

# Asia Discovery Tours

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# 15 Day Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand In-Depth Tour (Tour Code: MST)

If you want to experience the best of Southeast Asia in one incredible trip, why not take our 15 Day Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand In-Depth Tour? Starting your tour in Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi and Penang of Malaysia, journeying through Malacca to Singapore and then travelling to Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Bangkok and Kanchanaburi in Thailand, you will get an authentic feel of the regions. Along the way, explore the stunning beaches and vibrant cities, and even trek up into the mountain areas to meet Thailand remote hilltribe communities. Last but not least you will connect with real locals over delicious food.





#### DAY 01: SYDNEY – KUALA LUMPUR MH122. Sydney – Kuala Lumpur 12:10/17:45

Depart Sydney to Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia in the afternoon and arrive in the evening. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Accommodation: Novotel KLCC\*\*\*\* or similar

## DAY 02: KUALA LUMPUR – LANGKAWI (B, D) OD2206. Kuala Lumpur – Langkawi 13:30/14:35

Breakfast at the hotel. You will be transferred to Kuala Lumpur Airport to take the flight to Langkawi. On arrival in Langkawi, you will be picked up and transferred to the hotel. Relax. Dinner at a local restaurant. Stay overnight in Langkawi.

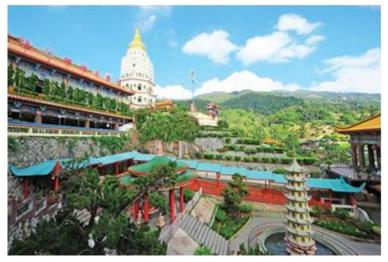
Accommodation: Pelangi Beach Resort\*\*\*\* or similar

# DAY 03: LANGKAWI – PENANG (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Head to Eagle Square, one of the most famous landmarks in Langkawi. The 12-meter tall statue of a flying Eagle greets visitors who arrive on the island by ferry. The reddish-brown eagle at Dataran Lang was built as an emblem for the island. Follow your tour guide and visit Mahsuri Tomb. Listen to the tale of a young beautiful girl who was killed by villagers about 200 years ago because of her jealous mother-in-law, who created a false story about adultery. As a result, the village was cursed for 7



generations. Then an amazing not to be missed attraction in Langkawi is the cable car, which is included in this tour. At 709 meters above sea level, the cable car ride takes you up to Langkawi's second highest peak. During the 20-minute ride, you will pass over jungle waterfalls and a thick carpet of virgin rainforest. On a clear day, you can see parts of Thailand towards the north and



Indonesia towards the southwest. Langkawi Underwater World is another interesting place to interact with a lot of interesting animals, birds, and reptiles. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then transfer to ferry pier to board a ferry to Penang. On arrival, meet and transfer to the hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight stay in Penang. Accommodation: Areca Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### DAY 04: PENANG - KUALA LUMPUR (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy the 'The Habitat Penang Hill' with this day pass to an authentic, diverse and educational Malaysian rainforest experience. Follow a naturalist guide along a nature trail to uncover a myriad of flora and fauna that occupy this unique area. Starting at the forest floor, naturalist guides take you on a journey along a nature trail to see the plants, trees, insects, birds, reptiles, and mammals that call 'The Habitat' home. Explore the biodiversity of the rainforest canopy on a 230-meter Langur Way Canopy Walk. Visit the Curtis Crest Tree Top Walk at the top of Penang Hill and embrace the 360-degree panoramic views of Penang Island from the highest viewpoint in Penang. Lunch at a local restaurant. Drive to Kuala Lumpur. On arrival, have dinner at a local restaurant. Check in the hotel. Overnight stay in Kuala Lumpur. Accommodation: Novotel KLCC\*\*\*\* or similar

#### DAY 05: KUALA LUMPUR (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart your journey towards Batu Caves, passing through Little India and the Brickfields neighborhood, known for its colorful streets and unique shops. After a 30-minute scenic drive, arrive at the Batu Caves to discover the home of Hindu shrines and various religious deities. Listen as your guide explains the Hindu roots of the nation and climb the 272 steps to the golden statue of Lord Murugan. Once at the top, go to Cathedral Cave to see the largest cave in the complex, and hear about the background to this most intricate of Hindu shrines. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then, drive to Thean Hou Temple, a 6-tiered pagoda temple atop Robson Heights. Completed in 1987 and officially opened in 1989, it was built by the Hainanese community of Kuala Lumpur and is dedicated to the goddess Tian Hou (The Heavenly Mother). Continue to China

Town to enter the site of dozens of restaurants and food stalls tended by Chinese, Indian, Malay and Bangladeshi traders. Watch as they serve up local favorites, such as curry noodles, *Hokkien mee* (a Fujian noodle dish), *ikan bakar* (barbecued fish) and *asam laksa* (a sour, fish and tamarind-based soup). Next, see the stunning National Mosque of Malaysia (Masjid Negara), set in 13



acres of beautiful gardens. Admire the bold approach taken by its architects who designed it in the late 1950s as a symbol of the aspirations of the newly independent nation. Dinner at a local restaurant. Stay overnight in Kuala Lumpur. Accommodation: Novotel KLCC\*\*\*\* or similar



