



FROM BENGAL TIGERS AND BUDDHIST MONKS, TO SCRUMPTIOUS STREET FOOD IN NIGHT MARKETS AND FINE DINING IN HONG KONG, ASIA OFFERS ENDLESS ADVENTURES FOR AN EXTENDED TRIP.

GRAND TOUR / Asia



PO LIN MONASTERY, HONG KONG

ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA

In the 18th century, young gentlemen of a certain class would take a grand tour of Europe in search of enlightenment. Why not take your own rite of passage, on the other side of the world? Asia has so much to offer, from staggering landscapes and wildlife encounters, to bustling markets and ancient architecture, you'll want to extend your holiday.



INDIAN ODYSSEY

From Kerala's backwaters to Jaipur's Amber Fort and encounters with Bengal tigers in the wild, India is a vast country to explore. Start in neighbouring Nepal and gaze at the ancient temples of Kathmandu's Durbar Square; then drive down the wide boulevards of Delhi, watch the sunrise over the Taj Mahal, and learn about the Maharajahs of Jaipur. You'll want to board the toy trains of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway and wind your way through tea plantations before you go home. Change your perspective again to savour the aromatic spice gardens of Thekaddy in the south, the gateway to Periyar Game Reserve. A cruise on the lake will get you close to the wild bison and elephants that come down to the shore to drink.

TALE OF TWO (OR THREE) COUNTRIES

Combine a trip to Vietnam with a visit to Cambodia and cruise the Mekong Delta after exploring the colonial architecture of Ho Chi Minh City. Then sample fried crickets as you learn about the Khmer people of Cambodia in Phnom Penh. The temples of Angkor Wat are one of Asia's most spectacular attractions, but the stilt villages of Tonle Sap Lake will give you a taste of everyday life. You'll meet plenty of locals when you take time out from the gilded attractions of Luang Prabang in Laos. Compare the spiritual charm of this sleepy city with the buzz of Hanoi's Old Quarter, where you can go on a cyclo ride around the shophouses. Then join the locals at the weekend night market to try variations of banh mi (sandwiches) and pho (noodle soup).

HONG KONG STOP-OVER

Hong Kong is the perfect place to soak up a unique east-meets-west vibe after a trip to China or Japan. Sampan boats provide colour to a backdrop of skyscrapers in Victoria Harbour, while the Symphony of Lights show takes you on an energetic journey through the spirit of the city at night. The legendary dining scene includes the chance to try Michelin-starred dim sum, or sizzling fish balls served straight from the wok at da pai dong street stalls. Enjoy heady hikes on Victoria Peak, or get staggering views from the Tian Tan Buddha statue by Po Lin Monastery. You'll welcome some downtime at Cheung Sha beach, or you can join the locals at Temple Street Night Market and haggle for trinkets in the streets surrounding the incense-filled Tin Hau Temple.



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