the Malay Peninsula ending in Penang. En route visit the 15th century capital of Malacca, the cool Cameron Highlands and the vibrant capital of Kuala Lumpur. Along the way, indulge in High Tea at the Raffles Hotel, visit a tea plantation and explore a colorful night market.

**SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA**

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY**

**10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS**

**SINGAPORE, MALACCA, KUALA LUMPUR, CAMERON HIGHLANDS & PENANG**

**Day 1: Arrive Singapore**
Upon arrival in Singapore, you will be welcomed and escorted to your hotel. *The Fullerton Bay Hotel – 2 nights*

**Day 2: Singapore**
Spend the morning getting acquainted with one of the world's most famous cities. Explore the grand Civic District, verdant Merlion Park and the stately Thian Hock Keng Temple. In the National Orchid Garden, discover the incredible variety of these prized flowers. Enjoy a short river cruise, thrill to the sights and sounds of Little India, and savor High Tea at the legendary Raffles Hotel. *(B)*

**Day 3: To Malacca, Malaysia**
After breakfast, cross the Malaysian border to Malacca, once a major hub of trade between the Orient and the West. Check in to your hotel, a restored 1920s mansion on the banks of the Malacca River. This evening, experience a Baba Nyonya dinner, a special blend of Chinese and Malay cooking. *The Majestic Malacca – 1 night (B, D)*
Day 4: To Kuala Lumpur
After a leisurely morning, depart for Kampung Cantik to experience the customs, lifestyle and hospitality of a traditional Malacca Malay Village. Upon arrival in Kuala Lumpur, check in to your hotel. Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur — 2 nights (B)

Day 5: Kuala Lumpur
Immerse yourself in this cosmopolitan city on a guided visit, including the National Monument, Independence Square and the renowned Selangor Club. Admire the views from the observation deck at the Petronas Towers. This evening, explore the bustling night market in Chinatown and visit Sri Mahamariamman Temple before enjoying a festive, traditional Malay dinner. (B, D)

Day 6: To the Cameron Highlands
After breakfast, head for the hills. Drive up to the cool Cameron Highlands, a picturesque area of winding trails with mountain peaks, waterfalls and jungle. En route, visit the impressive Batu Caves, a complex of Hindu shrines built on limestone hills. Stop at a rural village of indigenous people to learn about their traditional way of life before arriving in the Highlands. Cameron Highlands Resort — 2 nights (B)

Day 7: Cameron Highlands
Learn about the art and science of cultivating some of the finest teas in the world during your guided visit of a tea plantation. Browse the wares at a local market before an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 8: To Penang
Depart by road for Penang, once known as “the Pearl of the Orient” and the oldest British settlement in Malaysia. En route, stop at Sam Poh Thong Temple — the biggest cave temple in the country. Check in to your hotel, a historic landmark on the waterfront that has been restored to its colonial glory. This evening, do as the locals do and stroll the seaside promenade. Eastern & Oriental Hotel — 2 nights (B, L)

Day 9: Penang
Embark on a morning tour of Penang, including the redoubtable Fort Cornwallis, the Dhamikarama Burmese Temple and the Thai temple of Wat Chayamangkalaram with its intricate architectural details. Continue to Kek Lok Si, the largest Buddhist temple in Southeast Asia, also known as the Pagoda of 10,000 Buddhas. (B)

Day 10: Depart Penang
Bid farewell to Malaysia as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Journey Highlights
Wander through the verdant National Orchid Garden in Singapore
Relish an unforgettable High Tea at Singapore's legendary Raffles Hotel
Spend a night in a restored 1920s mansion on the banks of the Malacca River
Savor the fusion of Chinese and Malay cuisine at a special Baba Nyonya dinner
Take in the view from the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur
Learn about indigenous culture during a village visit
Immerse yourself in the colonial splendor of Penang

Extend Your Journey
Borneo • Bali • Thailand
Discover the astounding variety of cultural and natural attractions of Borneo — colorful indigenous cultures, a spectacular diversity of wildlife and wide rivers twisting through the steamy jungles. On this exhilarating journey for the whole family, visit a longhouse, learn about traditional life at a cultural village, cruise a remote river in search of wildlife, take a ride on a steam train and relax on some of the prettiest beaches in the Pacific.

**Into the Heart of Borneo**

**Suggested Itinerary Only**

**10 Days & 9 Nights**

**Kuching, Batang Ai & Kota Kinabalu**

**Day 1: Arrive Kuching**
Upon arrival in the charming city of Kuching, you will be escorted to your hotel. *Hilton Kuching – 1 night*  

**Day 2: To Batang Ai**
After breakfast, depart for the interior. Visit the Semenggok Rehabilitation Center in Sarawak — home to semi-wild orangutans rescued from captivity. Late afternoon, arrive on the shores of beautiful Batang Ai Lake and check in to your unique longhouse resort. Later, set out to explore the surrounding jungle on a guided nature walk. Then, ascend into the canopy for an unforgettable forest tour. *Batang Ai Longhouse Resort – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

**Day 3: Batang Ai**
Embark on a boat journey into the heart of the jungle to visit an Iban longhouse. Enjoy an authentic introduction to traditional life with this welcoming tribe. Visit a waterfall (and take a refreshing dip) before returning to your resort. *(B, L, D)*
Day 4: To Kuching
After breakfast this morning, return to Kuching. This afternoon, explore the charms of this riverside city with your local guide and enjoy a sunset cruise. *Hilton Kuching – 1 night (B, L)*

Day 5: To Kota Kinabalu
Fly east to Kota Kinabalu and head to your lovely seaside resort. This afternoon, visit the Lok Kawi zoological park, home to orangutan, bear, pygmy elephant, tiger and hornbill monkey. *Shangri-La Rasa Ria Resort, Kota Kinabalu – 5 nights (B)*

Day 6: Kota Kinabalu
Go back in time to the days of the headhunters in Borneo at the Mari Mari cultural village. Walk across a suspension bridge and be welcomed by the village headman. Learn about the traditional arts of the jungle, including how to make fire from bamboo and the best way to fashion a blow-dart for hunting. Sample some local delicacies, cook your own chicken and get a henna tattoo. Watch a performance of traditional dance before returning to your resort. *(B, L)*

Day 7: Kota Kinabalu
After a morning spent enjoying the amenities of your resort, depart for the Klias Wetlands and Mangrove Forest Reserve. Upon arrival, board a river cruise in search of local wildlife including proboscis monkey, long-tail macaque, silver-leaf monkey and a variety of tropical bird. Savor the sunset and, if you’re lucky, the thousands of glowing fireflies that call the park home. Enjoy dinner before returning to your resort. *(B, D)*

Day 8: Kota Kinabalu
Experience the romance of the colonial days this morning on a steam train ride through native villages, rubber plantations and rice fields. Stop at the Kinarut Chinese temple before continuing to the village of Papar. Disembark to browse the wares at the local market before heading back to Kota Kinabalu aboard the train. On the return journey, enjoy a traditional tiffin lunch. *(B, L)*

Day 9: Kota Kinabalu
After breakfast, transfer to the city jetty for a 20-minute boat ride to one of the coral islands in stunning Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park. Spend the day swimming and snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters — or just savor an al fresco lunch on the beach. *(B, L)*

Day 10: Depart Kota Kinabalu
After breakfast, bid farewell to Borneo as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

**Journey Highlights**

- Visit the Delok Iban longhouse to learn about indigenous culture of the Iban tribe in Batang Ai
- Ascend to the jungle canopy for an unforgettable exploration of the rainforest
- Visit the Semonggok Rehabilitation Center in Sarawak — home to semi-wild orangutan rescued from captivity
- Take a river cruise in search of hornbill monkey

**Cox & Kings Recommends**

- Experience the golden age of rail travel as you ride a steam train to the village of Papar
- Swim and snorkel in the clear waters of Tunku Abdul Rahman National Park.

**Extend Your Journey**

Indonesia • Singapore • Langkawi
Travel from the past to the present, and discover the historic former capital of Yogyakarta. Then travel along the pilgrimage route to the 8th-century temple complex of Borobudur. Hop over to Bali and travel into its verdant heartland, home to terraced rice fields, vibrant temples and fascinating local markets. End your journey with some rest and relaxation on the idyllic shores of Jimbaran Bay, home to one of Bali’s spectacular white beaches.

Day 1: Arrive Yogyakarta
Upon arrival, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and accompanied to your hotel. *Phoenix Hotel Yogyakarta – 4 nights*

Day 2: Yogyakarta
Spend the morning discovering the vibrant and historic former capital of Indonesia. Explore the Keraton Palace, the palace of the sultans of Yogyakarta, which is located in the heart of the old city. *(B)*

Day 3: Yogyakarta
Rise early and depart the city in order to admire an unforgettable sunrise at Borobudur Temple before setting out to discover the 8th-century complex, including the famed temples of Mendut and Pawon. Indulge in some cultural immersion in Prambanan village, and trace the lyrical story of the Ramayana in the walls of the Prambanan Temples. *(B, L)*

Day 4: Yogyakarta
After breakfast at your hotel, board a traditional
**Journey Highlights**

Explore the Sultan's Royal Palace and the 9th-century Prambanan temple in Yogyakarta

Marvel at the sunrise over Borobudur Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Enjoy the scenic views over Mount Batur from Kintamani

Visit the temples of Pura Taman Ayun, Pura Ulun Danu Bratan and Pura Luhur Batukaru in the heartland of Bali

Enjoy the beauty of Balinese architecture at Kerta Gosa in Klungkung

**Cox & Kings Recommends**

Experience a Traditional Blessing similar to that of Balinese Royals, letting the village make the traditional flower arrangements and start the procession of flags to your special celebration.

**Extend Your Journey**

Singapore • Moyo Island • Komodo Island

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Becak (bicycle cab) and explore the historical sites of Kota Gede. Visit Bumen Village where traditional kembang waru cake is formed in the shape of hibiscus flowers and then baked.

Continue your journey to the vibrant and bustling markets of Pasar Gede or Pasar Legi where you can browse the wares, meet some of the shopkeepers and search for handmade treasures. En route to the market, visit the Kota Gede mosque, built in 1575, and the Royal Cemetery. (B)

**Day 5: To Ubud**

Fly to Ubud today and check into your resort and spend the afternoon relaxing in the landscaped grounds of your hotel. Take a dip in the pool, visit the spa for a relaxing massage, or just immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of paradise. *Uma by COMO, Ubud – 3 nights (B)*

**Day 6: Ubud**

Take a leisurely drive into the rural heartland of Bali for a full day of exploration to the temples of Pura Taman Ayun and Pura Ulun Danu Bratan, which was built in honor of Dewi Danu, the goddess of Lake Bratan. Stroll through the Candi Kuning market where colorful fruits and vegetables are abound. Continue through the verdant rice paddies of Jatiluwih on the way to Pura Luhur Batukaru temple near the peak of Gunung Batukaru, Bali’s second-highest mountain. (B)

**Day 7: Ubud**

Depart for a day of cultural exploration to Kerta Gosa in Klungkung, a beautifully laid out Balinese housing compound and an exquisite example of Klungkung architecture and artwork reflected in its beautiful paintings and murals that adorn its walls and ceilings. Continue to Kusamba where the local fishermen produce artisanal sea salt on the volcanic black sand of the eastern coastline.

Visit Goa Lawah, Bat Cave, the sacred home of thousands of bats, and learn about the shrines and temple that protect its entrance. Before returning to Ubud, relax in the mountain village of Kintamani, which boasts cool breezes and an inspirational vista of Mount Batur and its crater lake. (B)

**Day 8: To Jimbaran**

Enjoy the morning at leisure before you depart for your resort on the shores of Jimbaran Bay, which is home to one of Bali’s most beautiful beaches. *Belmond Jimbaran Puri – 1 night (B)*

**Day 9: Depart Denpasar**

Bid farewell to Indonesia as you are accompanied to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
**Spotlight Journeys – Southeast Asia**

Cox & Kings Spotlight Journeys are Single-Destination Short Itineraries, designed to combine or extend your customized Private Journey.

