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Welcome to Carrier

SPECIALISTS IN LUXURY, TAILOR-MADE HOLIDAYS WORLDWIDE

The Carrier difference

There is more choice than ever when it comes to booking your holiday. With a wealth of ideas and information at your fingertips, it is tempting to while away hours online undertaking your own research into the perfect getaway. This is where Carrier comes in; we will do the leg work for you. We know the best holidays in the world, inside out; saving you significant time and effort whilst tailor-making the perfect trip for you.

A dedicated person at Carrier will manage your travel arrangements from start to finish. They will get to know what truly matters to you and will take personal responsibility to translate that into your ideal holiday. You're in safe hands; our expert consultants handpick hotels, resorts and lodges with enduring appeal and superlative standards and take regular trips to re-familiarise themselves with our properties and destinations, meaning you receive genuine recommendations that will ensure your adventures are nothing short of unforgettable.

Carrier's trusted partners

Ours is a relationship based-business and the effect of having the Carrier team negotiating on your behalf should not be underestimated; it can make a profound difference to your holiday. Our featured hotels are often in high demand, especially in peak seasons. We have a long standing partnership with many of them and as such, are well positioned to ensure our guests are particularly well taken care of, and on occasion securing hotels or particular rooms that are 'fully booked'. Carrier is one of a handful of travel companies in the UK to have achieved British Airways Preferred Partner status, in recognition of how important Carrier customers are

to the airline. Carrier and British Airways have a long established relationship giving us priority to the latest news as well as access to highly competitive fares across their network.

The Carrier experience

A diverse range of accommodation:

For every kind of holiday we have the perfect place to stay; from lavish resorts and wellness retreats to intimate boutique boltholes, tented jungle camps and luxury lodges. Whatever your preference, our reservations consultants are available to help you choose the ideal accommodation to suit all your needs.

Family-friendly: At Carrier we know how special a family holiday is and how important it is that your children are well catered for. Several larger resorts have outstanding children's clubs with a myriad of facilities and imaginative activities for your little ones, from arts and crafts to immersive nature experiences.

Tailor-made holidays with a difference:

Our expert team are on hand to add a unique dimension to your holiday; explore Udaipur by bicycle or Ho Chi Minh by moped for an authentic take on these captivating cities, experience the thrill of heli-skiing in New Zealand or marvel at Yangon's colonial architecture on a walking tour; whatever you envision, we can offer a wealth of suggestions.

Dream holidays for two: For those seeking true romance, the far-flung desert islands of French Polynesia and Fiji are easily one of the most romantic natural settings in the world; choose a beach or over water villa for the ultimate romantic getaway, or for those seeking adventure, why not end an action packed tour of Sri Lanka with a stay

in a luxury tented camp? With the choice of everything from barefoot luxury to full service indulgence, there is something for every couple.

Carrier Concierge: The Carrier Concierge is an enhanced complimentary service designed to help you get the most out of your holiday. Whilst there is an array of attractions in many of our resorts, the most popular can get booked months in advance, whilst others are hidden gems known only to a few. Our Concierge consultants and our partners in resort have a wealth of knowledge and contacts to organise everything for you to create truly unique and unforgettable memories.

Book with Carrier in confidence

When you book with Carrier you may rest assured that your holiday is fully protected. We are ABTA bonded and all of our flight-inclusive holidays are financially protected by the Civil Aviation Authority's ATOL scheme. We also work closely with our specialist travel agents to ensure that all aspects of your booking are secure.

Our team in the UK is contactable 24/7, 365 days a year. You will always have personal assistance, whether that is during the booking process or while you are away.

Our high service levels have been independently recognised with multiple awards. Carrier has won the coveted 'Favourite Tour Operator' award as voted by the readers of Condé Nast Traveller magazine more times than any other company over the past decade, and we have also won several national travel industry accolades, including 'Luxury Tour Operator of the Year' from TTG Luxury and Advantage Travel Centres.

Overview /

India, Far East & Australasia

A JOURNEY BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP INTO CARRIER'S WORLD OF EXCLUSIVITY, ENCOMPASSING REMOTE ISLANDS, TEEMING CITIES, BEACHFRONT PLAYGROUNDS AND SPIRITUAL MOUNTAIN RETREATS.

Thailand

Hushed golden temples contrast with noisy floating markets, and marine parks provide cool respite from steaming jungle enclaves. There are hill tribes to be encountered and tuk tuk journeys to be braved; legendary beaches to be visited and non-stop nightlife to be savoured. Push the limits...a Thai massage will soon restore equilibrium.

Burma (Myanmar)

The Far East at its most authentic beckons – a land long marooned by history but now reawakening and ready to welcome those who yearn for a glimpse of Burmese life before change sets in. Watch dawn break over the myriad temples and Stupas of Bagan, reflect a while by dreamy Inle Lake or ply the Ayeyarwady or Chindwin Rivers in regal luxury. Untouched by Western ways, in Myanmar you will encounter men wearing skirt-like longyi and women in traditional thanakha make-up. Burma is an enigma wrapped in colourful tradition and serene vistas.

Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos

With its heady mix of recent and ancient history, Vietnam is both complex and compelling, its teeming cities and old quarters making a striking counterpoint to tranquil rice paddies, glittering bays and dense mangroves. Cambodia exudes mysticism, from its extraordinary jungle ruins to white-sand beaches and Khmer villages to off-shore islands; the incredible Angkor Wat is unrivalled in its beauty. Pristine and relaxed, Laos steps back to a time of oxen-pulled ploughs and sleepy market towns. In the Royal city of Luang Prabang, observe the saffron-robed monks as they move silently amongst the centuries old monasteries.

India & Bhutan

India's kaleidoscopic charms enthrall and delight. Plunge into thronging city markets to barter for wares, explore on Safaris to spot tigers, drift lazily amongst the Keralan backwaters, stretch out on the beaches of Goa – every moment indelible. Meanwhile, in Himalayan Bhutan, monasteries are waiting to be explored and spirits to be soothed.

French Polynesia & Fiji

Bora Bora, Likuliku, Tetiaroa, Moorea... the names alone conjure up images of perfect tropical havens where the locals are quick to smile and the mood is playful. Take an excursion to a local village, drink the authentic firewater and join the communal dancing. Snorkel amongst the coral reefs for spectacular underwater scenery, or pack a picnic and sail to a deserted beach. Explore the lagoons for fish, dolphins, rays, sharks and turtles. Life is sweet and made sweeter by the splendid isolation of exclusive resorts where Western cares will evaporate in an instant.

New Zealand

Snow-capped peaks, rolling pastures, immense fiords and sandy bays; a land of wild, New Zealand has a natural beauty where Maori culture and heritage is still alive. Discover the North Island's sunny disposition, sailing around the Bay of Islands and tasting the fine reds of the Hawke's Bay wineries or refreshing local craft beers, accompanied by flavoursome new world cuisine. Travel south for adrenalin-fuelled pursuits - walking on glaciers, white water rafting, hiking through the expansive wilderness or swimming with dolphins - before returning to the comfort of your luxury lodge.

China & Hong Kong

Hong Kong's yin-yang appeal is summed up by the sight of traditional junks and soaring skyscrapers. Enigmatic China presents an astonishing blend of ancient, rural and modern, its imperial treasures taking the breath away whilst pagodas and paddies instil a sense of tranquillity and cities surge forward at stupefying speed.

Australia

There is so much to discover in Australia's vast outdoor playground. The remote outback of Uluru and the richness of Aboriginal lore; the ancient rainforests and pristine seascapes; the tranquil rows of vines. Modern cities hug the azure coastline, whilst out in the ocean the Queensland Islands bring a taste of designer indulgence.

Malaysia, Borneo, Indonesia & Singapore

Simple Malay dwellings and ornate colonial buildings rub shoulders with the mighty Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, whilst elsewhere in Malaysia paradisiacal beach resorts draw the pleasure seekers. The untamed jungles of Borneo are a wildlife lover's dream; Indonesia enthralls with Ubud, Borobudur and glimpses of an ancient society as Singapore provides the ultimate contrast with its spic and span cityscape.

Sri Lanka

Beyond the sandy beaches flanked by palms and bamboo groves, this vivacious island hides a wealth of history and culture, from Dutch forts and old cinnamon on trade routes to ornate Buddhist temples and dagoba shrines. Explore tea country and mountain lakes, enjoy Sri Lanka as a one-stop destination or part of a touring itinerary.