#### DAY 06: KUALA LUMPUR – MALACCA – SINGAPORE (B, D)

After breakfast, drive to Malacca, where you will visit Dutch Square, Cheng Hoon Teng Temple, Malacca Straight Mosque and St. Paul Church. Drive to Singapore through Tuas Link Border. Upon arrival in Singapore, you are transferred to hotel. Stay overnight in Singapore. Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

## DAY 07: SINGAPORE (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit Garden by the Bay:

- Experience Singapore's award-winning Gardens by the Bay.
- Be enchanted by the Super tree Grove covered by different plant species standing at some 25 meters.
- Marvel at exotic plants, gigantic Super Trees, and dazzling flower displays.
- Enter a World of Perpetual Spring, where Unique Plants Bloom.
- Step into the largest glass greenhouse in the world as listed in the 2015 Guinness World Records.
- Roam around the Flower Dome to see thousand-year-old olive trees, giant baobabs, and a wide range of exotic plants.
- Visit the Cloud Forest and feel refreshed by the mist coming from the world's tallest indoor waterfall.

Lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, visit National Assembly House, Merlion Park and Esplanade Opera House. Dinner at a local restaurant. Stay overnight in Singapore. Accommodation: Royal Plaza Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### DAY 08: SINGAPORE - BANGKOK - CHIANG MAI (B, D)

#### FD356, Singapore – Bangkok 15:00/16:40 FD3425, Bangkok – Chiang Mai 19:30/20:50

You are free at leisure in the morning. After checkout at noon, you are transferred to airport for your flight to Chiang Mai, Thailand via Bangkok. Stay overnight in Chiang Mai.

Accommodation: Furama Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### DAY 09: CHIANG MAI (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to visit to Wat Pra Singh or Monastery of the Lion Lord, founded in the 14 th century to house the ashes of King Kham Fu and serve as the principal religious center of the Lanna Kingdom. The complex is composed of several buildings of varying architectural and artistic merit that form the most famous temple in Chiang Mai. The lovely Viharn Lai Kham with



gilded hall, decorated with murals of everyday life, houses the highly revered golden Phra Buddha Sihing image. Visit to Wat Chedi Luang or Temple of Big Stupa, dated back to the 14 th century. It took about 100 years to finish the construction of the stupa which was 82 m high and had a base diameter of 54 m and was at that time the largest building of all Lanna. It was here, where the Emerald Buddha was once enshrined in the eastern niche before it was moved to Luang Prabang.



Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon visit one of the highlights is a visit to the 600 year-old temple of Wat Pra That Doi Suthep, near the summit of Doi Suthep mountain. After a drive up the mountain's winding road, the final climb to the site is via a magnificent Naga (dragon-headed serpent) staircase of 306 steps. Inside is an intriguing copper-plated chedi topped by a five-tier gold umbrella which contains partial relics of Lord

Buddha. On a clear day, there are incomparable views over the city of Chiang Mai. Return to the hotel for freshening up. In evening, visit The Chiang Mai Night Bazaar, one of the main shopping venues in northern Thailand and is simply a can't-miss part of the whole Chiang Mai experience. It features street-side stalls selling mostly clothing and handicrafts, together with a host of shopping plazas where you can find more unique crafts and jewelry. Have your dinner at a local restaurant.

Stay overnight in Chiang Mai. Accommodation: Furama Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### DAY 10: CHIANG MAI – ELEPHANT SANCTUARY – CHIANG MAI (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary. Learn about the elephants and change into traditional Karen clothing:

- Meet the elephants. Feed, interact, and play with the elephants in a natural
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environment as you learn about their behavior and history. Take photos with the elephants.

- Mud Spa with the elephants.
- Walk with the elephants to a river and bathe them.
- Eat a traditional meal and then say goodbye to the elephants.

• Leave the Elephant Jungle Sanctuary and drive approximately 1.5 hours to Chiang Mai. Accommodation: Furama Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