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**Thailand**

**Chiang Rai**

**Day 1: Chiang Rai**
Upon arrival, you will be met and escorted to your luxurious tented resort. *Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Chiang Rai**
Explore the “Golden Triangle,” where Myanmar, Thailand and Laos meet. Cruise the mighty Mekong River before continuing by road to the village of Chiang Saen. Stroll through the nearby Wat Chedi Luang and visit Wat Pa Sak and Wat Phra That Jom Kitti. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit an indigenous Karen village before heading back to camp. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Chiang Rai**
Embark on an elephant-back safari, learn to cook local specialties at a cooking class or take a guided hike on one of the trails surrounding the resort. *(B)*

**Day 4: Depart Chiang Rai**
Bid farewell to Thailand as you head to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Thailand**

**Koh Samui**

**Day 1: Koh Samui**
Arrive on the island paradise of Koh Samui, home to white-sand beaches, dense tropical jungle mountains and coral reefs teeming with marine life. *Four Seasons Resort Koh Samui – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Koh Samui**
Venture into the Samui jungle where you will see an array of lush plant life from mangosteens to langsat and wild bamboo while colorful birds and butterflies float past. Ascend the summit of Samui for breathtaking views of the surrounding islands. Enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing your journey through the tropical rainforest where you will visit Na Muang Waterfall for a refreshing swim before returning to your hotel. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Koh Samui**
Today, enjoy the day at leisure to explore on your own or relax at your resort. *(B)*

**Day 4: Depart Koh Samui**
Bid farewell to the island today as you head to the airport to catch your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Laos**

**Luang Prabang**

**Day 1: Luang Prabang**
Upon arrival, you will be greeted and escorted to your hotel. *Belmond La Résidence Phou Vao – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Luang Prabang**
Rise early for the daily ritual of Buddhist monks making rounds for alms. Explore the Royal Palace Museum and take a cruise on the Mekong to visit the sacred caves of Pak Ou. En route, stop at Thin Hong for a glimpse into daily life on the Mekong. Back in Luang Prabang, visit the temple of Van Xieng Thong, and admire the views from Phousi Hill. *(B)*

**Day 3: Luang Prabang**
Drive through the countryside to the spectacular Kuangsi waterfalls. This afternoon, participate in a cooking class to learn about the fundamentals of Lao cuisine. Enjoy the fruits of your labor for dinner. *(B, D)*

**Day 4: Depart Luang Prabang**
You will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*
Day 1: Siem Reap
Upon arrival, meet your guide who will escort you to your hotel. Park Hyatt Siem Reap — 3 nights

Day 2: Siem Reap
Embark on tuk-tuks with your guide for a morning exploration of Angkor. Take an elephant ride from the South Gate of Angkor Thom to Bayon Temple. Visit Baphuon, the Royal Enclosure and the terraces of the Elephants and the Leper King. Continue to the lovely overgrown ruins of Ta Prohm before returning to your hotel this afternoon for a dip in the beautiful pool. (B)

Day 3: Siem Reap
Early this morning, watch the sunrise at the majestic complex of Angkor Wat. Enjoy breakfast back at the hotel before returning to Angkor Wat for an in-depth tour. Return to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Depart Siem Reap
You will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Day 1: Inle Lake
Fly from Yangon to Inle Lake. En route to your hotel, discover the natural beauty of the lake, including floating gardens, one of the most sacred shrines in Myanmar and the Nga Phe Monastery. Inle Princess Resort — 3 nights

Day 2: Inle Lake
Travel by boat to Nampan Village then cruise the southern part of Inle Lake where the ethnic populations of Pa-O, Inthar, Shan and Padaung have remained relatively untouched by modern civilization. Walk through several villages that produce goods including pottery, bamboo ware and hand-woven cloth. Continue to the 17th-century pagodas of Sagar and Tha Kong, which were built in the Shan style. (B, L)

Day 3: Inle Lake
Enjoy the day at leisure to explore on your own or relax at your resort. (B)

Day 4: Depart Inle Lake
You will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Day 1: Phnom Penh – Mekong River Cruise
Enjoy an afternoon of sightseeing, including the architectural wonder of Wat Phnom, the French Quarter, Royal Palace and the National Museum. Embark the M/V Aqua Mekong and enjoy sundowner cocktails as your cruiser casts off down the river. M/V Aqua Mekong — 3 nights (D)

Day 2: Mekong River Cruise
Greet the morning as you cruise into Vietnamese waters. Sit with Mahayana Buddhist monks at Long Son Tu Temple, and visit the graceful Temple of Lady Xu. Back on board, enjoy a sunset dinner as your ship sails the Mekong. (B, L, D)

Day 3: Mekong River Cruise
This morning, disembark to visit Cu Lao Gieng Church and the Convent of the Providence Order. This afternoon, spend some time in Sa Dec. Back onboard, savor a gourmet farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 4: To Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Enjoy the floating market of Cai Be before disembarking at My Tho. As you disembark you will be accompanied to Ho Chi Minh City or to your next destination (B)
Samding Gompa, Tibet
NORTH & CENTRAL ASIA & THE HIMALAYAN REGION

Take an extraordinary journey to some of the most remote lands in the world. Explore the fortified gompas, remote monasteries and striking alpine landscapes of Bhutan, travel to the roof of the world in Tibet and Nepal, walk in the footsteps of conquerors and nomads in Mongolia, journey through the mountains and urban landscapes of Korea, and immerse yourself in the historic traditions of China. Each of these adventures has been designed to take you off the beaten path on a unique and enlivening cultural journey. Lace up your boots and set off on an unforgettable journey.
Day 1: Arrive Kathmandu, Nepal
Upon arrival in Kathmandu, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. Later, visit the sprawling temple complex of Boudhanath, which is home to some 10,000 Tibetan refugees. **Dwarika’s Hotel – 3 nights**

Day 2: Kathmandu
This morning, soar high above the Kathmandu Valley on a sightseeing journey that includes several of the most majestic Himalayan peaks, including Mount Everest. Back on the ground, continue to the beautiful temple complex of Swayambhunath, which is situated atop a hill in the Kathmandu valley. **(B)**

Day 3: Kathmandu
After breakfast this morning, pay a visit to the Kopan Monastery. Dominated by a magnificent Bodhi tree, it was once the home of the astrologer to the King of Nepal. Continue to Pasupatinath, one of the holiest Hindu temples. **(B)**

From the icy Himalayan peaks to alpine valleys of one of the world’s highest plateaus, this journey encompasses the culture, history and natural wonders of Nepal and Tibet. See the sights in Kathmandu, soar above the Himalayas on an unforgettable sightseeing flight, explore the holiest sites of Tibetan Buddhism, visit the Everest Base Camp, delve deep into the villages of the remote Tibetan countryside and explore some of the most dramatic landscapes in the world.

**Nepal & Tibet: Roof of the World**

**Suggested Itinerary Only**

**12 Days & 11 Nights**
Kathmandu, Lhasa, Shigatse, Shegar & Dhulikhel
Day 4: To Lhasa, Tibet
Bid farewell to Kathmandu and fly over the Himalayas to the mountain Kingdom of Tibet. This afternoon, explore Jokhang Temple, one of the most revered shrines in all of Tibetan Buddhism. Stroll down Barkhore Street, lined with shops selling vibrant traditional Tibetan handicrafts and religious items. Shangri La Hotel – 3 nights (B)

Day 5: Lhasa
Depart your hotel with your local guide to explore the famed Potala Palace, the winter palace of the Dalai Lama since the seventh century. Continue your journey to admire the fabulous murals on the walls of the Dalai Lama’s Summer Palace, Norbulingka. Later this afternoon, discover the temples and prayer halls of the sprawling Sera Monastery. (B)

Day 6: Lhasa
This morning, visit the Drepung Monastery, which lies at the foot of Mount Gephel just outside Lhasa. Founded in 1416, the monastery was once one of the largest in the world, housing up to 10,000 monks. (B)

Day 7: To Shigatse
Embark on a full-day journey along the banks of the Brahmaputra River and the shores of lovely Lake Yamdrok. Cross Karo La Pass to Gyantse, an ancient city overlooked by a citadel perched upon a rocky peak. Explore Gyantse and pay a visit to the Kumbum stupa and the Phalkor monastery. Hotel Gesar – 1 night (B, L, D)

Day 8: To Shegar
This morning you will visit the imposing Tashilhunpo Monastery, where you can immerse yourself in the religion that animates the ancient land of Tibet. Hotel Bebar – 2 nights (B, L, D)

Day 9: To Shigatse
Today, discover Everest Base Camp, starting point for most of the expeditions that attempt to conquer the world’s tallest mountain. On a clear day, you can admire panoramic views of Everest and the Himalayan range. Continue on your drive back to Shigatse. Hotel Gesar – 1 night (B, L, D)

Day 10: To Lhasa
Embark on a scenic train journey to Lhasa. Hotel Shangri La – 1 night (B, L)

Day 11: To Dhulikhel, Kathmandu
This morning fly to Kathmandu. On arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure. Hotel Dwarkas – 1 night (B)

Day 12: Depart Kathmandu
Bid farewell to the Himalayas as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Journey Highlights
In Kathmandu, visit the temple complex of Boudhnath
Admire the world’s tallest mountain from the air
Discover the wonders of the summer and winter palaces of the Dalai Lama
Go on a pilgrimage to Jokhang Temple, one of the most revered shrines in Tibetan Buddhism
Explore Everest Base Camp, the starting point for many historic ascents of the mountain

Cox & Kings Recommends
Fly aboard your private helicopter, marveling at the awe inspiring views of some of the world’s tallest peaks with your summiteer guide

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India • Bhutan
TIBET: PILGRIMAGE TO THE LAND OF THE GODS

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY
8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS LHASA, GYANTSE & SHIGATSE

Rejuvenate your spirit with a visit to the home of the Dalai Lama, and explore the spiritual traditions of Buddhism in the Land of the Gods. After discovering the treasures of Lhasa, venture into the dramatic landscapes of the high-altitude Tibetan plateau. As you travel from monastery to monastery, you’ll be immersed in Tibetan culture, visiting rural villages, meeting native Tibetans, sampling traditional food and making new friends.

Day 1: Arrive Lhasa
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. The St. Regis Lhasa Resort – 3 nights

Day 2: Lhasa
Explore the Bharkhor District, which encircles Jokhang Temple. Witness the great Debating Ceremony at the Pabonka Hermitage. (B, L)

Day 3: Lhasa
Discover Potala Palace, the former residence of the Dalai Lama, and the Tibetan Traditional Medicine Hospital. (B, L)

Day 4: To Gyantse
Marvel at turquoise-colored Lake Yamdrok as you continue to Samding Monastery and Gyantse. Gyantze Hotel – 1 night (B)

Day 5: To Shigatse
Visit the Gyantse Kumbun and Pelkor Chode monasteries. Explore charming villages before arriving at Tashilumpo Monastery, the home of the Panchen Lama. Tashi Choeta Hotel – 1 night (B, L, D)

Day 6: To Lhasa
Back in Lhasa, visit Norbulingka, the former Summer Palace of the Dalai Lama. The St. Regis Lhasa Resort – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 7: Lhasa
Delve into Tibetan Buddhism at the Ganden Monastery and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. (B, L)

Day 8: Depart Lhasa
You will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS
Explore Lhasa on a pilgrimage through the monasteries of Jokhang, Pabonka and Sera

Marvel at the Debating Ceremony at the great Sera Monastery

Visit the famed Potala Palace, the former residence of the Dalai Lama

Explore the beauty of the Tibetan countryside along the Kamba-La Pass

Admire the stunning views over Lake Yamdrok

Visit the sacred monasteries of Samding, Tashilumpo and Ganden across the “Roof of the World”

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY
Lijiang • Beijing
YUNNAN: A JOURNEY TO SHANGRI-LA

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS DALI, LIJIANG, SHANGRI-LA

Explore the serene beauty of China’s Yunnan Province, one of the most stunning regions in the country. Beginning in Dali, the political, economic and cultural center of Yunnan and an important stop along the Silk Route, immerse yourself in dramatic landscapes of river, forest and mountain; get a taste of local culture and tradition, and delve into the fascinating history of the area on your personal journey to Shangri-La.

Day 1: Arrive Dali
Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and escorted to your hotel. The Linden Centre – 2 nights

Day 2: Dali
Explore Dali’s Old Town, including the famous Three Pagodas, before cruising the crystal waters of Erhai Lake. (B, L)

Day 3: To Lijiang
Depart for the grottoes of Mt. Shibaoshan, which are filled with delicate carvings and statues. Banyan Tree Lijiang – 3 nights (B)

Day 4: Lijiang
Discover Lijiang’s fascinating Old Town, and admire the views at Black Dragon Pool. (B)

Day 5: Lijiang
Venture over the mountains to Wenhai Lake. Explore Yu Hu Village where the traditional Naxi way of life lives on. (B, L)

Day 6: To Shangri-La
Follow the path of the Yangtze River to the canyon of Tiger Leaping Gorge before ascending the Tibetan Plateau. Banyan Tree Ringha – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 7: Shangri-La
Get a glimpse of Tibetan life at Sumstenling Monastery and Zhongdian’s Old Town. (B, L)

Day 8: Depart Shangri-La
You will be escorted to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the ancient Old Town of Dali and take a cruise on beautiful Erhai Lake

Admire the natural and manmade beauty of the Shibaoshan grottos

Learn about the traditional Dongba culture in Lijiang and marvel at the views from Black Dragon Pool

ASCEND THE TIBETAN PLATEAU TO SHANGRI-LA AND VISIT THE FASCINATING SUMSTENLING MONASTERY

COX & KINGS RECOMMENDS

Hike Gaoligong Mountain National Park and meet with a local botanist to see the extraordinary species of plants and birds of the protected area.

EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY

Kunming • Lhasa • Beijing
The remote Kingdom of Bhutan was off limits to tourists until 1974. Fortunately, now the doors are open to this mystical land between Tibet and India, which calculates growth by “Gross National Happiness” and measures time by a spinning prayer wheel. On this fascinating journey, visit the capital, Thimphu, and see the sights in Paro before venturing into the unspoiled countryside, a land of ancient monasteries, meandering rivers and wild mountain valleys.