World Voyages /

Cruising

FARAWAY EXPLORATION OF SOME OF THE WORLD’S MOST
EXOTIC AND MYSTERIOUS CORNERS

Ocean Cruising

What better way to explore the most mysterious and exotic corners of the world than from the comfort of a luxury cruise. Sail in style on board a Silversea, Seabourn, Crystal or Regent Seven Seas cruise, whether you choose an around the world voyage, or exploration of a particular destination, our selected cruise partners offer an extensive range of itineraries across all five continents.

River Cruising

For a more intimate cruise experience, take to the water on a relaxed voyage to explore far flung destinations from the river. Experience the sights and sounds of Myanmar’s Ayeyarwady River or the World Heritage Site of Vietnam’s Halong Bay on a wooden junk. Sail the Mekong between Vietnam and Cambodia in a colonial style vessel or an elegant, luxurious river ship, or navigate the world’s third largest river, the Yangtze in China’s Three Gorges region.





Thailand

RESPLENDENT WITH HERITAGE AND GRACIOUS IN ITS WELCOME,
THAILAND PROMISES AN ENLIGHTENING JOURNEY FROM PARADISIACAL
ISLAND HIDEAWAYS TO THE FLAMBOYANCE OF BANGKOK.

A Taste Of

Thailand

When To Go

Thailand is generally very hot and humid with distinct dry and rainy seasons. The best time to visit most resorts, including Phuket, Krabi, Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, is from November to March, with the exception of Koh Samui which is best visited from December to August. However, with everchanging weather patterns and excellent offers, it is well worth considering a holiday during the shoulder seasons.

GMT +7 hours *Flying Time* London to Bangkok: 11 hours 30 minutes / London to Koh Samui: 14 hours / London to Phuket: 15 hours

Gourmet trails

A sensory overload awaits as you embark on a culinary journey with the sweet and spicy flavours of traditional Thai food. Highlights include Blue Elephant's Chef's table where an eleven course menu is created specifically for you in a century-old building, a walking tour of Bangkok to visit chic fine dining establishments and visiting an organic farm in Chiang Mai where you will pick fresh ingredients for your authentic curry paste or sweet fruit dessert at the hands-on cooking school.

Health & wellness

Learn yoga, meditate, detoxify, de-stress and revive - this is one of the top destinations in the world to come for rebalancing mind and body and reaching inner peace. Whatever one's wellness goal, there's a spa destination in the Carrier portfolio that can help you reach it. Banyan Tree Resorts Phuket has a holistic outlook with a wide-ranging choice of Asian Therapies whilst a stay at multi-award winning Chiva Som begins with a consultation for a bespoke approach to wellbeing.

Multi centre escapes

A multi-centre is an enticing prospect and a popular choice for visitors. Combine two or three destinations to broaden your connection with this picturesque and welcoming land. A classic 'Bangkok and Beach' combination offers the perfect amalgamation of a buzzing metropolis with the tropical serenity of a picturesque beach resort. Why not mix a beach stay with Northern Thailand's temples and elephant sanctuaries, or venture further afield to explore Vietnam, Cambodia or Laos.



Roof top aperitifs

The sweeping panorama of Bangkok's skyline has to be viewed from a rooftop bar. There are plenty to choose from but two really stand out. The Sky Bar at the Lebua hotel is the idyllic place for a cocktail as the sun sets as it's the highest bar of its kind in the world. Vertigo, located on the 61st floor of the Banyan Tree hotel boasts beautiful views of the Grand Palace and is a fantastic way to end the day too.



Yi Peng 'Lantern Festival'

During the full moon of the twelfth month of the Thai Lunar Calendar, people across Thailand converge to release lotus-shaped water vessels on the water (said to bring luck) to celebrate Loi Krathong - the Festival of Lights. In Chiang Mai, Lanna-style lanterns envelop the night sky creating an enchanting experience you won't want to miss. Cultural events and street parades make it a good time to explore the area.

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Phuket /

Banyan Tree Resorts

Set within the exclusive tropical enclave of laguna phuket, one to three bedroom private pool villas are spread between three resorts. Dining options encompass eight venues from the casual to the international; recreations include an award-winning spa, swimming pools, tennis, championship golf, thai cookery classes and turtle kids club.

Clockwise from right:
Double Pool Villa Exterior,
Spa Pool Villa, Banyan Pool Villa



Banyan Tree Phuket

135 villas
20 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£2355pp in low season
£3545pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast, complimentary minibar with selected beverages and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Maintaining its position as one of Asia's flagship luxury resorts, this makes an

idyllic escape for both couples and families. Discreetly placed private pool villas include the serene setting of the Banyan Pool Villas with a pool and open air bathtub flanked by fragrant gardens and a Thai sala in the Signature Pool Villas; the exquisitely furnished Two Bedroom Pool Villas feature a fully equipped kitchen, separate living area, and a generously sized pool surrounded by lotus ponds. There is an extensive spa that embraces the culture of

centuries-old Ayurveda and Asian inspired therapies, lap pool and freeform swimming pool. Numerous fine dining opportunities including Thai specialities prepared in the time honoured tradition at Saffron, divine Mediterranean dishes at Watercourt and more casual fare at the Banyan Café. Tamarind can rightly lay claim to being the island's premier Japanese restaurant, where dishes such as Wagyu beef and salmon belly in sweet soy sauce are a speciality.

Banyan Tree Spa Sanctuary

14 villas
20 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£3140pp in low season
£4685pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with spa breakfast, in villa foot ritual upon arrival, a wellness consultation, daily morning yoga, daily Thai high tea in the afternoon, complimentary minibar with selected beverages, a 90 minute massage session and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Serenely secluded on Bang Tao Bay this boutique wellness resort provides a sanctuary embracing the five senses. Its fourteen beautiful Spa Pool Villas epitomise romance and rejuvenation. Surrounded by lotus strewn water, an elegant 'floating' bedroom pavilion sits centrally within each villa – Thai silks drape the king-size bed, an inviting private pool, outdoor sunken bath, dedicated in-villa private spa and steam room completes the experience for pure relaxation. Treatments can be enjoyed in the dedicated in-villa private spa, or at the award winning spa using fine oils and herbs, applied by Master Therapists who use a repertoire of signature Banyan Tree Spa massage techniques. Dining is bespoke, including healthy menus prepared to suit individual requirements, indulgent in-villa champagne breakfast and expertly flamed barbecues.



DoublePool Villas By Banyan Tree

25 villas
20 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£3325pp in low season
£5160pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast, complimentary minibar with selected beverages and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Without argument one of Asia's finest private villa retreats and considered the most exclusive address on the island, its service and standards are faultless. One, Two and Three DoublePool Villas are set in private peaceful landscaped gardens and offer the ultimate in premium exclusivity. Extremely spacious in size and utterly state of the art – step directly from the glass window floating bedroom pavilion into a fragrant wading pool as you head for your fifteen metre infinity edge pool with Jacuzzi. Refining luxury and privacy is the Three Bedroom DoublePool Villa, the villa is one of a kind boasting 2500 square metres with a 360 degree outdoor glass sala for the ultimate dining and entertaining experience. Dining options includes Tré, an exclusive restaurant serving exquisite French-Vietnamese cuisine overlooking the tranquil lagoon, access to Banyan Tree Resorts, Phuket restaurants or dine in privacy where your twenty four hour villa host can arrange meals at your request.

Phuket /
Amanpuri

40 pavilions and 44 thai villa homes
30 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£3180pp in low season
£5525pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

With a name meaning ‘peaceful place’ this, the very first Aman resort commands its leading status within the pantheon of luxury Asian retreats. Enjoy high living and serenity beyond imagination within a halcyon enclave set deep in a coconut plantation overlooking the Andaman Sea.

Interspersed throughout this shady grove is a mixture of Pavilions and Thai Villa Homes. The elegant, contemporary Pavilions overlooking a secluded white sand beach, feature a private terrace with outdoor lounging sala, some feature their own pool; the decor is a soothing palette of natural hues. Each Villa has its own exclusive pool, living and dining salas and services of a live-in maid and cook. Superb Thai specialities are served at the world-class Terrace Restaurant or slip away to the beach for a romantic torch-lit barbecue. Enjoy pampering at the Aman Spa; further recreations include a gymnasium, swimming pool, tennis, a Beach Club and the largest resort fleet of cruisers and sailing vessels in South East Asia.

