



MARCO POLO JOURNEYS

## Legends of the East by Rail: Bangkok to Singapore & Bali 2020

12 days from \$14,495

Limited to 18 guests

Savor three distinct flavors of Asia as you travel from Bangkok to Singapore on the Eastern & Oriental Express, experiencing the lush, pastoral countryside of Thailand and Malaysia along the way. Continue to Bali, replete with stunning rice terraces, pristine beaches and exotic temples.

### A&K Advantages

Encounter the spirit of Asia as you journey from the vibrant, modern cities of Bangkok and Singapore, to the enchanted island of Bali

Embrace the sophistication of travel by rail on a three-night journey from Bangkok to Singapore aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express

Take in the soaring skyscrapers, luxury boutiques and neon nightlife of Bangkok and Singapore

Discover the exquisite beauty of ox-tilled earth and floating lotus flower farms on your journey through rural Thailand and Malaysia

Experience the rich and intriguing culture of Bali as you visit exotic temples, and travel through diverse landscapes of scenic rice paddies and sun-soaked beaches

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE BANGKOK, THAILAND

Arrive in Bangkok, where you are met and swiftly moved through customs before being transferred to your hotel on the banks of the Chao Phraya River.

The Peninsula Bangkok

## DAY 2 BANGKOK | WAT PHO'S SERENE RECLINING BUDDHA

Take a short cruise from your hotel and continue by *tuk-tuk* to the Grand Palace — the official residence of the kings of Siam — and later, Thailand. Visit the Emerald Buddha Temple, regarded as the most important Buddhist temple in Thailand. It contains an image of Buddha flawlessly carved from a single block of jade. Re-board your boat for a visit to peaceful Kudi Jeen, one of Bangkok's most diverse communities. Walk to a family bakery where you taste a local specialty cake. After a visit to the community's church, pause for lunch at a local restaurant. Then, cruise back to your hotel for an afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a cocktail and welcome dinner.

The Peninsula Bangkok | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 3 BANGKOK | ABOARD THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

After a relaxing morning, transfer to the railway station and board the iconic green-and-gold coaches of the Eastern & Oriental Express. Savor a superb dinner in the dining car as the train travels out into the countryside, passing rice fields, villages and water buffalo. Throughout your journey, take in sweeping views of the lush scenery from the colonial-style, teakwood observation car. Retire to your cabin, transformed from a private lounge with banquette-style sofa into a cozy bedroom, all by your steward, who is at your service around the clock.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4 KANCHANABURI | BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI

This morning, arrive at River Kwai Bridge Station in the rural town of Kanchanaburi. Disembark the train to board a boat and cruise down the Kwai Yai River with your fellow passengers. Your guide shares insights into the infamous span built by allied prisoners of war under the command of the occupying Japanese army during World War II. Back on shore, stop by the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre and Don Rak War Cemetery to learn more about the historic events dramatized in the classic 1957 film, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. Reboard the train and continue toward Malaysia, gathering in the dining car for an elegant formal dinner.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5 KUALA KANGSAR, MALAYSIA | ROYAL TOWN

Savor a leisurely breakfast in your cabin as the train passes picturesque limestone massifs rearing from rice fields. Relax in the observation car or saloon lounge, watching the passing scenery. After lunch aboard, disembark to board a coach bound for a rural village set among lush rice paddies and rolling hills. Here, meet the locals and visit their homes, wander past a village spice garden, and stop at a local coffee shop to sample local delicacies. Next, head to a rubber plantation to learn how Malaysia became one of the world's largest rubber producers. Rejoin the train as it continues southward through the lush rainforests and rural coast towns of peninsular Malaysia. Tonight on board, dress for dinner and enjoy a nightcap in the piano bar on the final evening of your elegant journey by rail.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 SINGAPORE | CITY IN A GARDEN

Upon arrival in Singapore, get your first glimpse of this diverse and dynamic "City in a Garden" as you drive to the National Orchid Garden, a lush oasis boasting a colorful display of 60,000 orchids representing 400 species and more than 2,000 hybrids. Keep a careful lookout for Vanda, or "Miss Joaquim," Singapore's national flower. Continue on for lunch at your hotel. Then, enjoy an afternoon at leisure exploring the city on your own, shopping an eclectic mix of stores, or relaxing in the hotel. Later in the evening, gather with your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner, take in the dazzling light show at the city's waterfront Gardens by the Bay.