Day 1: Arrive Paro to Thimphu
Upon arrival in Paro, take a scenic drive through the river valleys and hills of the Bhutanese countryside to the nation’s capital, Thimphu. *Taj Tashi – 2 nights (L, D)*

Day 2: Thimphu
Spend the day visiting the highlights of Thimphu, including the Memorial Chorten, erected in 1974 as a sign of hope for world prosperity; the traditional school of arts and crafts; the Folk Heritage Museum and National Library, the *takin* (a goat-antelope) sanctuary; and a viewpoint for a superb panorama of the Thimphu valley. *(B, L, D)*

Day 3: To Punakha
After your drive to Punakha, visit Chimi Lhakhang, the Temple of Fertility, a small structure with a golden roof and spire. Later, drive to Nobgang and walk around the villages and visit a farmhouse. If time permits, see the impressive Punakha Dzong, built at the junction of the two rivers in the 17th century. *Uma by COMO, Punakha – 2 nights (B, L, D)*
Day 4: Punakha
The valley of Gangtey is one of the most beautiful spots in Bhutan. Your first stop today is the Gangtey Gompa. Perched on a small hill that rises from the valley floor, the Gangtey Monastery is the only Nyingmapa monastery on the western side of the Black Mountains and is also the biggest Nyingmapa monastery in Bhutan. The monastery is surrounded by a large village inhabited mainly by the families of the 140 gomchens who are trained in Buddhism and take care of the monastery. Later, explore the fascinating Phobjikha valley, the winter home of black-necked cranes that migrate from the arid plains in the north. (B, L, D)

Day 5: To Paro
Depart for the scenic drive back to Paro. Upon arrival, explore the National Museum, which houses a collection of relics, religious thangka (scroll) paintings and natural history exhibits. Afterward, head to the 17th-century Rinpung Dzong for an exploration of this historically important religious center and fortress. Uma by COMO, Paro – 2 nights (B, L, D)

Day 6: Paro
Hike (or ride on horseback) to the picturesque Taktsang ("Tiger's Nest") Monastery, which clings to a cliff 3,000 feet above the valley floor. Legend has it that Padmasambhava (Guru Rinpoche) flew to this location on the back of a tiger in the eighth century. Once arrived, he is said to have meditated in one of the caves that dot the mountain for three years, three months, three weeks, three days and three hours. The Bhutanese people credit Guru Rinpoche with introducing Buddhism to their country, and the Taktsang Monastery is one of the principal pilgrimage destinations in Bhutan. Spend the day among the monks as they pray, chant and pursue their sacred duties. Late this afternoon, drive through the Paro Valley to visit the ruins of some of Bhutan’s most ancient Buddhist shrines. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Depart Paro
Today, your journey through the mountain Kingdom of Bhutan comes to an end. Bid farewell to the soaring peaks, pristine lakes, swaths of virgin forest and high-altitude valleys that constitute this modern-day Shangri-La. After a tasty breakfast, you will be escorted to the airport to board your onward flight. (B)

Journey Highlights
Make an offering at Chimi Lhakhang, the Temple of Fertility
Get a taste for the local culture in the remote villages of Nobgang
Visit the National Museum’s collection of traditional Bhutanese art
Marvel at the majestic Rinpung Dzong on the banks of the Paro River
Ascend to the Tiger’s Nest monastery, one of Bhutan’s holiest places

Extend Your Journey
India • Nepal • Tibet
Follow in the footsteps of the first nomads as you travel across the wide-open grasslands of the legendary Mongolian steppe, ride a camel through the sun-scorched landscapes of the Gobi Desert and open your eyes to a simpler culture where hospitality to strangers is still an honored way of life. Mongolia remains one of the last true wildernesses on earth, and a visit to this remote land is a rewarding journey of discovery.

**SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY**

**7 DAYS & 6 NIGHTS**

ULAANBAATAR, SOUTH GOBI DESERT & GORKHI-TERELJ NATIONAL PARK

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**Day 1: Arrive Ulaanbaatar**

Upon arrival in Mongolia’s capital of Ulaanbaatar, you will be welcomed and accompanied to your hotel.  
*Shangri-La Hotel – 1 night*

**Day 2: To South Gobi**

Fly south to the fabled Gobi Desert, which was once home to many important trading cities on the great Silk Road. Continue to the expansive Gurvan Saikhan National Park, situated in the midst of the Altai Mountains. Your journey takes you to the foot of the Flaming Cliffs where dinosaur eggs were first discovered in the Gobi. For the next two nights, live like a stylish nomad in your award-winning ger camp in the middle of the wilderness. Savor the sunset with a picnic dinner near the towering red sandstone cliffs. After dinner immerse yourself in the blazing beauty of the clear night sky in the middle of the Gobi Desert an unforgettable experience.  
*Three Camel Lodge – 2 nights (B, L, D)*

**Day 3: South Gobi**

This morning, travel to the Yol Valley, which is part of the Great Gobi National Park. Hike...
Journey Highlights

- Spend two nights at the extraordinary Three Camel Lodge in a comfortable ger in the desert
- Visit a local family that breeds camels
- Marvel at the towering Moltsog Els sand dunes
- Explore the Flaming Cliffs of the Gobi desert
- Stay overnight in the magnificent Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
- Enjoy a performance of Mongolian dancers and hoomi throat singers
- Hear the morning chanting session at Gandan Monastery

Cox & Kings Recommends

- Take part alongside the Kazakh people of the western Bayan-Ulgii province of Mongolia to meet with one of the specialized Eagle trainers and see their golden eagles in flight high above the steppe.

Extend Your Journey

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Day 4: To Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
Fly back to the capital of Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival, drive to the Gorkhi-Terelj National Park to explore Mongolia’s verdant grass steppe and the southern Khentii mountain range on foot or horseback. While there, spot some of the park’s famed rock formations and the nomadic horse-breeding families. Stay overnight in a traditional ger camp to experience the hospitality of the steppe as well as the unique feeling of being completely immersed in nature. Ger Camp – 1 night (B, L, D)

Day 5: To Ulaanbaatar
Drive back to Ulaanbaatar through the wild steppe. Following an afternoon at leisure, enjoy a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and incredible hoomi throat singers. Afterwards, enjoy a festive dinner of traditional Mongolian specialties. Shangri-La Hotel – 2 nights (B, L, D)

Day 6: Ulaanbaatar
Pay a morning visit to Gandan Monastery, which is considered one of the great three university monasteries of Tibetan Buddhism. Continue to visit the winter palace of the last Mongolian king whose temples were converted to the Bogd Khan Museum, which displays the regalia of the Emperor. In the early evening, stop to see Zaisan Memorial, an impressive site that honors the Soviet soldiers who died in World War II. (B, L)

Day 7: Depart Ulaanbaatar
Bid farewell to Mongolia as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
Experience some of the many highlights of the legendary Middle Kingdom. Discover the Great Wall and the Forbidden City in Beijing before going underground to marvel at the legacy of the army of Terracotta Warriors in Xian. Then, pay a visit to the giant pandas of Chengdu, cruise the picturesque Yangtze River, savor some of Suzhou’s remarkable UNESCO World Heritage Site gardens and end your journey with an exploration of the dynamic cityscape of Shanghai.

Day 1: Arrive Beijing
Upon arrival, you will be welcomed and escorted to your hotel. **The Waldorf Astoria Beijing (Elite) / The Fairmont Beijing (Preferred) – 3 nights**

Day 2: Beijing
Begin your day in Tiananmen Square before continuing to the passageways of the Forbidden City, the home of emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. After lunch, discover the Summer Palace’s stunning combination of political, residential and spiritual worlds within a perfectly preserved natural landscape. **(B, L)**

Day 3: Beijing
Walk along a relatively quiet section of the Great Wall, which snakes endlessly across the mountain ridgelines. After lunch, take the Sacred Way to explore the 13 Ming Tombs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **(B, L)**

Day 4: To Xian
After breakfast, visit the colorful Temple of
Journey Highlights

Discover UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Forbidden City and the Great Wall

Explore Beijing’s atmospheric hutongs for a fascinating look into Old China

Marvel at the life-size army of Terracotta Warriors in Xian

Visit the giant pandas of Bisheng Gorge Panda Sanctuary

Cruise through the spectacular gorges of the Yangtze River aboard the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site gardens of Suzhou

Experience the historic, cultural and architectural marvels of Shanghai

Cox & Kings Recommends

Pair up with one of Beijing’s creative pioneers for an exclusive glimpse inside the Songzhuang Artist Village, the internationally renowned home of more than 2000 artists and their studios.

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Day 5: Xian
Enter a subterranean world of wonders today as you visit the army of Terracotta Warriors, one of the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Enjoy lunch before heading to the impressive Shaanxi Museum and the towering Wild Goose Pagoda. (B, L)

Day 6: To Chengdu
This morning, tour the Old City of Xian, once a stopping point on the fabled Silk Road. Discover another set of Terracotta Warriors from the Han Dynasty, then board your flight to Chengdu. The Ritz-Carlton, Chengdu (Elite) / Sofitel Chengdu Taihe Hotel (Preferred) – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 7: Chengdu
Take a day trip to the Bisheng Gorge Panda Sanctuary at Y’an to visit the 80 pandas who call this conservation center home and who eat and play in their wild environment. (B, L)

Day 8: To Chongqing
Join your private guide to get acquainted with the highlights of Chengdu including an exquisite Daoist Temple and the lush People’s Park. Then, head for the railway station for your high-speed train to Chongqing where you’ll begin your Yangtze cruise. Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer – 3 nights (B, L, D)

Days 9 & 10: Yangtze River Cruise
Spend the next two days cruising the Yangtze through the Qutang and Wu gorges. Disembark for guided visits to local villages and enjoy a presentation by an expert at the Three Gorges Dam Project. (B, L, D)

Day 11: To Shanghai
Fly to the modern metropolis of Shanghai. The Peninsula Shanghai (Elite) / Portman Ritz Carlton Hotel (Preferred) – 3 nights (B)

Day 12: Shanghai
This morning, visit the lovely Yuyuan Gardens. After lunch, trace the history and development of the city at the Shanghai Museum and the Urban Planning Center. (B, L)

Day 13: Shanghai
Travel to Suzhou, an ancient trading city with a network of canals, which helped transport its renowned silk textiles. Admire the majestic Humble Administrator’s Garden and the Garden of the Master of the Nets, said to be two of the world’s greatest gardens. (B, L)

Day 14: Depart Shanghai
Today, you will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
Delve into the picturesque beauty of China to explore off the beaten path. From the ancient trading city of Pingyao, once the financial capital of China, to tranquil riverside Guilin, which has been an inspiration to generations of artists, experience a side of China many travelers miss. Along the way, discover the terraced rice fields of Longsheng, the West Lake of Hangzhou and the towering peak of Huangshan Mountain.

Day 1: Arrive Shanghai
Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be welcomed and escorted to your hotel. The Peninsula Hotel – 1 night

Day 2: To Pingyao
Head to the airport for your flight to Taiyuan. En route to your hotel enjoy a visit the Jinci Temple and the Hall of the Holy Mother, which were built during the Song Dynasty. Admire the 3,000-year-old cypress tree that stands nearby. Jing’s Residence at Ping Yao – 2 nights (B)

Day 3: Pingyao
This morning, explore the UNESCO World Heritage walled town — from the ancient city walls to the Rishengchang Draft Bank, the first bank in China — and imagine yourself in the bustling atmosphere on Ming-Qing Street when Pingyao was the financial capital of China. (B)

Day 4: To Guilin
En route to the Taiyuan airport for your flight to Guilin, visit the Chang Family Compound, a perfect example of the extensive family
Day 5: Guilin
Rise early this morning for a leisurely cruise down the Li River, an inspiration to artists and poets for centuries. Upon arrival in Yangshuo, spend some time wandering through the town and enjoy a gentle float down a tributary of the Li River on a traditional bamboo raft. Tonight, enjoy the spectacular Sanjie Liu performance, which uses the Li River as its backdrop. (B, L)

Day 6: To Longsheng
Depart Guilin for the terraced rice fields known as The Dragon’s Backbone in Longsheng. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and then meet with your guide who will take you to Dazhai Village and the great ribbons of terraces that span for miles. Li-An Lodge – 1 night (B, L)

Day 7: To Hangzhou
This morning take in the beauty of the Ping’an Terraces before heading to the Guilin airport in time for your flight to Hangzhou. Four Seasons at West Lake Hangzhou – 2 nights (B)

Day 8: Hangzhou
Visit the atmospheric Lingyin Temple where Buddhist monks still live and pray. Stop at the Tea Museum and enjoy a short cruise around charming West Lake. (B, L)

Day 9: To Huangshan
Enjoy the scenic ride to Huangshan and start the afternoon with a walk along Tunxi Ancient Street, as you are transported back to a bygone era. Banyan Tree Huangshan – 2 nights (B)

Day 10: Huangshan
Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hongcun Village, home of the Wang Clan, which boasts some excellent examples of traditional Ming and Qing Dynasty architecture. Then take a relaxing cable car ride to the mountaintop top and admire the sweeping views. (B)

Day 11: To Shanghai
Early this morning, you will have the opportunity to see the stunning sunrise on Huangshan Mountain (weather permitting). The rest of today is at leisure to hike the local trails to Dispelling Cloud Pavilion and the Grand Canyon of the West Sea on your own. Later this afternoon, descend by cable car, and then fly back to Shanghai. The Peninsula Hotel – 1 night (B, L)

Day 12: Depart Shanghai
Bid farewell to China this morning as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
**China: the Silk Road**

**Suggested Itinerary Only**

14 Days & 13 Nights

Beijing, Xian, Dunhuang, Turpan, Urumqi, Kashgar & Shanghai

Trace the ancient Silk Road, the greatest trade route of ancient times, where camel caravans once journeyed across the deserts and mountains between the cities of the East and Arabia, Persia and Rome. On this modern-day expedition, travel from Beijing to the Tang Dynasty capital of Xian, through oasis towns in the Gobi Desert to Kashgar in the west. Along the way, tour Beijing’s Old Town, marvel at Buddhist cave art and shop at Kashgar’s Sunday Market.