Right: Premium Ocean Pavilion Terrace
Below right: Main Pool



Left: Aerial View
Below left: Main Pool

Phuket /
Trisara

48 rooms, villas, suites and a collection of residences. 15 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£3695pp in low season
£4990pp in high season
including flights and 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Meaning ‘third garden in heaven’, Trisara is one of Phuket’s leading properties tucked away in a private bay on the Andaman Sea. Intimate and exclusive, it comprises a luxurious collection of one to seven bedroom Pool Villas, Suites and Residences all with generously sized infinity pools

and panoramic ocean views - the larger residences complete with kitchens, cooks and dedicated day time staff. Beneath the shade of coconut palms, the beachfront restaurant offers Thai and Western cuisine, whilst the Trisara Seafood Grill serves succulent seafood dishes. Alternatively, indulge in the resort’s speciality of in-villa barbecue dining. Spa treatments can be enjoyed in your villa; or try a massage or yoga class at the oceanfront spa pavilion set over the water’s edge. The coral reef that fringes the white sand beach invites snorkelling and diving; comfortable day beds surround a forty five metre lap pool.

Phuket /
Anantara Layan Phuket Resort

30 rooms and suites, 47 pool villas
30 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£1660pp in low season
£2595pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

There’s a sanctuary-like air to this ravishing property on Phuket’s west coast. Ideal for romantic getaways or large family escapes, its rooms and suites are bedecked with rich textiles and sumptuous artworks, with views to the tropical gardens or sparkling bay. The choice of Pool Villas is particularly

appealing, whether you prefer the garden setting of a Sala Pool Villa, the prestige of a Beach Access Pool Villas just steps from the shoreline or the spaciousness of a two bedroom Layan Pool Villa. Dining options range from Italian at Sala Layan to Thai at Dee Plee, with the opportunity to ‘dine by design’ at an exclusive table in venues such as a cliffside chapel or beside the pool. Recreations encompass spa treatments such as the signature bamboo massage, fitness, and sessions in the boxing stadium. Explore Thailand’s culinary heritage with a master chef cooking class whilst the kids are being entertained in the Chang Club.

Right: Two Bedroom Layan Pool Villa
Below right: Deluxe Layan Suite



Left: Black Ginger Restaurant
Below left: Infinity Pool

Phuket /
The Slate

177 Suites
10 minutes from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£1390pp in low season
£2470pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Lapped by the waters of the Andaman Sea, the property sits on the northern shore of Phuket where it merges into a backdrop of lush rainforest. Phuket’s former glory as a tin mining centre is reflected in the quirky design. Accommodations include elegantly appointed Suites and Pool Suites, whilst

spacious Pool Villas offer the epitome of luxury living. Multifarious dining options range from traditional Thai specialities at Black Ginger – reached by boat – to themed buffets at the Tin Mine. There is also a Snooker Bar serving light snacks and a Poolside Café. Ascend the lantern-lit steps to the nest-like Coqoon spa hidden amongst the Banyan trees, or soak up the sun on the easily accessible beach. Two of the resort’s three swimming pools are adult only; further attractions include a kids’ club and Thai cooking school.

Khao Lak /
The Sarojin

42 residences and 14 suites
1 hour by road from Phuket Airport
Children over 9 years of age are welcomed

Prices from
£1535pp in low season
£2910pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Intimacy and understated luxury come together in a madly romantic setting. Located on a secluded eleven kilometre white sand beach by the Andaman Sea, The Sarojin borders rainforests, national parks, dive sanctuaries of the Similan

and Surin Islands and the dramatic limestone outcrops of Phang Nga Bay. Spacious residences are Asian in style; some with exquisite outdoor salas; some with private plunge pools, others with circular relaxation pools on their private terraces and complimentary massages. Dine under the age-old Ficus tree, by a candlelit waterfall or wherever the mood takes you and surrender to pampering in the Pathways Spa. A team of personal guides and ‘imagineer’ concierge create tailor-made experiences ‘just for two’; such as a private charter on a yacht or a jungle adventure complete with champagne.

Right: Pool Residence
Below right: Private Beach Dining



Above: Ocean Panorama Pool Villa
Right: The Den



Left: Pavilion Bedroom
Below left: Pool Pavilion Exterior

Krabi /
Rayavadee

96 pavilions and 5 villas
35 minutes by road and speedboat from Krabi Airport or 2 hours 30 minutes by road and speedboat from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£2200pp in low season
£2725pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and transfers.
Room upgrades available.

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World and bordering one of the world’s most beautiful beaches, Rayavadee represents the perfect luxury escape. Situated within the famous Krabi Marine National Park, the

resort is surrounded by towering limestone cliffs and crystal clear waters. Award-winning Pavilions and Beachfront Villas, dotted throughout coconut groves, offer the ultimate in premium accommodation. All feature stylish tropical décor with polished wood and richly coloured fabrics, along with outdoor terraces. Ideal for families, the exclusive villas offer spacious living areas, additional bedrooms and private pools. Cuisine ranges from traditional Thai to International dishes and casual seafood barbecues beside the beach. Go sightseeing by speedboat or be cosseted in the spa. For the more energetic, there are tennis and squash facilities, a fitness room and an array of watersports.

Koh Yao Noi /
Six Senses Yao Noi

55 pool villas and 1 retreat
1 hour by road and speedboat from Phuket Airport

Prices from
£2305pp in low season
£3975pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and transfers.
Room upgrades available.

The epitome of relaxed Asian style, this alluring Six Senses property nestles on an island mid-way between Phuket and Krabi amidst limestone pinnacles of Phang Nga. Arriving by speedboat gives an immediate

sense of seclusion, catching your first glimpse of the private thatched villas each with their own infinity-edge pool, sundeck and personal villa team trained to anticipate your every whim and cater for your in-villa dining arrangements. Some of the villas are split level, with their own spa treatment areas. The Dining Room, one of several restaurants, serves European dishes made with ingredients from the resort’s own garden or retreat to one of the

romantic dining pavilions amongst the wild mangroves.

Recreations revolve around the Six Senses Spa, set in the forested hillside, promising holistic wellness through a range of therapeutic menus designed to rejuvenate and revitalise the senses. Customised excursions can be arranged whilst the pool at the hilltop reserve offers the most spectacular views over Phang Nga Bay.

Hua Hin / Chiva-Som

54 rooms and suites
3 hours from Bangkok Airport

Prices from
£6450pp in low season
£7265pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner, a health & wellness consultation on arrival, use of daily fitness and wellness activities, and private transfers. Room upgrades available.

Chiva-Som is dedicated to creating a personal path to health and wellness of mind, body and spirit. The privacy, tranquillity and elegance are immediately felt as you embark on a unique journey towards personal fulfilment. Located in the Royal City of Hua Hin on the Gulf of Thailand it is the only destination spa

in the world to have consistently appeared in the UK Condé Nast Traveller Readers Awards as the World’s Best Destination Spa. Tucked away in lush tropical gardens its recently refurbished rooms have a fresh new look, suites feature a separate living room with an outdoor terrace, whilst the Leelawadee Suite offers its own terrace with a private Jacuzzi and outdoor garden for meditation.The ground-breaking spa houses no less than seventy two treatment rooms, an indoor pool, kinesis studio, sauna, steam rooms and offers an array of traditional massages, innovative holistic therapies and complementary medicine to soothe the body and restore the soul. Culinary senses will be treated to delicious healthy gourmet cuisine using the freshest produce from the organic garden in the Emerald Room, to authentic Thai cuisine in the Taste of Siam by the beach.

Right: Villa Pool Deck with Daybed
Below: Pool



Chiva-Som offer a variety of bespoke three to fourteen night retreats which include extensive wellness offerings to perfectly match your needs.

Yoga:
Calm your mind and re-energise your body through meditation and spiritual practices with a dedicated yoga retreat.
Detox:
Discover healthy cuisine specially created to maintain energy and nutrition and nourish a way back to a toxin free lifestyle.
Fitness:
Personal training sessions, stability and muscle toning, nutrition consultation, in addition to Pilates, and a wide variety of daily classes.
Please go to www.carrier.co.uk to see the full range of treatments



Above: Beach Suite Villa
Right: Bay View Room Bathtub



Koh Kood / Soneva Kiri Resort

36 villas
1 hour by light aircraft and speedboat
from Bangkok Airport

Prices from
£3220pp in low season
£6360pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and transfers. Room upgrades available.