DAY 11: CHIANG MAI – CHIANG RAI – GOLDEN TRIAANGLE – CHIANG RAI (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Chiang Rai (190km). Stop at Wat Rong Khun or White temple designed and built by famous artist Chaloemchai Khositphiphat. A white ordination hall – Phra Ubosot - is decorated with silver glittering pieces of mirrors. There are large mural paintings of the Lord Buddha in different gestures. Drive to the Golden Triangle takes us to a hillside vantage point for a superb view of the point where the mountains of Laos, Myanmar (Burma), and Thailand



merge. The vista also takes in the mighty Mekong River joining forces with the Ruak River. The tour speeds up a notch as we take an exhilarating ride in a long-tailed boat on the Mekong River to get closer to the territorial areas of Myanmar and Laos. We head to the ancient capital of Chiang Saen on the banks of this mighty waterway. Afterwards, we proceed to The Hall of Opium, a stateof-the-art 5,600 sq-metre museum with interactive displays, video and multi-media to give a haunting insight

into the history of the drug trade, both past and present. This fascinating exhibition presenting the history of opium, its natural properties and its use dating back 5,000 years. The museum also provides a fascinating insight into opium prohibition, crime and conflict and the detrimental

consequences of abusing drugs. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then transfer to Chiang Rai. Check in the hotel. Have your dinner at a local restaurant and stay overnight in Chiang Rai. Accommodation: Wiang Inn Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

# DAY 12: CHIANG RAI – HILL TRIBE VILLAGES – TEA PLANTATION – CHIANG RAI (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will have another day to visit hill tribe villages and a tea plantation in Mae Salong from Chiang Rai. You will see Akha, Yao, Shan, Lahu and Lisu hill tribe villages. Learn about the traditional garments unique to each hill tribe, and become familiar with rural village life in northern Thailand. Walk along a gorgeous mountain trail near Mae Salong Sample the oolong teas at Choui Fong Tea plantation, relax and enjoy a magnificent landscape where you will experience the process of growing and harvesting tea as well as vegetation propagation to produce tea seedlings at the nursery, whilst teaching you how to pluck tea leaves and enjoy a cup of fresh- roasted tea. Lunch at a local restaurant. Back to Chiang Rai later in the afternoon. Have your dinner at a local restaurant and stay overnight in Chiang Rai. Accommodation: Wiang Inn Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar

#### DAY 13: CHIANG RAI – BANGKOK – KANCHANABURI (B, L, D)

#### WE131, Chiang Rai – Bangkok (Suvarnabhumi) 10:20/11:50

After breakfast, you are transferred to Chiang Rai airport for your flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival at

Bangkok, you will drive to Kanchanaburi, where you will visit Hellfire Pass Museum. Hellfire Pass is by far the most impressive war memorial in Kanchanaburi. A walk through the Hellfire Pass is a moving experience that one will never forget. Then continue to drive to Krasae cave and a wooden railway bridge on the slope of a steep cliff with a nice view over the river. Next to the railway is the small Krasae Cave that is now a place of worship with a Buddha image. Stay overnight in Kanchanaburi.



Accommodation: Felix River Kwai Resort\*\*\*\* or similar

## DAY 14: KANCHANABURI – BANGKOK – KUALA LUMPUR – SYDNEY (B, L) MH775, Bangkok – Kuala Lumpur 18:40/21:55

#### MH123, Kuala Lumpur – Sydney 23:00/10:30 (next morning)

After breakfast, visit Kanchanaburi's most visited attraction, Bridge on the River Kwai, A bridge that is part of the infamous Death Railway, a strategic railway route to Myanmar constructed during the 2nd World War. If time permits, visit Don Rak War cemetery, A peaceful and well-maintained cemetery in downtown Kanchanaburi. Resting place of 6,982 Allied prisoners of war who perished during the construction of the "Death Railway" in the 2nd World War. Continue to The Jeath War Museum, this small museum displays photographs and illustrations narrating the living condition of prisoners of war. Afterwards, transferred to Bangkok airport for your flight home via Kuala Lumpur. Fly overnight.

#### DAY 15: SYDNEY

Arrive in Sydney in the morning. Your unforgettable Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand tour ends.

Departure Date: 18 Mar. 2024 Return Date: 31 Mar. 2024 Departure Date: 20 May 2024 Return Date: 02 Jun. 2024 Departure Date: 23 Sep. 2024 Return Date: 06 Oct. 2024 Departure Date: 21 Oct. 2024 Return Date: 03 Nov. 2024

**Tour Price:** \$5,990 per person, twin or double share **Single Supplement:** \$1,060

#### **Tour price includes:**

1. Economy class air-ticket Sydney or Melbourne – Kuala Lumpur – Langkawi//Singapore – Bangkok – Chiang Mai//Chiang Rai – Bangkok – Kuala Lumpur – Sydney or Melbourne by Malaysia Airlines, Malindo Air, Scoot Tiger Air and Thai Vietjet etc. with airport tax and fuel surcharge.

- 2. Thirteen-night accommodation on twin share basic at international 4 star standard hotels.
- 3. Transfers and transport by deluxe air-conditioned vehicle.
- 4. Sightseeing with entrance fees for all the tourist attractions as per the itinerary.

5. Thirteen breakfasts, ten lunches and twelve dinners (buffet or Set Menu local Malaysian, Thai or Western dishes).

6. Professional English-speaking guides.

## **Tour price excludes:**

- 1. Travel insurance.
- 2. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.
- 3. Beverage.
- 4. Gratuities to drivers and guides.
- 5. Personal expenses.