**Day 1: Arrive Beijing**

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. *The Peninsula Beijing – 2 nights*

**Day 2: Beijing**

Explore expansive Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world. Then, visit the Forbidden City. After lunch, discover the spectacular royal gardens of the Summer Palace. End your day with a relaxing boat ride on Kunming Lake. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: To Xian**

After breakfast, visit the magnificent and colorful Ming Dynasty Temple of Heaven, one of the city’s architectural masterpieces. Get to know Old China on a fascinating visit of the *hutongs*, the narrow winding back streets of Beijing. This afternoon, fly to Xian. *Sofitel Xian – 2 nights (B)*

**Day 4: Xian**

Enter a subterranean world of wonders today as you visit the army of Terracotta Warriors,
Journey Highlights

Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Beijing, including the Forbidden City and the Imperial Summer Palace

Delve into Old China on a visit of Beijing’s traditional hutongs

Marvel at the army of Terracotta Warriors in Xian

Explore the Buddhist cave temples near Dunhuang

See the architectural treasures of Turpan, one of the lowest points on earth

Shop for treasures in Kashgar’s famed Sunday Market

Visit majestic Tianchi Lake, known as the Lake of Heaven

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one of the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. (B, L)

Day 5: To Dunhuang
Fly to the oasis city of Dunhuang on the edge of the inhospitable Taklamakan Desert. This afternoon, visit Singing Sand Mountain and Crescent Moon Lake. The Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel – 2 nights (B)

Day 6: Dunhuang
Set off to explore the sacred art of the Mogao Grottoes and the Western Thousand Buddha Caves. Back in town, visit the Dunhuang Museum. (B, L)

Day 7: To Turpan
Take a short flight to Urumqi before continuing by road to the Silk Road city of Turpan, the second lowest place on earth after the Dead Sea. Tuha Petroleum Hotel – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 8: Turpan
Enjoy a full-day exploration of the area, including the striking Emin minaret, the ruins of former capitals and trading cities and an ancient cave monastery. This evening, attend a festive performance of Uyghur song and dance. (B, L)

Day 9: To Urumqi
En route to Urumqi, visit an ingenious desert irrigation system, which allowed farmers to raise crops in this arid land. Marvel at the dramatic peaks of the Flaming Mountains in the background. Sheraton Urumqi Hotel – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 10: Urumqi
Explore the fantastic collection of mummies at the impressive Provincial Museum before traveling to Tianchi Lake. Back in Urumqi, join your guide on a private visit to the local markets. (B, L)

Day 11: To Kashgar
Fly to Kashgar, the meeting point of the northern and southern Silk Roads. In the afternoon, explore Kashgar’s Old Town and visit the 15th-century Id Kah Grand Mosque, one of the only remaining statues of Mao Zedong and the 16th-century tomb of Abakh Hoja. Radisson Hotel – 2 nights (B)

Day 12: Kashgar
One of the most isolated cities in the world, Kashgar is home to the largest mosque in China, as well as a famous Sunday market, which attracts traders from the far-flung regions of Central Asia. (B)

Day 13: To Shanghai
Return to Urumqi and connect to your onward flight to Shanghai. The Peninsula Shanghai – 1 night (B)

Day 14: Depart Shanghai
Bid farewell to China today as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
South Korea: Discovering Beyond Seoul

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS SEOUL, BUSAN & JEJU ISLAND

Embark on an extraordinary journey along the shores of the Korea Strait. Begin in the cosmopolitan capital city of Seoul before traveling to the fascinating DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), which separates the two Koreas. Travel onward to the rugged mountain ranges of Busan and immerse yourself in the urban landscape rich in tradition. End your journey on the shores of Jeju Island, where the stunning terrain still preserves the stately atmosphere of a bygone era.

Day 1: Arrive Seoul, South Korea
Upon arrival, you will be met by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to your hotel. Park Hyatt Seoul – 4 nights

Day 2: Seoul
Seoul is synonymous with vibrant entertainment, sophistication and sensational cuisine. Accompanied by your expert private guide, enjoy a full-day exploring the South Korean capital, including visits to observe the changing of the guards at Gyeongbokgung Palace and exquisite Changdoek Palace. Explore the traditional village of Bukchon. After lunch, marvel at the stunning views from the North Seoul Tower. (B, L)

Day 3: Seoul
Expand your cooking repertoire by attending a cooking class and learn how to make some basic Korean dishes, like Bibimbap. Continue your full day of explorations, including a visit to Bongeunsa Temple and to one of the underground shopping districts, which is home to more than 1,000 specialty shops. (B, L)
Day 4: Seoul
Depart the city to visit the DMZ, which has served as a buffer zone between South and North Korea for over 50 years. Embark on a full-day guided visit of the area, including visits to the abandoned village of Panmunjom, the Freedom Bridge, the third Tunnel and DMZ Exhibition, the Dora Observation Post and the Dorasan Station. (B, L)

Day 5: To Busan
After breakfast this morning, your guide will escort you to the train station for your journey to Busan. Upon arrival, meet your local guide who will accompany you to Jagalchi Market, Korea’s largest seafood market. Venture on a scenic cruise to Oryukdo Island, Taejongdae and Busan port. Park Hyatt Busan – 2 nights (B)

Day 6: Busan
Embark on a full-day visit of Busan with your guide. Explore the main temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism, Beomeosa Temple, and spend time visiting Iljumun Pagoda. After lunch at a local restaurant, do as the members of royalty once did in ancient times and enjoy the wondrous effect of the local hot springs. (B, L)

Day 7: To Jeju Island
Fly south to Jeju Island. Upon arrival, meet your local guide and explore the traditional and modern craftworks housed in the Bonte Museum. Visit the Yeomiji Botanical Garden, considered one of the best botanical gardens in Asia. Admire Cheonjeyeon Falls, Mt. Hallasan and Marado Island from the garden’s observation platform. The Shilla Jeju – 3 nights (B)

Day 8: Jeju Island
After breakfast, your local guide will meet you for a visit to Manjanggul Cave, one of the finest lava tunnels in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gaze upon the huge crater at the top of Seongsan Ilchulbong Sunrise Peak. Then, stroll down to Seongeup Folk Village, which is renowned for its Confucian shrines and fortress ruins. (B)

Day 9: Jeju Island
Experience the beauty of the Jeju coastline on a walk along the Jeju Olle Trail. Visit the O’sulloc Museum and learn about Korea’s traditional tea culture. After lunch, stop at Cheonjeyeon waterfall, which is also known as the “The Pond of God.” (B)

Day 10: Depart Jeju Island
Bid farewell to South Korea today as you are met by your guide and escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

Journey Highlights
Explore the traditional village of Namsangol in Seoul
Delve into history at the DMZ between North and South Korea
Gaze at the stunning views from atop Namsan Mountain
Explore Beomeosa Temple from the heights of Geumjeongsan Mountain
Experience the flora, fauna, and culture of Jeju Island
Admire the shrines and fortress ruins of Seongeup Folk Village
Gaze upon the stalagmites and lava tube tunnels within Manjanggul Cave.

Cox & Kings Recommends
Visit the vibrant Jagalchi Market in Busan, Korea’s largest seafood market

Extend Your Journey
Taiwan • Japan
Embark on a journey along the Silk Road through the fascinating country of Uzbekistan. In the capital of Tashkent, explore textile workshops and trace the course of commerce in the Uzbekistan National History Museum. Travel onward to historic Samarkand to experience majestic Registan Square and visit the birthplace of Timur (Tamerlane). Then, delve into the past in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bukhara, and meet the expert weavers and artisans of the fertile Fergana Valley.

**Uzbekistan: Ancient Cities of Samarkand, Bukhara & Tashkent**

**Suggested Itinerary Only**

**12 Days & 11 Nights**

**Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Fergana Valley & Tashkent**

Day 1: Arrive Tashkent
Upon arrival late this evening, you will be escorted to your hotel. *Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace – 2 nights*

Day 2: Tashkent
Following a leisurely breakfast, explore the old quarter of Tashkent. Visit textile workshops, sample local specialties at the covered market and trace the history of the Silk Road in the Uzbekistan National History Museum. *(B)*

Day 3: To Samarkand
Board the express train to Samarkand, visit the Afrosiab Archaeology Museum and the observatory of the 15th-century astronomer and sultan Ulug Beg. *Hotel Registan Plaza Samarkand – 3 nights (B)*

Day 4: Samarkand
Explore the wonders of the Registan, a vast square enclosed on three sides by the towering facades of three madrassas. Highlights include the majestic Bibi Khanum mosque; Gur-e-Amir;
Day 5: Samarkand
Drive to Shakhrisabz, which is the birthplace of Timur. Visit the Ak Saray Palace and the beautiful Kok-Gumbaz Mosque. Then pay a private visit to a bakery to take part in the traditional bread making process. After lunch, return to Samarkand for some more exploration. (B, L)

Day 6: To Bukhara
This morning, depart for a drive over the desert foothills to Bukhara. Upon arrival, visit the 16th-century city wall and a mansion museum that features the delicate wooden carved galleries and 19th-century architecture of a wealthy merchant. This evening, enjoy a performance of local song and dance followed by dinner. Amelia Hotel – 3 nights (B, D)

Day 7: Bukhara
Embark on a full-day guided tour of one of the most important cities on the Silk Road. Explore the iconic 157-foot-tall Kalon minaret; the architecturally impressive Lyabi-Khauz complex; the prestigious Miri Arab madrassa; and the Great Ark, which was the citadel of the rulers of Bukhara. (B)

Day 8: Bukhara
Start today with a visit to Sitorai Mokhi-Khosa, the summer residence of Bukhara’s last emir. Continue to Bakhaudin Nakshbandi Mausoleum and Chor-Bakr Necropolis before enjoying some free time in the afternoon. (B)

Day 9: To Fergana Valley
Fly via Tashkent to the vast Fergana Valley. Upon arrival, visit one of the region’s silk workshops and meet the expert weavers. Learn about the art of silk ikat, which is a traditional dyeing process that results in some magnificent double-sided designs. Hotel Asia Fergana – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 10: Fergana Valley
Explore more of the scenery and the arts that thrive in the valley. In Rishtan, visit the workshops of ceramic masters whose works are made from unique red Rishtan clay, and are painted with the ishkor glaze, which gives their pottery a distinctive blue-green color. In Kokand, visit Khudayarkhan Palace, Juma mosque, Dahmai Jahon and the Royal cemetery. (B)

Day 11: To Tashkent
After breakfast, admire the fantastic array of products at the Kumtepa bazaar near Margilan. Continue the scenic drive back to Tashkent, marveling at incredible views over the rugged landscape. Lotte City Hotel Tashkent Palace – 1 night (B)

Day 12: Depart Tashkent
Your Silk Road journey comes to an end as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
**Spotlight Journeys – China**

Cox & Kings Spotlight Journeys are Single-Destination Short Itineraries, designed to combine or extend your customized Private Journey.

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**Hangzhou**

**Day 1: Hangzhou**
Arrive at your luxurious resort on the shores of West Lake and enjoy a leisurely afternoon. *Four Seasons Hotel Hangzhou at West Lake – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Hangzhou**
Embark on a private boat ride on stunning West Lake. Discover Hangzhou’s hidden gem: XiXi National Wetland Park, a haven of serenity away from the hustle and bustle of the city. This evening, browse the colorful night market with your guide. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Hangzhou**
Discover the atmospheric Lingyin Temple, home to one of the largest indoor Buddha statues in the world. Stop at the fascinating Tea Museum and the Hangzhou Silk Market. This evening, attend a spectacular production of light, music, dance and theatrics on the shimmering waters of the lake. *(B, L)*

**Day 4: Depart Hangzhou**
Bid farewell to Hangzhou as your guide escorts you to the airport or train station. *(B)*

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**Chengdu**

**Day 1: Chengdu**
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. *The Ritz-Carlton, Chengdu – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Chengdu**
This morning, pay a visit to the giant pandas at the Breeding and Research Institute of Chengdu. After lunch, discover the city’s famous Qingyang Taoist Temple. Continue on to the popular People’s Park, host to a colorful mix of Chengdu residents. Stop at one of the local teahouses for a cup of tea. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Chengdu**
Travel south of Chengdu to Leshan, famous for the UNESCO World Heritage Grand Buddha — the largest in the world. Carved out of the cliffs during the Tang Dynasty over 1,200 years ago, the 233-foot-tall Buddha is one of the most impressive sculptures in China. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to Chengdu. *(B, L)*

**Day 4: Depart Chengdu**
Today you will be escorted to the Chengdu airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Hong Kong**

**Day 1: Hong Kong**
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your luxury hotel. *The Peninsula Hong Kong – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Hong Kong**
Explore the traditional side of Hong Kong at the Dried Provisions Markets. Visit Man Mo Temple, and then ascend The Peak to take in the stunning views. Savor a dim sum lunch, and then head to Aberdeen to board a traditional sampan boat. After your cruise, visit venerable Stanley Market. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Hong Kong**
Take a ferry to Lantau Island to explore the fishing village of Tai O. Then, travel into the hills to admire an impressive statue of Buddha that towers over the forest. Visit the Po Lin Buddhist Monastery, and ride the Ngong Ping 360 cable car for breathtaking views of the town of Tung Chung. *(B, L)*

**Day 4: Depart Hong Kong**
You will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*
**Turkmenistan Ashkabad**

**Day 1: Ashkabad**
Upon arrival at Turkmenistan’s International airport in Ashkabad late this evening, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and escorted to your hotel. *Sofitel Oguzkent Hotel – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Ashkabad**
Explore Ashkabad, including the central Independence Park, the stately Ertugrul Ghazi Mosque, and the grand 250-foot-high Arch of Neutrality, before visiting the National History and Ethnography Museum. *(B)*