Famed for its waterfalls, crystal clear waters and traditional village life, the remote island of Koh Kood is reached by a short speedboat journey from the resort’s private airstrip on

Mai Si Island. The moment you disembark life slows to a deliciously restful pace. It’s here that Soneva created their first resort in Thailand, an eco-friendly outpost dedicated to the ideal of ‘no shoes, no news’ intelligent luxury. Guests are accommodated in incredibly spacious private pool villas and residences imbued with rustic charm – set along the white sand beachfront or hillside. To complete the experience, services of a personal Mr and Ms Friday will ensure all your wishes are fulfilled. A range of romantic dining options encompasses

moonlit dinners on the private beach, Tree Pod dining and the chance to join an exclusive cookery class.

Equally enchanting are the sensory journeys offered in the Six Senses Spa, overseen by skilled therapists using fabulous natural ingredients. Children will love their den with its stingray shaped dome and terrific views; adults may prefer the pleasures of diving, sailing and watersports, or something a little more unusual such as gardening and astronomy classes.

City, Beach & Island Escape

11 nights from £3525 per person, based on 2 sharing

Bangkok

Non-stop Bangkok is an assault on the senses with its ancient temples, vibrant nightlife and tantalising cuisine. Whilst in the capital, make the most of your sightseeing, taking in the dazzling Grand Palace which houses the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the colourful chaos of Chinatown, the temple complex and landscaped gardens of Wat Pho, Khao San Road and, of course, the Floating Market. Noisy and chaotic 'klongs' or canals are filled with small boats laden with fruit, vegetables and exotic herbs and spices - Damnoen Saduak is the cities best-known floating market. Head to the bustling street markets to perfect the art of bartering. Cruise along the Chao Phraya River stopping en-route for the formidable climb up the seventy metre high Temple Of Dawn to drink in the spectacular views of the city.

Phuket

One of Thailand's most popular beach destinations, Phuket is a paradise of picturesque bays, sun-kissed sands and bathwarm emerald waters. Visit colourful temples, dive and snorkel amidst exotic marine life and play golf on the island's world-class courses. Carrier's carefully selected hotels will allow you to embark on a journey of rejuvenation enhanced by innovative and healthy cuisine set amongst a blissful location.

Khao Yao Noi

The most perfect, unspoilt Thai island, barefoot luxury seclusion awaits its visitor. Feel the excitement of the crystal waters on an adventurous kayak tour, hire a long boat and explore deserted islands, discover yoga or succumb to a four hand massage at the Six Senses Spa Village.



Clockwise from top:
Sanphet Prasat Palace,
Floating Markets, Phuket Beach



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1
Fly to Bangkok

Days 2 – 4
On arrival private transfer to Banyan Tree Bangkok for a 3 night stay (BB)

Days 5 - 8
Return to Bangkok Airport for a short flight to Phuket, on arrival private transfer to Banyan Tree Resorts, Phuket for a 4 night stay (BB)

Days 9 – 12
Road and shared speedboat transfer to Six Senses Yao Noi for a 4 night stay (BB)

Day 13
Transfer to Phuket Airport for the overnight flight to the UK via Bangkok

Prices include all economy international flights and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified and transfers.

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Koh Samui /
Santiburi Beach Resort & Spa

76 suites and villas
30 minutes from Koh Samui Airport

Prices from
£1645pp in low season
£2160pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

A world away from the busier parts of the island, Santiburi lies in expansive tropical gardens on the unspoilt northern coast. Accommodations border Mae Nam beach, noted for its safe, warm, shallow waters. Duplex one and two-bedroom suites are complemented by superbly appointed villas – the Grand Deluxe Villas; several beachfront villas have their own plunge pools. Dine with

bay vistas at The Beach House where pizza and pasta are a speciality, or at Sala Thai for finest Thai cuisine either in the elegant restaurant with its floor-to-ceiling windows or alfresco on the terrace. Purify body and soul in the spa, where healing Thai herbs feature in many of the rituals; enjoy Pilates and yoga sessions or get the blood pumping with Thai boxing. A plethora of watersports includes windsurfing and kayaking – golfers will appreciate the challenges of the 18-hole, par-72 Santiburi golf course just five minutes’ drive away.



Above: Deluxe Garden Villa
Below: The Beach House



Above: Aerial View
Right: Royal Banyan Ocean Pool Villa



Koh Samui /
Banyan Tree Samui

88 pool villas
30 minutes from Koh Samui Airport

Prices from
£2415pp in low season
£3055pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

This sumptuous Banyan Tree haven is nestled amid a private bay of Lamai on Koh Samui. Built on a series of cascading terraces, the elevated villas; all with generously sized pools and the latest

entertainment technology; feature silk bedecked living spaces that flow naturally into outdoor salas equipped with sunbeds. Discreet touches include pillow selection, turndown service and an extensive bath menu. For the last word in luxury, the one-off Presidential Pool Villa gives a scenic view over the Gulf of Thailand and boasts two private individual swimming pools. Dining options includes contemporary Thai creations at Saffron, international favourites

at The Edge and classic beach grills at Sands, or dine in-villa by candlelight.

Recreational activities encompass yoga, and cooling off in the large outdoor swimming pool, whilst spa indulgences range from Asian inspired body treatments to a unique menu of hot and cold hydrothermal experiences in The Rainforest hydrotherapy spa. Youngsters are well catered for in the Kids Club.

Koh Samui /

Four Seasons Resort

60 villas and 14 residences
30 minutes from Koh Samui Airport

£3410pp in low season
£4030pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Cascading serenely down a forested hillside on the north tip of Koh Samui lies a ravishing resort within a hidden cove. From here, the views across the Gulf of Siam are simply breathtaking. Settle into your freestanding villa or private residence – raised on stilts in the traditional local style – to bask on your spacious deck with its private infinity-edge pool, perhaps working up the energy to slip down to the Coco

Rum bar or to the porcelain-white beach. Five individual spa salas offer a revitalising range of treatments from Chakra crystal to Siam fusion and deeply regenerative Thai herbal compresses. In addition to in-villa dining, guests can savour Thai and Italian specialities at panoramic KOH, or choose Pla Pla for succulent fresh fish.

Relax by the main swimming pool, in the quiet library, or take advantage of invigorating activities including tennis, on-site watersports and nearby golf. Ang Thong Marine Park offers excellent snorkelling, whilst children will enjoy their own Kids for All Seasons Club.



Above: Villa Bathroom
Below: Villa Pool Deck with Daybed



Chiang Mai /

Four Seasons Resort

98 pavilions, villas and residences
25 minutes from Chiang Mai Airport

Prices from
£280pppn in low season
£350pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Nestled amidst thirty two acres of lush greenery at the foothills of the tranquil Mae Rim Valley, this serene resort is designed like a traditional Thai village surrounded by rice terraces and flanked by the Suthep Mountains. Two-storey Lanna-style Pavilions have been designed in harmony with the surrounding

environment each with a private outdoor sala, the secluded Pool Villas have a private home feel whilst the Residences, some with private pool, offer the ultimate in luxury living. Delectable cuisine ranges from vegetarian and northern Thai specialities at Sale Mae Rim restaurant to first-class Italian cuisine at Terraces, whilst the Chef's Table hosts a sumptuous Thai dining experience in Cooking School. The Elephant Bar is the perfect place to watch the sun set sampling fine wines and cocktails. Recreations include two swimming pools, a spa, yoga classes and bicycles. Nature based activities include resort garden tours, rice planting and bird watching. Younger guests can escape to the Gecko Kids Club.

Right: Pool
Below right: Pavilion Interior



Left: Burma Bar
Below left: Superior Tent Interior



Golden Triangle /

Four Seasons Tented Camp

15 Tents
1 hour 30 minutes by road
and boat from Chiang Rai Airport
Children under 10 years of age are not accepted

Prices from
£2385pp in low season
£2775pp in high season
including 2 nights accommodation, meals, camp activities, beverages & 1 spa treatment per person

Delightful 'golden era' accommodation distinguishes this all-inclusive camp in the heart of north Thailand's lush terrain. Hidden away amidst exotic foliage the camp offers luxurious air-conditioned living spaces featuring a king-size bed, recycled

teak wooden floors and a spacious veranda with hot tub. Don a traditional outfit for Elephant Mahout Training, trekking through the jungle, learning some fundamental skills. Equally unforgettable are the Golden Triangle tours, where Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet. Travel aboard a traditional long-tailed river boat with a private guide along the Mekong River. There are herbal walks to forage for produce for the camp kitchen. Later, cool down in the outdoor swimming pool or unwind with a warm spice massage in the spa. Evening dinners are wonderfully refined, with white linen, fine porcelain and excellent wines.