Four Seasons Hotel Singapore | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 SINGAPORE | EPICENTER OF DIVERSITY

This morning, sample Singapore's diverse international flavors with a visit to Arab Street's Sultan Mosque. Next, take in the harbor-side vistas of Merlion Park. After lunch at a local restaurant, embark on an afternoon bumboat cruise down the Singapore River into Clarke Quay. Continue on to Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of Singapore's oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples. Later, tour Katong and Joo Chiat, two bustling enclaves showcasing the city's baroque Peranakan architecture.

Four Seasons Hotel Singapore | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8 BALI, INDONESIA | PULSE OF AN ISLAND PARADISE

Fly to Denpasar, your gateway to Bali. Transfer inland to your resort, driving through lush tropical forests toward the town of Ubud, the cultural heart of Bali. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure, perhaps exploring surrounding villages by bike or meeting a local rice farmer to learn how the crops are cultivated.

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 9 BALI | HOLY WATER TEMPLE

Begin with an excursion to the Holy Water Temple of Sebatu. Watch as Hindu pilgrims partake in a spiritual cleanse, joyfully splashing in the sacred, curative waters fed by the fountain's cascading spigots. Next, head to Ubud for lunch. Then, enjoy time at leisure to explore the village's tradition of craftsmanship, strolling among artisan shops surrounded by lush rice paddies and sacred shrines. After lunch, your afternoon is free to explore on your own or enjoy the many activities on offer at your resort.



Four Seasons Resort Bali at Sayan | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 10 BALI | A PARTING GLIMPSE

This morning, visit beautiful Taman Ayun, a sprawling, moat-ringed temple complex woven together by tranquil gardens. The expansive main courtyard gives way to an inner courtyard dotted with *meru* (tiered shrines) and lotus-fringed reflecting pools. Continue to your next resort, overlooking stunning Jimbaran Bay. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner at one of Bali's most spectacular restaurants, enjoying ocean views while you dine.

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 11 BALI | SUNSET REFLECTION

This morning, embark on a final excursion to Pura Luhur Uluwatu Temple, one of the region's most revered sites. Perched 250 feet above the water on a sheer cliff, it offers a perfect vantage point to the beach below, one of the island's best surf spots. Watch the huge waves roll in and crash against the cliffs, keeping an eye out for the playful monkeys that inhabit the area. Back at the resort, enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Reflect on your incredible journey as the sun bathes the sea and sky in the ebbing glow of twilight.

Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

#### DAY 12 DEPART BALI

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart for your international flight home.

## Extensions



### Explore Hong Kong: Stopover Package

3 days from \$2,395  
Single Supplement from \$1,395

Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Hong Kong before or after your journey.

*International air not included.*

3 Days

Experience Hong Kong Island by land, air and sea, beginning with a look at the city's bustling market culture with stops at the Sheung Wan Dried Food and Herbal Market, street-side antique shops, and an open-air curio market. Ride the Peak Tram funicular up to Victoria Peak for a stunning view of Victoria Harbour and finish with a traditional *sampan* (wooden boat) ride through the local floating villages.

The Peninsula Hong Kong | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2); Breakfast (Day 3)



### Explore Dubai: Stopover Package

3 days from \$1,795  
Single Supplement from \$1,195

Take advantage of an incredible opportunity to spend two nights in Dubai before or after your journey.

Hotel Options:

Park Hyatt Dubai, from \$1,795 | Single Supplement from \$1,195  
Taj Dubai, from \$1,895 | Single Supplement from \$1,195  
Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai, from \$2,195 | Single Supplement from \$1,495

*International air not included.*

3 Days

Fly to Dubai and check in to your luxury hotel. Discover the best of this dazzling city, viewing its remarkable architecture, visiting the Spice Market and colorful shops at the Deira Gold Souk, and ascending the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest skyscraper. On the last day, continue on to your journey or board your flight home.

Park Hyatt Dubai or Taj Dubai or Mandarin Oriental Jumeira, Dubai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 2); Breakfast (Day 3)

## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>Oct 16 - Oct 27, 2020</b>				
Pullman	\$12,995	\$5,295	\$660	Waitlist - Call A&K
State	\$14,495	\$5,695	\$660	Waitlist - Call A&K
<b>Nov 03 - Nov 14, 2020</b>				
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State	\$14,495	\$5,695	\$660	Limited Availability

### Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$660  
Singapore/Denpasar

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:30 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Day 11.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

**Program Note:** Excursions embarking from the Eastern & Oriental Express entail shared touring with other guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).