**Day 3: Ashkabad**
Spend the morning at the Altyn Asyr Oriental Market, a bazaar brimming with all types of goods including traditionally patterned carpets, precious jewelry, fruits and vegetables and livestock. Later, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the ancient Parthian Kingdom of Nisa, described by some as one of the first capitals of the Parthian civilization. *(B)*

**Day 4: Depart**
Transfer to the Ashkabad airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Taiwan Taipei**

**Day 1: Taipei**
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. Visit the Shilin Night Market before ascending the Taipei 101 Observatory for views of the city. Savor dinner at the world-famous Din Tai Fung restaurant. *Regent Taipei – 2 nights (D)*

**Day 2: Taipei**
Explore the collection of Chinese art at the National Palace Museum. Continue to the National Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Martyrs’ Shrine and Longshan Temple before enjoying a performance of Chinese opera. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: To Hualien**
After a train journey to Hualien, discover the Taroko Gorge, which is famous for its canyons, rugged cliffs and lush rainforests. *Silks Place Taroko – 1 night (B, D)*

**Day 4: To Taipei**
Delve deeper into the Taroko Gorge, visiting the Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Grotto and Siangde Temple, before returning to Taipei. *Regent Taipei – 1 night (B)*

**Day 5: Depart Taipei**
Transfer to the Taipei airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Japan Okinawa**

**Day 1: To Naha, Okinawa**
Upon arrival, embark on a full-day guided visit of the city of Naha, including visits to the majestic Shuri Jo Castle the traditional Tamaudon burial site, and the Himeyuri Peace Museum. *Hilton Okinawa Chatan Resort – 3 nights (B)*

**Day 2: Naha**
Journey north to Nago. Visit the Ocean Expo Park, the botanical gardens, a replica of a traditional Okinawan village, and one of the largest aquariums in the world. *(B)*

**Day 3: Naha**
Visit the former Japanese Navy Underground. During World War II, Japanese naval forces in Okinawa, led by Rear Admiral Minoru Ota, built an elaborate underground headquarters with hundreds of feet of connecting tunnels under a hill in Tomagusuku. *(B)*

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**Day 4: Depart Naha**
Bid farewell to Okinawa today as you are met by your guide and escorted to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*
Mossman River, Daintree National Park, Queensland
For centuries, European explorers set sail in search of what was then called Terra Australis Incognita, or “unknown southern land.” These days, the continent of Australia and neighboring New Zealand offer travelers an incredible diversity of natural wonders, from the fjords of Milford Sound and the icy peaks of the Southern Alps to the great expanses of the Outback, the world’s oldest rainforest, and the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. Nearby, Papua New Guinea boasts a human diversity just as stunning, with more than 850 languages spoken among its seven million people. Embark on your own journey of discovery and experience the variety of our world in all its natural splendor.
Western Australia: from the Outback to the Coast

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

10 DAYS & 9 NIGHTS
PERTH, NINGALOO REEF & THE KIMBERLEY

Begin your travels in the sun-kissed modern city of Perth where you can discover the renowned botanical gardens and immerse yourself in the area’s maritime past. Head north to the remote and beautiful Coral Coast and the world’s largest fringing coral reef, home to vibrant coral, ray, shark, turtle and tropical fish. The Kimberley is perhaps Australia’s last great wilderness; spend two days exploring its rugged landscapes before ending your journey in tropical Darwin.

Day 1: Arrive Perth
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. The Richardson Hotel & Spa (Elite) / Duxton Hotel (Preferred) – 2 nights

Day 2: Perth
This morning, meet your guide and head to Perth’s historic center, visiting King’s Park and the Botanic Garden before traveling to Fremantle, which seamlessly fused its maritime and convict heritage to become a vibrant port city full of bustling markets and bars. (B)

Day 3: To Ningaloo Reef
Fly to Exmouth today and board your scenic flight by charter aircraft to the historic Yardie Creek Station, a traditional sheep pasture that is now part of Cape Range National Park. Travel onward to your beachside safari camp nestled in a remote, pristine site where the outback meets the reef along the Coral Coast. Stay in luxury tented accommodations, just steps from the beach and within a short swim of the multicolored coral reef that teems with marine life. Sal Salis – 2 nights (B, L, D)
Journey Highlights

Explore King’s Park and the Western Australia Botanic Garden in Perth

Stroll through the vibrant port city of Fremantle

Journey to the pristine waters of Ningaloo Reef on the Coral Coast

Admire the incredible staghorn and soft coral formations just offshore

Voyage to the outback and experience the breathtaking beauty of the famed Kimberley

Visit El Questro Gorge, fish for barramundi or explore the Zebedee Springs thermal pools

Snorkel with manta ray, marine turtle, reef shark and an incredible variety of tropical fish

Cox & Kings Recommends

Swim with the world’s largest fish, the whale shark.

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Day 4: Ningaloo Reef
Today is at your leisure, enjoy snorkeling on the reef offshore and share the waters with huge schools of fish, reef shark, manta ray and a multitude of other species. Or embark on a guided exploration of Mandu Mandu Gorge or Yardie Creek Gorge. Look out for black-footed rock wallabie, honeyeater and emu while learning about the geology of the area. Marvel at the panoramic views from the tops of the gorges out across the wild land and the sparkling sea. Take a kayak to the Blue Lagoon to snorkel among soft coral, sponge, wobbegong shark and hundreds of tropical fish. (B)

Day 5: To Perth
Depart Sal Salis today and enjoy the scenic flight by charter aircraft to Learmonth where you will board your domestic flight to Perth. Upon arrival, you will be escorted back to your hotel for the evening. The Richardson Hotel & Spa (Elite) / Duxton Hotel (Preferred) – 1 night (B)

Day 6: To the Kimberley
Fly to Kununurra this morning where you will be met on arrival and escorted to your hotel near El Questro Wilderness Park, which is over one million acres in size, much of which is still unexplored. Homestead at El Questro – 3 nights (B, D)

Days 7 & 8: The Kimberley
Spanning the northwest from Kununurra to Broome, the Kimberley has fewer people per square mile than almost any other place on earth. The remote rugged ranges and splendid coastline of the area offer a unique mix of seclusion and majestic scenery. Enjoy the next two days at leisure and choose from a variety of activities ranging from visiting El Questro Gorge and fishing for barramundi, to exploring the Zebedee Springs thermal pools. (B, L, D)

Day 9: To Darwin
Fly to Darwin today and enjoy your day exploring independently. Take a stroll on the hotel’s beautiful beach or visit the day spa for one of its award-winning treatments. SKYCITY (Elite) / Mantra Pandanas (Preferred) – 1 night (B)

Day 10: Depart Darwin
Bid farewell to Australia as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. (B)
Begin your journey along in the cosmopolitan city of Sydney, exploring parks and gardens and visit the iconic Sydney Opera House. Head north to tropical Brisbane and the beautiful landscapes of Fraser Island, which you’ll discover on thrilling 4WD adventures. Spend time in a resort on pretty Airlie Beach, fly to the magical Whitsunday Islands and venture deep into the oldest rainforest in the world, which lies just inland from the Great Barrier Reef.

Day 1: Arrive Sydney
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. 
Park Hyatt Sydney (Elite) / Four Seasons Hotel Sydney (Preferred) – 2 nights

Day 2: Sydney
This morning, explore the highlights of Sydney. See the botanical gardens and Hyde Park, before taking a private visit of the Sydney Opera House, which has become a symbol of the city. (B)

Day 3: To Brisbane
Fly north to Brisbane this morning. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your hotel and have the remainder of the day at leisure. 
Sofitel Brisbane (Elite) / Spicers Balfour Hotel (Preferred) – 1 night (B)

Day 4: To Fraser Island
Depart Brisbane this morning and drive to the Glasshouse Mountains to learn about the Irwin family and how their humble park became the world-renowned Australia Zoo. Continue to River Heads where you board the ferry and
cross Hervey Bay en route to Fraser Island.

**Kingfisher Bay Resort – 2 nights (B, L)**

**Day 5: Fraser Island**
Embark on a private 4WD excursion through the sand dunes and forests of Fraser Island. Drive along one of Australia’s prettiest beaches, see the sparkling turquoise waters and volcanic rock of the Champagne Pools, watch for shark and sea turtle off Indian Head and marvel at a giant dune sweeping down into the emerald Lake Wabby. (B, L)

**Day 6: To Yeppoon**
Continue your off-road explorations of Fraser Island, including visits to the clear waters of Lake McKenzie, the rainforest of Central Station and the sandy forests of Pile Valley. Return to the dock for your ferry ride back to the mainland and on to your beachfront resort. *Oshen Apartments (Elite) / Capricorn Resort (Preferred) – 1 night (B, L)*

**Day 7: To Airlie Beach**
Enjoy a leisurely morning at your resort. Stroll along the beaches or out around the headlands of Bluff Point, which offers beautiful views of the Pacific. This afternoon, embark on a scenic journey to Airlie Beach along the coastal road. *Coral Sea Resort – 3 nights (B, L)*

**Day 8: Airlie Beach**
Relax and recharge amid the pristine natural landscape of your Airlie Beach resort, which sits directly on the beach and is just a short walk away from charming Airlie Beach village. (B)

**Day 9: Airlie Beach**
After breakfast this morning, travel to Whitsunday Airport and take to the skies on your half-day air exploration to Whitehaven Beach, an idyllic four-mile stretch of white sand bordering the cerulean waters of a lagoon. (B)

**Day 10: To Port Douglas**
Depart Airlie Beach and head to Cairns and Port Douglas, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef. *Pullman Sea Temple Resort (Elite) / Peninsula Boutique Hotel (Preferred) – 3 nights (B)*

**Day 11: Port Douglas**
Take a full-day guided excursion into the oldest rainforest in the world. The UNESCO World Heritage Daintree Rainforest is considered a time capsule of the earth’s evolution as it contains several of the most ancient and extinct ferns and plants. (B, L)

**Day 12: Port Douglas**
Enjoy the day at leisure. (B)

**Day 13: Depart Port Douglas**
You will be escorted to the Cairns airport for your onward flight. (B)

**Journey Highlights**
- Discover the iconic Sydney Opera House on a privately guided visit
- Take to the skies with a half day flight on-top of the idyllic Whitehaven Beach.
- See the wide variety of endemic animals at the Australia Zoo
- Set off on thrilling 4WD adventures in the wild landscapes of Fraser Island
- Discover the pure silica of Whitehaven Beach that gives it its bright white color
- Delve into the UNESCO World Heritage Daintree Rainforest
- Enjoy a day at leisure to explore the Great Barrier Reef
- Set off on thrilling 4WD adventures in the wild landscapes of Fraser Island

**Cox & Kings Recommends**
Experience a day out on the waters with shark cage diving.

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Natural Wonders of New Zealand

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9 Days & 8 Nights
Waiheke Island, Rotorua, Palliser Bay, Nelson & Abel Tasman National Park

Explore the dramatic terrain of the North and South islands of New Zealand. From the idyllic island of Waiheke with its wineries and art galleries, head south to the steaming lakes and geysers of Rotorua, the Maori heartland. Farther south lies Palliser Bay and your home at a working sheep farm. Then, cross the water to the lively city of Nelson, which is the perfect gateway to the coastal landscapes of Abel Tasman National Park.

Day 1: Arrive Auckland - To Waiheke Island
Upon arrival in Auckland, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings representative and escorted to the Auckland Ferry Terminal in time to board the ferry to Waiheke Island and to your hotel. Waiheke Island boasts an enchanting blend of beautiful beaches, lush native bush, farms and vineyards. Delamore Lodge Waiheke Island (Elite) / The Boatshed Waiheke Island (Preferred) – 2 nights

Day 2: Waiheke Island
Delve into the natural beauty of Waiheke Island today as you embark on a half-day exploration with your private local guide. Visit some of the top vineyards to learn about the art and science of making wine, and taste some of the local varietals. Then, immerse yourself in the thriving artisanal food scene on the island and wander through the galleries of local artists. (B)

Day 3: To Rotorua
Bid farewell to Waiheke Island today and return to Auckland via ferry where you will be met on arrival and accompanied to Rotorua. Here you
will enjoy the hospitality of your quaint lakefront boutique hotel. *Solitaire Lodge Lake Tarawera (Elite) / The Regent of Rotorua (Preferred) – 2 nights (B, D)*

**Day 4: Rotorua**
Rotorua — the heartland of New Zealand's Maori culture — is surrounded by steaming lakes, bubbling hot pools and erupting geysers. Explore the diverse landscapes of this region by shared helicopter to marvel at amazing views of Waiotapu Thermal Reserve, New Zealand's most colorful volcanic area. Soar across the Waimangu Thermal Valley, which is home to Frying Pan Lake and Infernal Crater, a strikingly beautiful emerald lake. Then fly past Mount Edgecombe before crossing the water to White Island and its lunar landscapes and surreal steaming volcanic vents. *(B, D)*

**Day 5: To Palliser Bay**
Depart Rotorua and fly to Wellington where you will be escorted to your hotel in Palliser Bay. Wharekauhau Lodge still keeps its ties to its historical roots as a working sheep station. *
Wharekauhau – 2 nights (B, D)*

**Day 6: Palliser Bay**
After breakfast this morning, head out to enjoy the estate at Palliser Bay at leisure. Surrounded by verdant forests, lakes, mountains, bush country and 16 miles of dramatic coastline. Embark on a 4WD safari throughout this remote coastal ranch, try your hand at the ancient art of archery, cast your line into the surf or indulge in some wine tasting. *(B, D)*

**Day 7: To Nelson**
Fly to Nelson, the cultural center of the country. Situated at the top northwest of the South Island, Nelson is undoubtedly the sunniest region in the country and home to long golden beaches, untouched forests and rugged mountains. *Edenhouse Orinoco Valley (Elite) / Bronte Country Estate (Preferred) – 2 nights (B, D)*

**Day 8: Nelson**
After breakfast this morning, journey to Abel Tasman National Park, and embark on a shared cruise tracing the shoreline past Split Apple Rock, Kaiteriteri, Marahau and Tonga Island’s seal colony. Enjoy lunch on board, swim, kayak, go ashore for scenic walks or just relax on the boat. *(B, L, D)*

**Day 9: Depart Nelson**
You will be escorted to the airport in time for your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Journey Highlights**

Explore some of the top wineries of Waiheke Island and enjoy time at leisure to discover this magical place at your own speed.