Chiang Mai /

Anantara Chiang Mai Resort

84 rooms and suites
15 minutes from Chiang Mai Airport

Prices from
£100pppn in low season
£140pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Watch the local fishermen ply their trade as you relax in this alluring retreat nestled on the banks of the Mae Ping River, the famous night bazaar and the attractions of the old moated city are within a few minutes' walk. The hotel's elegant interiors blend modern and colonial styles, local wood complemented with expansive use of glass; daybeds awaiting

on private balconies. The Restaurant, housed in a century old British consulate building, serves an exquisite array of cuisine from Thai and Pacific Rim to Peruvian and Indian, with post-dinner drinks and cigars to be enjoyed on the terrace bar. A delightful spa offers Thai therapies, rituals and healing techniques providing relaxation after a day's exploration. Being just a four hour scenic drive from the raw beauty of Northern Thailand's Golden Triangle makes the resort ideal for a dual-centre adventure. Chiang Rai enjoys cooler temperatures from November to March, perfect for trekking through untamed jungle terrain, and temple visiting.

Right: Lobby
Below right: Swimming Pool



Left: Infinity Pool
Below left: Suite Bedroom

Golden Triangle /

Anantara Golden Triangle Elephant Camp & Resort

63 rooms and suites
1 hour from Chiang Rai Airport

£400pppn in low season
£470pppn in high season
includes all meals, beverages, a spa treatment and one camp activity per day, Elephant Mahout training, Golden Triangle excursion or a cookery class.
Room upgrades available.

Tucked into 160-acres of ancient jungle in Northern Thailand, history and culture of the Golden Triangle awaits. From visiting hill tribes to cruising the Mekong in longtail boats or trekking with elephants. Deluxe balconied rooms feature Thai

silks and oversized bathtubs; suites are the epitome of romantic indulgence. Enjoy Thai curries at Sala Mae Nam and authentic Mediterranean cuisine at Baan Dhalia. Find sanctuary in the Bill Bensley designed Anantara Spa. Elephant Learning Experiences include Walking with Giants to see the elephants at play. The exotic delights of Myanmar and Laos can also be discovered, with your own car or driver and experienced guide. A four hour drive to the south brings you to Chiang Mai and all the attractions the city has to offer.

Bangkok /

The Peninsula Bangkok

370 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport

Prices from
£135pppn in low season
£175pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Set beside the Chao Phraya River, The Peninsula Bangkok draws its discerning clientele year after year. Mixing timeless elegance and sophistication with contemporary comfort and technology, the hotel's striking grandeur is balanced by intimate service and passion for perfection. Guest rooms and suites are all luxuriously

furnished and provide stunning river views, the hotel itself being home to one of Asia's most distinctive collections of contemporary art. Culinary delights range from traditional Peninsula Afternoon Tea to Cantonese, Thai and International specialities all sourced from the Naturally Peninsula Garden where the chefs grow a wide range of organic herbs and vegetables. Recreational facilities include a three-tiered outdoor swimming pool, a tennis court, fitness centre and enchanting Spa. In the evening, relax in the Bedouin-inspired River Bar to savour the signature Thaijitos as you watch the lights of the passing boats.

Right: Swimming Pool
Below right: Deluxe Room



Left: Swimming Pool
Below left: Serenity Club Bedroom

Bangkok /

Banyan Tree Bangkok

327 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport

Prices from
£95pppn in low season
£100pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Soaring above the shopping and entertainment district of Sathorn and Silom Road, this iconic landmark comprises a variety of ultra-spacious suites furnished with Thai silks. Club level guests can look forward to numerous exclusive complimentary privileges including daily presentations of food and beverage, priority

access to the tropical garden spa which specialises in non-clinical and holistic therapies. Dining at Vertigo, the rooftop restaurant and Moon Bar is the height of chic – the Chao Phraya River views are simply breathtaking; on the 60th floor, mixologists shake it up with cocktails served while you recline on a lounge overlooking the city. Alternatively, for seafood dishes, succulent buffets and a hot station showcasing the best of Asian and global cuisines, take a table at the fashionable Romsai – also the venue for couples' cooking classes.





Burma

STEEPED IN COLOURFUL BUDDHIST TRADITION, ENIGMATIC BURMA
IS A MUST-SEE-NOW DESTINATION OF GENTLE WELCOMES,
GOLDEN TEMPLES, AND ENTRANCING RIVER JOURNEYS.

A Taste Of

Burma (Myanmar)

When To Go

The best time to visit most areas is during the cooler season from October to February. The hottest months are from March to May when the rainy season begins. The rains last from mid May until the end of September and are followed by cooler, more comfortable weather.

GMT +6.30 hours *Flying Time* Bangkok to Yangon: 1 hour 25 minutes

The Land of Temples

As one of the world's greatest archaeological sites, glittering gold temples and pagodas stretch as far as the eye can see. Shwezigon Paya in Bagan is one of the most impressive yet no visit to Myanmar is complete without visiting Yangon's 2,500 year-old Shwedagon Pagoda, known as one of the wonders of the religious world - the top of the stupa is encrusted with 4531 diamonds. Sunrise chasing is popular - we recommend South Guni as it's much quieter than most.

Local culture

Getting around the way the locals do is a good way to get to know a place so relax and take in your surroundings as you clip clop around pagoda-studded Bagan in a horse and cart - the local mode of transport. Try on a longyi, the traditional local dress and decorate your face with Tanaka - a bark from a local tree - a typical practice for over 2000 years. Or to learn about the diversity of ethnicities, take a behind-the-scenes walking tour of Yangon.

Culinary explorations

The culinary scene of this upcoming country deserves special mention. Turn your senses on as you take a private cooking class. Alternatively, simply relax on a boat by the shores of iconic Inle Lake (famous for the leg rowers) or at Ann's Restaurant - in the middle of the lake with a floating organic farm. Nearby, hop on two wheels and visit the unexpected vineyard, Red Mountain, where you can enjoy a chilled glass of locally made wine on the hillside.



Golden rock

Precariously perched on the edge of Mount Kyaiktiyo in Mon State is a boulder coated in gold and topped with a stupa, said to hold a hair of the Buddha. The thick layer of gold is formed from Pilgrims adding to it each year. Chanting of devotees and burning of incense sticks fill the air; the views are equally as euphoric. It's one of the most sacred sites in Burma and definitely a must-see, easily visited on foot or by car.



The Bay of Bengal

Four miles from Thandwe you'll find Ngapali - named by a home-sick Italian. It is Myanmar's premier beach destination and was recently named as the best beach in Asia by TripAdvisor. Providing an escape to paradise, it proffers a charming fishing-village vibe and is loved for its untouched coral reefs - spot rare sharks, giant grouper and manta ray on a snorkelling or dive trip.

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Belmond /
Cruise
Ayeyarwady River /
Belmond Road To Mandalay

4 Nights Images Of A Golden Land (Bagan to Mandalay)

Prices from

£1475 per person in low season

£1685 per person in high season

Based on 2 sharing a Deluxe Cabin including breakfast, lunch and evening dinner on full sailing days, breakfast on disembarkation day, soft drinks, mineral water, local beer and wine and international wines during meal service, a daily pre-dinner aperitif, excursions as per itinerary.

Voyages bring an opportunity to experience the sights and sensations of this tradition-steeped land. Air-conditioned cabins and suites feature en suite bathrooms, outward facing windows, satellite TVs and an iPod docking station. For added luxury enjoy the finest accommodation onboard - The Governor's Suite includes butler service as well as a separate sitting room and complimentary minibar. Step ashore to explore local villages in the company of expert guides and enjoy evening entertainment including marionette performances and graceful dances. Enjoy a complimentary daily pre-dinner aperitif served in the Piano Bar, followed by enticing gourmet cuisine that showcases Burmese, Thai, Indonesian and European specialities. There's an Observation Deck, outdoor pool and an alfresco restaurant.

Below: Belmond Road to Mandalay



Ayeyarwady River /
Belmond Orcaella

8 Nights Jewels of the Ayeyarwady (Yangon to Bagan)

Prices from

£3000 per person in low season

£3430 per person in high season

Based on 2 sharing a Deluxe Cabin including full board with soft drinks, local beers and wines during meal service only, excursions as per cruise itinerary.

Belmond Orcaella is an elegant river cruiser gliding along Myanmar's two main rivers, the Chindwin and Ayeyarwady. Custom built with a shallow draft, the ship can navigate to remote areas offering guests the perfect opportunity to discover the country's more secret regions. The vessel offers exceptional standards of service due to the fact that it hosts just fifty guests, putting personal attention at the heart of your cruise. Twenty five cabins and suites span over four decks, spacious en-suite cabins feature panoramic floor-to-ceiling windows and Juliet balconies, whilst Balcony Suites and Junior Suites boast butler service a complimentary spa treatment and minibar. On board facilities include a sun deck with swimming pool, Observation Deck and a well-being area with pampering massages, yoga and Thai Chi. Served elegantly in the evening and buffet-style at lunchtime, innovative Asian cuisine and European delicacies all feature the freshest of local ingredients. Learn more about local culture via lectures on Burmese life and artistic performances, or simply relax in your cabin and watch movies on your satellite TV.

Below: Balcony Suite



Yangon /
Belmond Governor's Residence

49 rooms and suites

30 minutes from Yangon Airport

Prices from

£570pp in low season

£935pp in high season

Including 2 nights accommodation with breakfast and private transfers.

Room upgrades available.

Redolent of the days when it was home to the ruler of Myanmar's southern states, the residence occupies a prime location within the Yangon Embassy Quarter. Fan-cooled verandas bedecked with teak armchairs lend a colonial air to the laidback lifestyle, accommodation comprising rooms and suites rich in historic character with intricate carvings and delicate silks – the suites looking out onto the exotic gardens.

Set amidst the lotus ponds the Mandalay Restaurant serves enticing local cuisine, whilst for fragrant curries and ice-cold beers, the Burmese Curry Table make the ideal venue. Settle back in the Kipling Bar for fine wines, signature cocktails or traditional afternoon tea. The fan-shaped swimming pool provides cooling respite after sightseeing, with organic treatments on hand in the Governor's Oasis spa.

Complimentary half day bike tours are a great way to see local highlights; market tours are followed by cookery lessons with the chef. The towering Shwedagon Pagoda is close by, or head for Bogyoke Market to stock up on handicrafts, gems and antiques.



Above: Deluxe Garden View Room
Below: Swimming Pool



The image features a row of five ornate, dark-colored incense burners in the foreground. Each burner is filled with numerous thin, light-colored incense sticks and one thicker, wrapped incense stick. Wisps of white smoke are rising from the burners, creating a hazy atmosphere. In the background, there are large, weathered stone carvings of figures, possibly deities or royalty, which are slightly out of focus. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the burners and the smoke, and deep shadows in the background.

Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos

POSSIBLY THE MOST INTRIGUING OF FAR EAST DESTINATIONS,
THESE CAPTIVATING COUNTRIES BRISTLE WITH ASTONISHING
TEMPLES, EXOTIC MARKETS, ANCIENT TRADITIONS AND
WORLD HERITAGE COASTAL GEMS.

A Taste Of

Vietnam, Cambodia & Laos

When To Go

Vietnam is a year round destination with a complex weather system, so visitors are likely to encounter both sunshine and rain. Between October and March it brings wet and cool temperatures to all areas north of Nha Trang and dry warm temperatures to the south. From April to October it brings warm, humid weather to most regions, for the best balance, the months of April, May and October are recommended. Cambodia can be visited year round, although the ideal months to travel are from December to January when humidity levels are low. Laos is best visited from November to February when there is least rainfall and temperatures are comfortable.

GMT +7 hours ***Flying Time*** London to Hanoi: 11 hour 30 minutes / London to Saigon: 12 hours 10 minutes
Laos and Cambodia are easily accessible via Vietnam and Bangkok with flying times ranging from 1 – 2 hours.

City explorations

Some of the most memorable experiences in Vietnam are off-the-beaten track alongside a local. Riding pillion on a vintage Vespa is the idyllic way to explore the buzz of Ho Chi Minh and taste authentic dishes. Further North in Hoi An, shopping expert Louise Bach-Mongensen can teach you about Vietnamese fashion before having your own creation tailor-made. Or be introduced to the beautiful art of lantern making by Mr Huynh Van Trung, son of well-known artisan Huynh Van Ba.

Cambodian culture

High on the list for many travellers is the magnificent Angkor Wat - unquestionably the heart and soul of the country. Rise before dawn to watch the sun stream through the ancient architecture or take to the skies to revel at the pinnacle of the Khmer Empire. Join a Khmer Scholar for expert guidance on a private tour. When you're templed-out, take part in a private good luck blessing ceremony or a private hands-on Cambodian cooking class.

Laotian life

The UNESCO World Heritage City of Luang Prabang is a place of serenity, beauty and escapism. Join the Saffron-robed monks before the sun rises for the Buddhist Alms Giving Ceremony - one of the most sacred Lao traditions. Another revered Ceremony is the Baci, or calling of your soul, a mix of Animist and Buddhist beliefs. Cotton threads are tied around the wrist of participants whilst they receive a blessing; a highly memorable experience.

Cruising

The towering limestone peaks of Halong Bay are a natural wonder of the world, best enjoyed with an overnight stay onboard one of Heritage Line Cruise's traditional Asian junks. Alternatively, explore the mighty Mekong River with its checkerboard of glistening rice paddies in luxury on board a spacious Scenic Space Ship. Offering a boutique style, intimate cruising experience, the stops include explorations such as fishing villages, bicycle tours and temples.

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Southeast Asia on a plate

Known for its vibrant array of street food, seeking out delicious dishes is simple, from tasty Goi Cuon in Vietnam to fish amok in Cambodia. When it comes to learning about the diverse cuisine, let a local expert show you the way at a cooking class, with an overview of ingredients at the food market. Carrier recommends a lesson at Kuang Si Falls in Laos by Ms Vandara, a published cook book author - it is a must do experience.



Hanoi, Vietnam /

Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi

364 rooms and suites
40 minutes from Hanoi Airport

Prices from
£125pppn in low season
£180pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Step back into history at Hanoi’s Grand Dame of Southeast Asia. A French colonial style property built in 1901, which has been impeccably restored. Guests will enjoy the convenience of being in the heart of the city, with the famous Opera House and Hoan Kiem Lake close by. Rooms and suites in both the historic Metropole Wing and

modern Opera Wing provide guests with extensive services and facilities, whilst the elegant restaurants offer superb Vietnamese, French and Italian cuisine. Unwind in Le Spa du Metropole - regarded as Hanoi’s finest centre of health and well-being, with soothing treatments and an outdoor swimming pool or allow Concierge to assist you in gaining access to the Hanoi region’s best Golf courses. One particularly memorable experience offered exclusively to hotel guests is the daily Path of History and Bomb Shelter Tour, an exciting new contribution to the country’s heritage.

Right: Pool
Below right: Legendary Suite



Left: Pool
Below left: Lobby Entrance

Hue, Vietnam /

La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa, MGallery by Sofitel

122 rooms and suites
30 minutes by car or train from Hue Airport

Prices from
£95pppn in low season
£110pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Dark woods and Art Deco patterns grace this colonial-style boutique property set beside the meandering Perfume River overlooking Hue’s Imperial Citadel. Formerly the residence of the French Governor, it has been lovingly restored to incorporate fabulous signature suites with four-poster beds and expansive terraces, together with an upscale

lobby bar and restaurant serving irresistible Vietnamese fusion and International cuisine. Start the evening with a signature La Residence Monsieur or Madame cocktail as you sit amidst fragrant frangipani on the terrace. A large saltwater swimming pool in the lush tropical gardens appears to merge with the river; traditional Asian treatments and herbal sauna sessions are available in the award-winning spa. Complimentary bicycles, billiards, table tennis, boules, cooking classes and an art gallery are also available for guests.

Hoi An, Vietnam /

Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai

100 villas and pool villas
30 minutes from Danang Airport

Prices from
£2715pp in low season
£3270pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Resting on the endless sands of pristine Ha My Beach amidst Vietnam’s rich cultural heritage, recently renovated and now under the Four Seasons portfolio of luxury hotels, this is the personification of understated luxury. Few villas in Vietnam offer such sleek and stylish accommodation, each being split-level in design with one to five bedrooms,

interiors elegantly finished. Following feng shui principles, interiors are both gracious and spacious, whilst outside lies a private tropical garden with rainshower. In addition to a temperature-controlled pool, guests opting for the Pool Villas will enjoy Club benefits. Western and Indian cuisine is served in the main restaurant, whilst the beach restaurant specialises in Vietnamese fare. Explore the cobbled streets of UNESCO World Heritage Site Hoi An just a ten minute drive away, returning to be cossetted in the spa which seems to float on a lotus pool.