Soar over the volcanic landscapes and thermal fields of Rotorua by helicopter.

Experience rural life on a sheep farm in Palliser Bay and try your hand at a number of outdoor activities.

Discover New Zealand’s cosmopolitan city of Nelson — the cultural heartbeat of the country.

Cruise the rugged coastline of majestic Abel Tasman National Park.

Embarking on a 4WD safari throughout the coastal ranch of Palliser Bay.

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**Cox & Kings Recommends**

Enjoy a day of heli-fishing or heli-hiking in the great majestic valleys and rainforests of New Zealand’s South Island National Parks.

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A Journey Through
New Zealand and Tasmania

Immerse yourself in the scenic landscapes of New Zealand and the Australian island state of Tasmania. From the volcanic terrain of Tongariro National Park and the otherworldly splendor of the Milford Sound to historic Hollyford Track and wild Cradle Mountain National Park, you'll engage in outdoor adventures while experiencing legendary hospitality. Along the way, explore an incredible cave system, visit Tasmania's former convict settlement and take a thrilling jet boat ride on the Shotover River.

Day 1: Arrive Auckland, New Zealand
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. Mollies Hotel (Elite) / Hotel Debrett (Preferred) – 1 night

Day 2: To Taupo
After breakfast this morning, explore Ruakiri Cave where you can walk or float on an inner tube through an incredible underground river system. Huka Lodge (Elite) / Acacia Cliffs Lodge (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)

Day 3: Taupo
Set out on the Tongariro Crossing, and experience some of the most volcanically active areas of New Zealand’s oldest national park. (B, L)

Day 4: To Queenstown
Fly to Queenstown this morning. This afternoon, board your jetboat and speed through the towering, rocky canyons of the Shotover River. Eichardt’s Private Hotel (Elite) / Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa (Preferred) – 1 night (B)
Day 5: To Hollyford Track
Pass along the shores of lovely Lake Wakatipu en route to the Hollyford Valley, where you will begin your two-day trek that retraces the footsteps of the early explorers along the Hollyford River. *Pyke River Lodge – 1 night (B, L, D)*

Day 6: Hollyford Track
Begin your day with a short walk to Lake Alabaster. Cross Fiordland’s longest swing bridge and then enjoy a captivating jetboat journey down the Hollyford River and across Lake McKerrow to the historic site of Jamestown. *Martins Bay Lodge – 1 night (B, L, D)*

Day 7: To Queenstown
Walk through the forest of Jerusalem Creek and visit the fur seal colony at Long Reef. Travel by jet boat to the beach and explore the sand dunes and lagoon. Enjoy a scenic flight to Milford Sound, with views of the Track route, Hollyford Valley and Mt. Tutoko, Fiordland’s highest peak. *Eichardt’s Private Hotel (Elite) / Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa (Preferred) – 1 night (B, L)*

Day 8: To Hobart, Tasmania
You will be escorted to the airport for your flight to Hobart. *The Henry Jones Art Hotel (Elite) / Islington Boutique Hotel (Preferred) – 3 nights (B)*

Day 9: Hobart
Join your private guide for a full-day to explore the rugged coastline of the Tasman Peninsula and Port Arthur Historic Site, which houses the remains of Tasmania’s famous convict settlement. In the afternoon, travel to the historic village of Richmond before meeting Tasmanian’s enigmatic character, the Tasmanian Devil. *(B, L)*

Day 10: Hobart
Travel to the seaside township of Kettering, and depart via vehicle ferry for Bruny Island, where you may sample a variety of local produce and take in the fascinating scenery. Spot a variety of Southern Ocean marine wildlife and marvel at the impressive coastal geology on an unforgettable cruise. In the afternoon, return to the Hobart waterfront via a scenic seaplane flight. *(B, L)*

Day 11: To Cradle Mountain
Explore the Cradle Mountain–Lake St. Clair National Park wilderness area today. *Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge – 2 nights (B)*

Day 12: Cradle Mountain
Spend the day exploring the grounds of the lodge on guided walks, or engage in some of the other optional activities available such as mountain biking, fly fishing or canoeing. *(B)*

Day 13: Depart Launceston
You will be escorted to the Launceston Airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

**Journey Highlights**
- Marvel at stalactites, stalagmites and glowworms as you float through the Ruakiri Cave system
- Discover Tongariro National Park’s volcanic landscapes on the Tongariro Crossing trek
- Speed down the “river of gold” on a Shotover River jet boat ride
- Trace the route of early explorers on the scenic and historic Hollyford Track
- Cross Fiordland’s longest swing bridge on foot
- Explore Port Arthur Historic Site with your private guide
- Spend two days in the rugged wilderness of Cradle Mountain

**Cox & Kings Recommends**
- Take a scenic helicopter flight over stunning Milford Sound

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**Day 1: Hamilton Island – To Hayman Island**
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to One&Only Hayman Island. *One&Only Hayman Island – 3 nights* (B, L)

**Day 2: Hayman Island**
Stretching over 1,865 miles along the Queensland coast, the Great Barrier Reef is one of the world’s greatest natural wonders — a series of coral reefs and small islands home to a spectacular array of marine plant and animal life. On your boat tour today, watch for migrating whale, sea turtle, rare seahorse, and an endless variety of brightly colored reef fish before returning to the resort for an afternoon at leisure. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Hayman Island**
Today, enjoy the day at leisure or choose from a variety activities the One&Only Hayman Island has to offer including sailing, spa treatments, fishing, sea kayaking and more. *(B)*

**Day 4: Depart Hamilton Island**
Return to Hamilton Island and head to the airport for your onward flight. *(B)*

**Day 1: Cairns – To Daintree Rainforest**
Upon arrival in Cairns, you will be met and escorted to your hotel, a luxurious eco-lodge that lies on the banks of the Mossman River. *Silky Oaks Lodge – 3 nights (B)*

**Day 2: Daintree Rainforest**
This morning, travel through Daintree National Park. Cruise the smooth waters of the Daintree River on a river safari in search of the Ulysses butterfly, kingfishers and other wildlife before enjoying morning tea underneath the rainforest canopy. Head up into the Alexandra Range for a walk through forests teeming with endemic flora and diverse wildlife. *(B, L)*

**Day 3: Daintree Rainforest**
Today, enjoy the day at leisure to explore the rainforest independently, engage in any number of adventurous activities or relax at your resort. *(B)*

**Day 4: Depart Cairns**
Today, you will be escorted to the airport in time for your onward flight. *(B)*

**Day 1: Darwin – To Bamurru Plains**
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your charter flight to Bamurru Plains. *Bamurru Plains Luxury Safari Camp – 2 nights (D)*

**Day 2: Bamurru Plains**
Located just west of Kakadu National Park, Bamurru Plains offers a unique opportunity to experience pristine Australian landscapes in style and comfort. Embark on a variety of activities including airboat trips to see extraordinary birdlife up close, river cruises in search of crocodile, barramundi fishing and 4WD safaris. *(B, L, D)*

**Day 3: To Darwin**
Enjoy the morning at leisure before returning to Darwin. This afternoon, see the Chinese Temple and the Botanic Gardens. Then, gain insight into Australia’s WWII history and explore the stunning collection of Aboriginal Art at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. *SKYCITY Darwin – 1 night (B)*

**Day 4: Depart Darwin**
Return to the airport in time for your onward flight. *(B)*
**New Zealand**

**Auckland**

**Day 1: Auckland**
Upon arrival, meet your guide who will accompany you to your hotel. *Hotel Debrett – 3 nights*

**Day 2: Auckland**
Explore the highlights of Auckland, including Mount Eden, a dormant volcano offering unparalleled views of the city and harbors. Continue onto Auckland Domain, the city’s oldest park. Indulge in some retail therapy in the hip Parnell Village and stroll the scenic waterfront Tamaki Drive before returning to the city center. *(B)*

**Day 3: Auckland**
After a morning at leisure, enjoy a stroll to nearby Viaduct Harbor for a sailing excursion aboard an ex-America’s Cup yacht for a unique opportunity to experience sailing an authentic grand prix racer. Meet your professional crew, sit back and enjoy the action! Afterward, return to the hotel where the rest of the day is at leisure. *(B)*

**Day 4: Depart Auckland**
Transfer to the airport in time for your onward flight. *(B)*

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**Tasmania**

**Freycinet National Park**

**Day 1: Hobart**
Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. *Henry Jones Art Hotel – 1 night*

**Day 2: To Freycinet National Park**
Hobart is an intriguing blend of maritime heritage and vibrant modern culture. See the sights before exploring the unique Museum of Old & New Art, home to one of the largest private art collections in the world. This afternoon, fly to Freycinet. *Saffire Freycinet Coles Bay – 2 nights (B, D)*

**Day 3: Freycinet National Park**
On the dramatic Freycinet peninsula, don a pair of waders and visit a working oyster farm set within a rich ornithological site. Enjoy a guided walk to the lookout over Wineglass Bay as you learn about the peninsula’s rich history and one of the world’s most famous beaches. *(B, L, D)*

**Day 4: Depart Hobart**
After breakfast this morning, return to Hobart in time for your onward flight. *(B)*
Begin your journey in the Tari Valley, home to the Huli tribe and their amazing handmade wigs, as well as forty species of the splendid Bird of Paradise. Then, head to the low-lying lands around the languid Sepik River to explore the jungle, meet the locals and see some examples of their beautiful primitive art. Back in the cool Highlands, enter the fascinating world of the Melpa people while staying at a mountainside retreat.

Day 1: Arrive Port Moresby
Upon arrival in the capital of Papua New Guinea, you will be escorted to your hotel. 
*Airways Hotel – 1 night*

Day 2: To the Tari Valley
This morning, head to the airport for your flight to the Tari Valley, home to the Huli people. These Highland people decorate their bodies and faces with colorful paint, moss and mud to accentuate their incredible handmade wigs constructed of human hair and vibrant bird-of-paradise feathers. Upon arrival, check in to your remote lodge before embarking on a guided walk in search of the beautiful Birds of Paradise. 
*Ambua Lodge – 3 nights (B, L, D)*

Days 3 & 4: Tari Valley
Spend your days meeting with Huli Wigmen and learning about their culture. You may see a tribesman demonstrate how the wigs are made, or even be witness to an unforgettable Sing Sing ceremony, which includes traditional singing and dancing. Keep an eye out for some of the
Journey Highlights

Search for the spectacular bird of paradise in the Tari Valley

Meet and interact with members of the Huli tribe and learn about their magnificent wigs

Embark on a voyage on the Karawari River to visit remote villages and admire some of the rustic local art, such as totems and carved storyboards

Learn about the process of making flour from the heart of the sago palm

Meet the Melpa people in Mount Hagen and delve into their complex culture and traditions

Learning of the unique ecology of this area first hand with a nature guide pointing out all the highlights.

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Enjoy magnificent panoramic views of Papua New Guinea via a day’s helicopter tour over the treetops and villages.