Right: Main Pool and Beach
Below right: One Bedroom Pool Villa



Left: Pool Area
Below left: 2 Lam Son

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam /

Park Hyatt Saigon

245 rooms and suites
40 minutes from Ho Chi Minh Airport

Prices from
£155pppn in low season
£175pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

The recently renovated Park Hyatt Saigon enjoys a prime location on the city’s most famous square, overlooking the Saigon Opera House, and within walking distance of the city’s most popular cultural and historical attractions. The elegant, French colonial-style hotel redefines urban luxury with its sophisticated design, handcrafted

details and modern-day comforts. World-class bars and restaurants include Opera, offering authentic Italian cuisine; Square One, serving both Vietnamese and Western dishes; Park Lounge, specialising in afternoon tea; and 2 Lam Son, one of the city’s top nightlife destinations. For the ultimate in relaxation and rejuvenation, the tranquil Xuan Spa offers wellness treatments inspired by traditional Vietnamese beauty rituals and ingredients, as well as a well-equipped fitness centre and elegant outdoor pool.



Above: Ocean Front Deluxe Pool Villa
Below: Deck By The Beach



Con Dao Islands, Vietnam / *Six Senses Con Dao*

50 villas
15 minutes from Co Ong Airport

Prices from
£2555pp in low season
£2905pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Nestled on the largest island of the Con Dao archipelago off the south east coast of Vietnam, the resort exemplifies the Six Senses ethic of luxurious pampering underpinned by environmental

responsibility; Con Dao has been built with the very lightest ecological footprint. The thinking is innovative, beginning the moment you arrive in the main guest area, which resembles a local fishing village complete with market stalls. From here, guests cross a stream via a wooden bridge to the sand dunes where the villas and spa are located. Each villa has a private infinity pool, with a choice of styles from single level to duplex, up to four bedrooms and a host of

features such as indoor-outdoor bathrooms and open living areas in most. Dine in-villa, at the beachfront restaurant or at the Vietnamese open kitchen.

Holistic treatments in the spa are designed to re-balance the senses, where therapists will advise on matters such as beauty care and herbal remedies. Shop for local handicrafts in the resort's recreated Vietnamese village.

Nha Trang, Vietnam / *Six Senses Ninh Van Bay*

59 villas
1 hour 15 minutes by road and boat from
Cam Ranh Airport

Prices from
£2655pp in low season
£3205pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Imagine yourself on a picture-perfect peninsula which can be reached only by boat, whiling away glorious days beside a private sandy beach in idyllic Ninh Van Bay. This is the romantic setting for the recently renovated Six Senses Ninh Van Bay which nestles amidst a backdrop of mountains and impressive rock formations.

Accommodation is provided in spacious private pool villas that blend harmoniously with the natural environment either on the hillside, beachfront, the water's edge or over the rocks – all with spectacular views. Villa interiors boast an open air living room, an outdoor shower, handcrafted wooden bathtub and services of a Guest Experience Maker. Work up an appetite for the impeccable local and International cuisine which focuses on seafood and home-grown herbs, yours to enjoy in numerous settings including the intimate Wine Cave. Rebalance mind and body in the Six Senses Spa, where natural therapies are offered alongside yoga and Tai Chi. Bay cruises are popular, along with watersports, diving and trekking; exploration is a pleasure by bike.



Above: Dining By The Bay
Below: Beach Villa Bedroom





Clockwise from top:
Vitality Pool, Apsara dancers, River Café



Mekong River / *Scenic Spirit*

34 balcony suites

10 nights Ho Chi Minh – Siem Reap

From £4795 per person

Based on 2 sharing.

Price includes international flights, all meals and unlimited beverages on board, all shore excursions, butler service, laundry, internet and group transfers. Journeys depart on selected dates throughout the year.

Cruise along one of the world's most fascinating rivers in all-inclusive luxury aboard Scenic Spirit, an intimate, boutique-style ship featuring a sleek pool, steam and sauna facilities and an open-air cinema, as well as a select number of exquisitely

appointed lounge and dining areas. Each of the palatial balcony suites offer modern yet refined furnishings, HDTV, climate control, butler service and – perhaps most enthralling of all – a Scenic Sun Lounge capable of transforming the balcony into an all-weather conservatory at the touch of a button. A plethora of shore excursions await as you cruise the Mekong: discover ancient temples, visit the famous Cai Be floating market, and receive blessings from a monk in the ancient capital of Oudong. Complete the journey at an exclusive gala dinner, complete with alluring Apsara dancers.

Left: View from top of Ngu Nhac Mountain
Below: Ninh Binh Province



Vietnam / *Ninh Binh Waterways*

2 nights from **£1280 per person**,

based on 2 sharing.

Prices include accommodation, breakfast, dinner and private transfers with English speaking guide.

Discover the extraordinary beauty of Vietnam's Ninh Binh province on this overnight extension to a stay in the city of Hanoi. Known as 'Halong Bay on land', Ninh Binh was the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in Vietnam and is largely undiscovered. Explore the hanging cliffs, natural rainforest, clear water basins and vast network of underground streams and

caverns of the Van Long Nature Reserve in a small sampan and by bicycle on this three day discovery. Walk around the village to visit Bich Dong Pagoda which was built by the collective and missionary works of two Buddhist monks. The extraordinary beauty of the province, surrounded by rice paddies and towering limestone, makes its presence felt in some of the most dramatic scenes from director Régis Wargnier classic 1992 film Indochine starring Catherine Deneuve. Before heading back to Hanoi, discover Phat Diem Town and visit the Cathedral with its pagoda-style roofs.

Itinerary:

- Day 1** *Ninh Binh*
transfer from your hotel in Hanoi to Ninh Binh Province. Enjoy dinner and an overnight night stay at Tam Coc Garden Resort.
- Day 2** *Ninh Binh*
explore the Thung Nham mangroves by sampan, and, after lunch, visit Thien Ha cave. Dinner and overnight at Tam Coc Garden Resort.
- Day 3** *Ninh Binh*
a day of sightseeing before heading back to Hanoi.

Please go to www.carrier.co.uk to see the full itinerary.



Itinerary:

- Day 1** *Ho Chi Minh City*
- Day 2** *Cai Be - Sa Dec*
- Day 3** *Tan Chau*
- Day 4** *Tan Chau - Phnom Penh*
- Day 5** *Phnom Penh*
- Day 6** *Oudong - Kampong Tralach - Kho Chen*
- Day 7** *Wat Hanchey - Kampong Cham*
- Day 8** *Cruise to Siem Reap*
- Days 9-11** *Siem Reap*

Please go to www.carrier.co.uk to see the full itinerary for this cruise.

Highlights of Vietnam

14 nights from £4915 per person, based on 2 sharing

Hanoi
Hanoi is a city of contrasts, bigger, cooler and greener than Saigon. The French Quarter is distinguished by wide, leafy boulevards lined with colonial buildings whilst in the Old Quarter lies a maze of bustling narrow streets.

Halong Bay
A UNESCO World Heritage Site encompassing over 3,000 islets and numerous floating villages, Halong Bay is a natural wonder of the World. Board a traditional wooden junk to cruise amongst the towering limestone pinnacles with stops made for swimming, island exploration and visits to a local fishing village.

Hoi An
Once one of the most important sea ports in all of Southeast Asia, Hoi An is now a fashion shoppers paradise. Explore the ancient town of Hoi An on foot or cyclo with its beautifully

preserved cobbled streets lined with old tile roof shop houses and shady pagodas. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site the town is like a living museum.

Ninh Van Bay
Southern Vietnam’s premier beach destination is a hedonistic haven overlooking the South China Sea. White sand beaches, towering mountains and a stunning sheltered bay provides the perfect location to indulge and rejuvenate. Enjoy activities on land and water, sail to the outlying islands to visit the Marine Park and floating houses of local fishermen.

Saigon
Saigon, also known as Ho Chi Minh City is wonderfully disordered and makes for a pulsating stopover, its quaint colonial houses overlooked by soaring skyscrapers. Don’t leave without visiting the Viet Cong’s Cu Chi Tunnels.