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Day 5: To the Karawari River, Sepik Region
This morning, fly by charter aircraft over some of the most rugged and striking landscapes in the world, an array of jagged limestone that seems to rise and fall at impossible angles. When you land on the remote airstrip, board your riverboat for the trip to your lodge, which sits majestically on a ridge above the banks of the Karawari River and boasts spectacular views over hundreds of miles of dense tropical jungle. Check in and then visit a nearby village for a demonstration of how to make the basic delicacies of the area, flour made from the pith of the sago palm. Karawari Lodge – 2 nights (B, L, D)

Day 6: Karawari River, Sepik Region
Set off for a daylong tour along the narrow jungle waterways of the Karawari River. You’ll stop in various river villages to meet the locals and admire some of their acclaimed art, including totems, homemade drums, and beautiful carved storyboards that tell of the myths and legends of the people. Keep your eyes open for the bountiful birdlife along the riverbanks and nearby lakes. (B, L, D)

Day 7: To Mount Hagen
This morning, fly by charter aircraft to Mount Hagen and the upper Wahgi Valley, home to some of the oldest evidence of agriculture in the world. Perched high on Mount Hagen is your home for the next two nights. After lunch, embark on a guided nature walk along the trails to explore the unique ecology of this area. Rondon Ridge – 2 nights (B, L, D)

Day 8: Mount Hagen
Depart on a full-day trip to learn about the unique culture and traditions of the Melpa people who live near Mount Hagen City, the business heart of the Papua New Guinea Highlands. In the Melpa tribe, “big men” gain status by accumulating wealth and then giving it away in a series of ritualized exchanges. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Depart Port Moresby
Return to Port Moresby for your onward flight. (B)

217 species of birds as you immerse yourself in the jungle landscape, which boasts an incredible profusion of high-altitude orchids and flowering rhododendrons. (B, L, D)
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## Distance Chart

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Japan
Naha & Tokyo & 2h30m
Osaka & Shanghai & 2h30m
 & Hong Kong & 4h
Tokyo & Kanazawa & 1h
 & Osaka & 1h30m
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China
Beijing
 & Osaka & 4h
 & Xian & 2h
Chengdu & Guilin & 1h45m
 & Hangzhou & 2h15m
 & Hong Kong & 2h15m
Guilin & Hangzhou & 2h15m
Hong Kong & Taipei, Taiwan & 1h45m
Shanghai & Pingyao & 2h15m
 & Hong Kong & 2h30m
Urumqi & Dunhuang & 1h15m
 & Shanghai & 4h30m
 & Chengdu & 1h30m
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Mongolia
Ulaanbaatar & Beijing & 2h15m
 & Hong Kong & 4h30m
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Central Asia
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Lhasa
 & Kathmandu & 1h15m
 & Lijiang & 2h15m
 & Shangri-La & 2h
 & Hong Kong & 3h45m
 & Naha, Okinawa & 1h30m
Seoul & Naha, Okinawa & 1h30m
 & Astana, Kazakhstan & 2h30m
Tashkent & Astana, Kazakhstan & 3h
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Southeast Asia
Bagan & Heho & 45m
Bangkok
 & Chiang Mai & 1h15m
 & Luang Prabang & 1h
 & Hanoi & 1h45m
 & Koh Samui & 1h30m
 & Yangon & 1h15m
Chiang Mai
 & Luang Prabang & 1h
 & Mandalay & 1h30m
Hanoi
 & Luang Prabang & 1h
 & Hanoi / Danang & 1h15m
Ho Chi Minh City
 & Siem Reap & 1h
Kuching
 & Kota Kinabalu & 1h30m
 & Singapore & 1h30m
 & Phnom Penh & 45m
Siem Reap
 & Luang Prabang & 2h
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Southeast Asia (continued)
Yogyakarta & Singapore & 2h15m
 & Ubud & 1h15m
Yangon & Bagan & 1h15m
 & Mandalay & 1h30m
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Australia & New Zealand
Hamilton Island & Cairns & 1h
The Kimberley & Darwin & 6h30m
Perth & Auckland & 6h30m
 & Darwin & 3h30m
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 & Brisbane & 1h30m
 & Port Douglas & 3h15m
 & Port Morseby & 3h45m
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Naha & Nago & 1h
Osaka & Hiroshima & 4h15m
 & Kyoto & 1h
Urumqi & Turpan & 2h45m
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China
Hangzhou & Huangshan & 3h
Urumqi & Turpan & 2h45m
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Central Asia
Bukhara & Samarkand & 3h45m
 & Khiva & 6h
Gyantse & Lhasa & 6h
 & Shigatse & 2h30m
Lhasa & Shigatse & 5h45m
Paro & Punakha & 4h
 & Gangtey & 1h
Thimphu & Punakha & 3h
 & Paro & 1h
Zhangmu & Dhulikhel & 2h15m
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Southeast Asia
Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai & 3h
Hanoi & HaLong Bay & 3h30m
Kuala Lumpur & Malacca & 1h45m
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Australia & New Zealand
Auckland & Rotorua & 2h45m
Cairns & Daintree & 1h45m
Fraser Island & Brisbane & 5h
Yeppoon & Airlie Beach & 5h30m
# Festivals in Asia & the Pacific

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<td>China</td>
<td>February</td>
<td>A week long celebration takes place on the first day of the lunar calendar, usually in January/February. It is the most important festival in China and families travel from all parts of China to reunite for the celebrations.</td>
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<td>TET</td>
<td>Vietnam</td>
<td>February</td>
<td>Tet Nguyên Vân, more commonly known by its shortened name TET, is the largest, most important and popular holiday and festival in Vietnam. It is the Vietnamese New Year and a time to forgive and forget and for many, a time to pay off debts.</td>
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<td>Monlam/Prayer Festival</td>
<td>Lhasa, Tibet</td>
<td>February or March</td>
<td>This is the most important religious festival in Tibet. There are great debates over the Buddhist scriptures and Buddhists from all over come to Lhasa as part of their pilgrimage.</td>
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<td>Thingyan New Year</td>
<td>Myanmar</td>
<td>April</td>
<td>Similar to the Boun Pimai Festival in Laos, this is the most popular and colorful celebration in Myanmar. People of all ages participate in the festivities that include spraying people with water!</td>
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<td>Boun Pimai Festival</td>
<td>Laos</td>
<td>April</td>
<td>The Boun Pimai Festival, Laos’ New Year, lasts several days and is celebrated with parades, dancing and singing. Buddhists decorate temples for good fortune and health.</td>
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<td>Boun Bang Fai (Rocket) Festival</td>
<td>Laos</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>The Boun Bang Fai (Rocket) Festival coincides with the celebrations of Buddha’s enlightenment and death in May. There are parades, dancing, singing, and partying during this festival. The festival has roots from the pre-Buddhist rain dances and the highlight is the homemade bamboo rockets that are blessed and fired into the sky to invite rain.</td>
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<td>Golden Week</td>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>The week was once celebrated on April 29th for Emperor Showa’s birthday. Now, Golden Week starts on May 3rd celebrating Constitution Day, May 4th Greenery Day and then May 5th Children’s Day.</td>
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<td>Sanja Matsuri</td>
<td>Tokyo, Japan</td>
<td>May</td>
<td>One of the biggest Shinto festivals held in honor of the three men who founded the ancient temple of Senso-ji. The festival includes a parade and traditional music and dancing.</td>
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<td>Saka Dawa Festival</td>
<td>Tibet</td>
<td>May or June</td>
<td>This festival commemorates the death of Buddha and him entering Nirvana. It is believed that during this time those who perform good deeds are rewarded 300 fold. It is very common to see people giving aims to the poor and monasteries.</td>
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<td>Gion Matsuri</td>
<td>Kyoto, Japan</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>The biggest festival in Kyoto dates back to the 9th-century as part of a purification ritual to ask gods to help them cure plagues.</td>
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<td>Naadam</td>
<td>Mongolia</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>Naadam is Mongolia’s national games. The competitions are held throughout and events include horse racing, wrestling, and archery. The largest celebrations are held in Ulaanbaatar, the capital, however, local celebrations are held at provincial capitals.</td>
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<td>Bangkok, Thailand</td>
<td>August</td>
<td>Teams from all over the world come to participate in this exciting tournament that also includes parades, elephant painting, and traditional Thai dancing.</td>
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<td>Trung Nguyen</td>
<td>Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</td>
<td>August</td>
<td>Known locally as Tet Trung Nguyen, Wandering Souls Day is a Buddhist tradition, marking the annual day when spirits are allowed to walk the earth after sunset. Huge buffets and lavish gifts are offered to them at pagodas and temples.</td>
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<td>Mt Hagen Show</td>
<td>Papua New Guinea</td>
<td>August</td>
<td>Papua New Guinea is made up of 700 different tribes and many of them converge on Mt Hagen every August for the annual Mt Hagen cultural festival. This festival is a celebration of tradition and tribal history as the tribes recreate their own legends. The people come in bilas (full traditional costumes) with stunning face tattoos, body paint, elaborate headdresses and shell breastplates. You will find yourself captivated by the rhythm and color as dancers whirl to the sound of the beating drums.</td>
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<td>Goroka Show</td>
<td>Papua New Guinea</td>
<td>September</td>
<td>The Goroka Show is an intense display of the rich and vibrant culture of PNG. Tribes from all over gather in the town of Goroka for a weekend of music, dancing and amazing displays of tribal rituals. This is one of the biggest shows in the Highlands and can attract up to 140,000 people, including 40,000 painted warriors dancing to the rhythmic thud of the Kundu drums.</td>
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<td>Golden Eagle Festival</td>
<td>Bayan-Ulgii Province, Mongolia</td>
<td>October</td>
<td>Kazakh hunters travel from the countryside to attend the festival with their Golden Eagles to enter them into competitions testing speed, agility, and accuracy. Ceremonies, dance performances, a parade in the city square, and a Kazakh play in honor of the hunters and their eagles are all a part of this unique experience.</td>
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<td>National Day/Golden Week</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>October</td>
<td>This is a nation-wide celebration of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. During this week long celebration, there is a variety of government-sponsored activities including fireworks and concerts. Throughout the country and Hong Kong, pictures of influential leaders are displayed and areas such as Tiananmen Square are decorated.</td>
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<td>Water Festival</td>
<td>Phnom Penh, Cambodia</td>
<td>November</td>
<td>The Water Festival dates back to the Khmer empire (9th -13th-century) and is the most extravagant festival in Cambodia. Lasting three days, millions of people from all over the country come to the banks of the Tonle Sap and Mekong Rivers to watch brightly colored boats battle each other in a race.</td>
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<td>Hot-Air Balloon Festival</td>
<td>Taunggyi, Shan State, Myanmar</td>
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<td>On this occasion, there are hot-air balloon competitions with balloons of all shapes and sizes – from pagodas to animals to rugby balls and, in the evening, there are fireworks.</td>
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<td>Loy Krathong</td>
<td>Sukhothai, Thailand</td>
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<td>Loy Krathong originated in Sukhothai, Thailand’s first capital. Krathongs are beautifully decorated lotus flowers that are made out of natural materials and contain a candle, incense stick, or coins. The Krathongs are then launched into water as an offering of thanksgiving to the water spirits and a way to cleanse sins.</td>
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<td>Angkor Festival</td>
<td>Angkor Wat, Cambodia</td>
<td>November - December</td>
<td>Angkor Festival celebrates performing arts with the amazing Angkor Wat Temples as the backdrop. Performers from all over Asia come to perform ancient myths, stories and legends with their own unique musical, dance and fashion interpretations.</td>
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**Weather Chart**

**Australia**

The most pleasant and popular time to visit Australia is during its winter, which spans from April to September. Australia’s summer is a good time to visit the southern locations of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Kangaroo Island, as well as Perth in Western Australia, but it can be very hot and humid in the tropical regions and the Red Center. However, in the winter months daytime temperatures remain comfortable in most locations. September and October are exceptional months, which allow travelers to experience all regions of the diverse continent.

**Bhutan**

Bhutan is a year-round destination, although the weather varies dramatically depending on the elevation and season.

Spring: From March to May, the weather is mild. Though there is some rainfall, temperatures top out around 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fall: From September to November, the weather tends to be idyllic, with highs in the 70s and little rain.

Winter: From December to February, you’ll find the clearest skies of the year. The best time to visit is November to February.

Summer: From March to May, the weather is warm. The best time to visit is June to August.

**Cambodia & Laos**

The climate in these countries is very similar. The best time to visit is November to March. The wet season from June to August still sees plenty of sunshine.

**China: Central**

This area includes Shanghai and the Yangtze Gorges. Warmer than the North and East in winter and summer, there is more rainfall year-round, with the heaviest on the coast. Best time to visit is during the spring months of March to May and the autumnal months of September and October.

**China: South & West**

This includes the region of Yunnan, Kunming and Lijiang. Kunming is known as the “city of eternal spring” and is pleasant year-round, although summer can be quite wet. Lijiang and Dali in the mountains get more extreme weather and can be cold at night. Best times are spring and autumn.

**Indonesia**

The best time to visit Indonesia is from April to October. The rainy season is November to February.

**Japan**

Japan’s weather is very mixed due to its length, and there are wide differences between the regions. Generally, the country experiences cool to cold but sunny winters and warm, humid summers, with most of the rainfall occurring in the summer. Best times are spring or autumn, when days are relatively mild and clear.

**Malaysia & Borneo**

Malaysia is hot and humid year round, with differing rainfall patterns. The east coast of Malaysia experiences rainfall from November to January. The west coast experiences more rainfall from August to October. Short, sharp downpours occur throughout the year with the rest of the day fairly clear.

Borneo has a tropical climate and is predominantly covered in rainforest. Heavy rains between November and February make travel more difficult as roads and walking trails become muddy. The weather is most pleasant between May and October during the fruting season when there is more wildlife activity.

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**Weather Chart**

**Mongolia**

The traveling season is short from May to September when temperatures are at their warmest. The rainy season falls between July and September, but rain is mostly short, light and quick to clear. The wind can blow fiercely and cause a temperature range from 90°F to 40°F in a single day.

**New Zealand**

New Zealand can be enjoyed year-round as the weather is relatively mild in many of the main areas, though it can be chilly during the winters, particularly on the South Island, though the northern end of the country is sub-tropical. February to April, New Zealand’s autumn, is the overall best time to visit both islands. Temperatures are still warm, and services and accommodations are at their most pleasant.

**Nepal**

Nepal has two seasons – the dry season from October to May and the rainy, monsoon season from June to September. Early spring (March to April) and late autumn (October and November) are the best times to visit. From December to February, there is snow on the mountains with freezing temperatures at high altitudes, while the summer months of June to August can be very hot for general travel.

**Myanmar**

The best time to visit is from November to March, when it is not so hot and rains least. April is very hot and dry, whereas from May to September is the rainy season and some resorts are closed.

**Papua New Guinea**

Papua New Guinea does not have clear wet and dry seasons. Rainfall levels vary by region. The capital, Port Moresby, is dry and often dusty, with short sharp wet periods. Humidity is always high and can at times be oppressive. The best time to travel is from May to November.

**South Korea**

The best times to visit Seoul are from March to May and from September to November, when the weather is mild. High humidity rounds up during the summer months of July & August.

**Thailand**

Thailand has a tropical monsoon climate, divided into a wet and dry season. The best time to visit for the central and northern areas, including Bangkok and Chiang Mai is from November to March, since April is very hot and rainy from May to October. The southwest bordering the Andaman Sea, including Phuket and Krabi, is driest from November to March, while the south-eastern coast bordering the Gulf of Thailand is best from May to October.

**Tibet**

The best time to travel to Tibet is between April and October, and peak season is from May to September. The best months are May, June, September or October as July and August are rainy months.

**Uzbekistan**

Uzbekistan’s topography consists largely of open steppe and desert with hot, dry summers and very cold winters. Spring and autumn provide brief respite from these extremes. In the east of the country are the mountains of the Tien Shen and Pamirs, and conditions here are milder, with more rain.

**Vietnam**

Vietnam’s temperatures and rainfall vary widely, and since most tours of Vietnam include both the north and south and some of the central districts, it is difficult to pinpoint an ideal time to travel. However, the best overall months are October to March. The rainy season for most of the country is between May and September. The central highlands have an additional wet season between September and January.

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• Baggage Protection: Accidents happen, even on the best airlines. Travel insurance provides benefits for lost, damaged and stolen luggage — and can reimburse the purchase of essential items when baggage is delayed.

Allianz Global Assistance for Cox & Kings is also available with some special benefits. Please ask your Cox & Kings Destination Specialist for full details.

• Free coverage for kids (17 and under) when traveling with their parents or grandparents

• Pre-existing medical conditions (protection premium to be purchased within 14 days of initial trip payment)

• Coverage for trip interruption/cancellation due to unexpected work commitments

• Protection that lets you cancel anytime

So don’t let an unfortunate accident ruin your trip of a lifetime. Contact Cox & Kings to protect your trip, your financial investment and your piece of mind..
Terms & Conditions

Booking Procedure
Please read the conditions of travel as your booking is subject to the terms listed below. A contract is entered into once your travel agent or East India Travel Company, Inc. (DBA Cox & Kings) receives your deposit and we accept and confirm the booking. Please note that travel arrangements are not confirmed until stated so in writing by Cox & Kings. Payment of any monies constitutes acceptance and understanding of Cox & Kings’ Terms & Conditions as laid out below, as listed on our website and in our pre-travel documentation.

Payment
For most custom journeys, a per person deposit of 25% of the program price is required to secure the arrangements, and will be your only obligation until 90 days prior to your departure date. For trips with other deposit and cancellation requirements, your travel specialist will inform you at time of booking. The balance of the cost must be paid 90 days before you travel. Payment should be made to Cox & Kings in Los Angeles, California. If the final balance is not received on time, Cox & Kings reserves the right to treat the booking as cancelled by you and to levy cancellation charges. If you book 90 days of less prior to your departure, the full amount of your trip must be paid in order to confirm the booking.

For any air tickets handled by Cox & Kings, full payment is required at time of booking in order to secure the fare quoted.

1. Discovery Group Journeys
A per person deposit of $250 or 15% of your total trip cost (whichever is the higher), must be paid at the time of booking. The balance of the cost must be paid prior to 75 days before you travel. If you book your travel within 75 days of departure, the full amount of your trip must be paid in order to confirm the booking.

2. European River Cruising
For most trips, a per person deposit of $500 is required to secure the arrangements, and will be your only obligation until 100 days prior to your departure date. For trips with other deposit and cancellation requirements, your travel specialist will inform you at time of booking. The balance of the cost must be paid 100 days before you travel. Payment should be made to Cox & Kings, The Americas. If the final balance is not received on time, Cox & Kings reserves the right to treat the booking as cancelled by you and to levy cancellation charges. If you book your travel 100 days or prior to departure, the full amount of your trip must be paid in order to confirm the booking.

Alterations by You
If you request any amendments to your travel arrangements once your booking has been confirmed, an amendment fee of $150 per alteration may be charged. If you request any changes in services or accommodation, once commencement of travel, Cox & Kings will do all possible to accommodate your request; however, should there be any costs incurred due to such amendments, you will be liable for any cancellation/retention charges that may be levied for the previously booked service and for any costs incurred to secure revised arrangements.

Cancellation by You
Should you wish to cancel your travel arrangements, you must notify Cox & Kings in writing. Please state the reason for cancellation as you may be covered by your insurance policy.

Please note that for most custom journeys, deposits are refundable minus a per person Administrative Fee of $400 if the cancellation is received more than 91 days prior to departure. You will be advised if your Terms & Conditions are different than listed below by your Travel Specialist at time of booking.

For notification received within 90 days of departure, the following cancellation charges are applicable for most custom journeys (some exceptions apply including Africa, please see separate cancellation terms below):

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1. Air Travel
Most airline tickets are non-refundable once confirmed, however, depending on airline and class of service, exceptions may apply, and you will be notified at time of reservation. Any air tickets issued at any time are subject to the terms of the airline.

To protect your investment, we strongly recommend that you purchase full coverage travel insurance.

2. Custom Journeys to Africa
Should you wish to cancel your travel arrangements, you must notify Cox & Kings in writing. Please state the reason for cancellation as you may be covered by your insurance policy.

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4. European River Cruising
Should you wish to cancel your travel arrangements, you must notify Cox & Kings in writing. Please state the reason for cancellation as you may be covered by your insurance policy.

A Name change and/or any change in departure or vessel are considered a cancellation. The following cancellation charges are applicable:

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Cancellation by Cox & Kings

1. Alterations made to your Custom Journey
Travel arrangements are planned and secured in advance and so changes in itinerary content may be unavoidable. These changes may be due to circumstances amounting to “force majeure” or reasons beyond Cox & Kings’ control. They could include but are not limited to: delay in departure due to flight disruption, closure of a hotel, strikes, riots, natural occurrences, decisions by State Governments or Tourist Organizations that cause forced alterations to a planned itinerary, its duration, time spent in a city or requiring the need to remove a city or part of from the itinerary caused by a local occurrence or...
situation. In such cases, Cox & Kings will offer comparable alternative arrangements.

If any of the circumstances listed above occur during the course of your program, we reserve the right to alter the scheduled itinerary accordingly and compensation cannot be paid. We will make every reasonable effort to provide the booked arrangements but minor changes may occur. If changes are significant, we shall where possible, inform you or your Travel Agent before your departure. Please note that Cox & Kings cannot be held responsible for any price increases or surcharges caused by governmental action, additional taxes imposed, significant fluctuations in exchange rates or increases in fuel surcharges, should Cox & Kings need to pass along any of these increases.

2. Alterations made to your Discovery Group Journey
Travel arrangements are planned and secured in advance and so changes in itinerary content may be unavoidable. These changes may be due to circumstances amounting to “force majeure” or reasons beyond Cox & Kings’ control.

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If any of the circumstances listed above occur during the course of the program, we reserve the right to alter the scheduled itinerary accordingly and compensation cannot be paid. We will make every reasonable effort to provide the booked arrangements but minor changes may occur. If changes are significant we shall where possible, inform you or your travel agent before your departure. Most changes are minor. Occasionally, we have to make a significant change. Significant changes are likely to include but not limited to the following changes when made before departure: A change of accommodation to that of a lower official classification or standard for the whole or a major part of your program, a change of duration (if over 12 hours).

If we have to make a significant change, you will be advised prior to departure if possible and the following options will be offered to you:

(i) Purchase an alternative journey from Cox & Kings*
(ii) Accept the cancellation, in which case you will receive a full refund of all monies paid

* Depending on the alternative departure date or destination chosen, a price supplement or refund may apply.

A ‘minor change’ is any change that does not come within the definition of a significant change set out above. Minor changes include but are not limited to the following:
Changes to any destination(s), place(s) of stay, port or place of call for your trip which is not considered major; changes in any scheduled date or times during your trip, provided that, where necessary and appropriate, hotel accommodation and reasonable sustenance for the period in question is provided to you at no additional charge; substitution of a named lecturer and / or leader for another knowledgeable expert in the same field.

If a minor change has to be made, and compensation is appropriate, you will be advised of compensation level at that time.

3. Discovery Group Journeys Minimum to Operate
All Discovery Group Journeys require a minimum number of passengers to operate. Should there be an insufficient number of booked passengers on any given departure, we will inform you of the cancellation of program no later than 75 days before your departure date (prior to final payment being received). In this case, you will be offered one of the options set out below. Please note that no additional compensation will be due. Cox & Kings will not be liable for any additional costs incurred as a result of cancellation, including without limitation, airfares or other arrangements booked in conjunction with your Discovery Group Journey:

(i) Select an alternative Discovery Group journey*
(ii) Accept the cancellation and receive a refund of all monies paid

* Depending on the alternative departure date or destination chosen, a price supplement or refund may apply.

4. Cancellation and Changes for European River Cruises
Each departure requires a minimum number of passengers to operate, and in the event your departure is cancelled an alternative departure will be offered. Depending on the alternative departure date or cruise offered, a price supplement or refund may apply. A five day period will be granted for you to accept or decline the alternative cruise, otherwise it will be deemed as a cancellation and all monies paid for the cruise will be refunded. Cox & Kings cannot be liable for any additional costs incurred as a result of a third-party cruise company cancellation, including without limitation, airfares or other arrangements previously booked in conjunction with your Europe River Cruise. In the event your departure date is delayed for more than 7 days, you may cancel your trip and receive a full refund of all monies paid, or use it towards an alternative program.

Reasons why your departure may be affected listed below but not limited to:
(a) High or low water levels in any river or canal
(b) Lock closures, unscheduled vessel maintenance or other operational reasons
(c) Road, river or weather conditions
(d) National or local holidays affecting the closure of public buildings or attractions
(e) Force Majeure Events
(f) Emergency events, accidents, injuries or other incidents involving you or other passengers

Additional Europe River Cruising Information
Child Policy – Minimum age for River Cruising is 12 years of age.
General Notice on River Cruising – Adequate steps are taken to minimize noise, vibration and odors onboard the cruise vessels. However, some noise, vibration and intermittent odors may be experienced and unavoidable, for which compensation cannot be granted.

Documentation Required For Travel: Passports, Visas and Your Responsibilities
All travelers require a passport with at least six months validity beyond completion of travel. The client accepts full responsibility for obtaining all travel documentation, including but not limited to passport, entry visa and permits prior to commencement of travel, and is solely responsible for any consequences resulting from missing or defective documentation. Any information or advice given by Cox & Kings regarding visas, vaccinations, climate, what to pack, baggage, etc., is purely advisory and provided as a courtesy. Cox & Kings is not responsible for any errors or omissions as to the information provided by third parties. Visas may be required to travel to your chosen destination and U.S. citizens should consult with the appropriate Consulates and Embassies. It is the responsibility of the individual traveler to secure the proper documentation prior to commencement of travel.

Travel Warnings
It is the responsibility of The Traveler to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to the U.S. State Department’s travel website at www.travel.state.gov or by phone at 1-888-407-4747. In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination location(s) of the trip, should The Traveler still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, The Traveler assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

What Your Custom Land Program Price Includes:

• Private arrival and departure airport transfers to and from your hotel
• All planning, handling and operational charges
• Accommodation as noted in itinerary, based on double occupancy
• Privately guided sightseeing in air conditioned vehicle (exceptions may apply)
• Services of Professional Guide(s) as mentioned in itinerary
• All entrance fees mentioned in itinerary
• Meals as mentioned in itinerary
• Baggage handling, 2 pieces per person unless otherwise noted. (Please note that any additional baggage may require modification in vehicle size at an additional cost)
• Other inclusions as noted in your itinerary

What Your Custom Land Program Price Excludes:

• International and internal regional airfare, unless otherwise stated
• Meals other than those mentioned in itinerary
• The cost of personal items such as laundry, drinks with meals or otherwise, additional incidents, etc.
• Airport Security Charges if levied by any airport to cover the cost of security arrangements and payable locally and Airport Departure Taxes (if applicable)
• Optional and additional sightseeing not included in itinerary
• Cost of obtaining passports or required visas where necessary
• Any fees associated with using air miles for your air travel
• Transport between your home and home airport/port/station
• Gratuities unless stated in “What Your Land Price Includes”
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1. Discovery Group Journeys

What Your Land Program Price Includes:
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers to and from your hotel
- All planning, handling and operational charges
- Accommodation as noted in itinerary, based on double occupancy
- Sightseeing as noted in itinerary in air conditioned vehicle (exceptions may apply)
- Services of Professional English-Speaking Guide(s) and/or Tour Escort as detailed in your itinerary
- All entrance fees mentioned in itinerary
- Meals as mentioned in itinerary
- Other inclusions as noted in your itinerary

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2. Europe River Cruises

What Your Cruise Price Includes:
- A Cox & Kings $75 per person ship board credit
- Private Meet & Greet with the Captain including a tour of the ship and cocktail
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers to and from the ship (exceptions apply)
- Gratuities to all shipboard crew and local guides
- Personal Butler for every cabin
- Baggage Allowance: 1 piece per person (not exceeding 30x24x11 inches in size and 42 pounds maximum weight) (Any additional luggage may incur a surcharge)
- All beverages including spirits, wine and beer, including mini-bar in cabin (exceptions apply*)
- Off-ship sightseeing choices during the cruise
- Tailor-made GPS devices for each passenger (not available on the Scenic Tsar)
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout ship and Internet access thru cabin Infotainment system
- Complimentary use of electric assist bicycles (not available on the Scenic Tsar)

What Your Cruise Price Excludes:
- International and internal region airfare, unless otherwise stated
- Port Taxes
- Entrance fees, gratuities and local transportation while using Tailor-made GPS devices
- *Beverages such as premium spirits, such as (including but not limited to) Malt Whisky and French Champagne – On the Scenic Tsar; beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner only
- The cost of personal items such as additional incidentals, etc.
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