Clockwise from top:
Halong Bay, Terraced Rice Fields, Hanoi Street Vendor



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1
Fly to Hanoi

Days 2-3
Road transfer to the Sofitel Legend Metropole for a 2 night stay (BB)

Day 4
Depart Hanoi aboard a shared seaplane transfer to Halong Bay for an overnight cruise aboard a traditional junk (FB)

Days 5-6
Fly from Hanoi to Hue, on arrival road transfer to La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa, MGallery by Sofitel for a 2 night stay (BB)

Days 7-9
Road transfer to Hoi An travelling via the Marble Mountains and Hai Van Pass to Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai for a 3 night stay (BB).

Days 10-13
Fly from Danang to Nha Trang, private road and shared boat transfer to Six Senses Ninh Van Bay for a 4 night stay (BB)

Days 14-15
Fly to Saigon for a 2 night stay at the Park Hyatt Saigon (BB)

Day 16
Return to the airport for the overnight flight to the UK

Prices include all economy international flights and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified, selected excursions in Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City and transfers.

BB - Bed & Breakfast / FB - Full Board

Featured Hotels

- 40 Sofitel Legend Metropole
- 40 La Residence Hue Hotel & Spa, MGallery by Sofitel
- 41 Four Seasons Resort The Nam Hai
- 43 Six Senses Ninh Van Bay
- 41 The Park Hyatt Saigon

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Siem Reap, Cambodia /
*Raffles Grand
Hotel D'Angkor*

119 rooms and suites
15 minutes from Siem Reap Airport

Prices from
£155 pppn in low season
£220 pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Signature Raffles style and service underpin your stay in this French colonial landmark set in over fifteen acres of French gardens. Established in 1932, this peaceful oasis provided accommodation for the first wave of travellers visiting the Angkor Temples.

Right: Hotel Exterior
Below right: Cabana Suite



Its rooms and suites have been restored to their former glory, with many of the original features retained and enhanced. Dining is simply sumptuous, Restaurant Le Grand offers creations based on delicacies served in the Royal household, the Apsara Terrace features an Asian barbecue and Khmer cultural performance. For relaxation, indulge in a treatment at the Raffles Spa or take a dip in the country's largest outdoor pool.



Left: Restaurant Le Royal
Below left: Hotel Exterior

Phnom Penh, Cambodia /
Raffles Hotel Le Royal

175 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Phnom Penh Airport

Prices from
£130 pppn in low season
£165 pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

With its relaxed old-world, stately elegance, this immaculately restored 1929 estate is classic Raffles. Centrally situated for viewing the city's main attractions, the hotel simply exudes grandeur – from the high ceilings and precious Cambodian artworks to the gleaming marble floors. Art Deco furnishings and objects d'art grace

the delightful rooms and suites, whilst bathrooms in the original wing feature deep, claw-footed bathtubs. Savour Khmer specialities and fine wines at Phnom Penh's most elegant dining room, Restaurant Le Royal. After a day's sightseeing unwind by the shady outdoor swimming pool, enjoy a traditional Khmer massage in the Raffles Spa or sip a Femme Fatale, the signature cocktail at the famous Elephant Bar.



Koh Rong Archipelago,
Cambodia /
*Song Saa
Private Island*

27 villas
45 minutes by speedboat from Sihanoukville

Guide Price
Prices from
£5335 pp in low season
£6815 pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation on an all-inclusive basis including selected spa treatments a complimentary culture excursion, use of non-motorised watersports and transfers from Siem Reap Airport.
Room upgrades available.

Cognoscenti of the Far East need look no further than Song Saa, Cambodia's first



Clockwise from top:
Aerial View, Lunch by the Pool,
Overwater Villa Bedroom

genuine luxury beach resort, set on a pair of exclusive private islands reached by speedboat. Voted in the top ten honeymoon resorts in the world by Conde Nast traveller; Song Saa, meaning 'the sweethearts', is surrounded by untouched islands with private beaches fringed by palms – a blissful backdrop for the selection of Ocean View, Jungle Villas and Asia's first overwater stilted villas complete with thatched roofs, an eco-conscious design inspired by Cambodian fishing villages. Standards of luxury are uncompromising, every villa

offering the height of cool, thatched comfort with light furnishings, private pool on the veranda and an array of deluxe touches from top of the range entertainment systems to WiFi. Just off-shore, the Vista restaurant combines delectable cuisine with panoramic 360 degree views and glorious sunsets. Dive, snorkel, kayak or take a boat ride to neighbouring Kon Rong for village and jungle visits. There's an education centre for local ecological insights, and an irresistible spa offering ultimate pampering with outdoor salas and discreet treatment villas.

Wonders of Cambodia

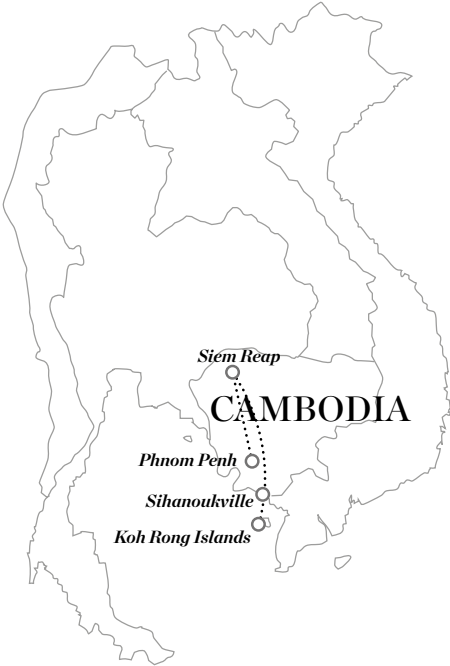
10 nights from £5315 per person, based on 2 sharing

Phnom Penh
Once the Pearl of Asia thanks to its Royal family, Angkorian past and a rich blend of Khmer and colonial architecture, delve into the history of Cambodia’s capital, brimming with unforgettable sights. From the saffron-robed monks to the spires of the Royal Palace, lose yourself in the chaotic yet charismatic Phnom Penh with its splendid riverfront and fine French colonial buildings. Take in famous monuments and galleries whilst travelling around by cycle rickshaw. Wonder at the five tons of silver that grace the floor of the Silver Pagoda and the astonishing solid gold Buddha.

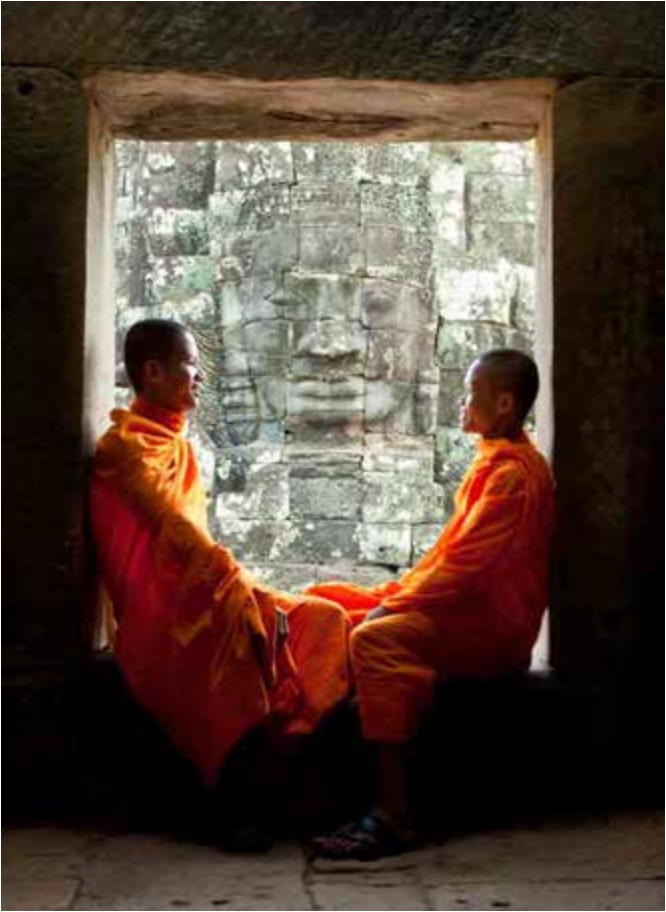
Siem Reap
Gateway to the awe-inspiring temple complex of Angkor Wat, the temple contains the magnificent remains of the Khmer Empire from 9th to 15th century. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site it spans over 400 square kilometres with scores of temples, structures, forests and reservoirs. Rise before dawn to

watch the sun stream through the ancient architecture, roam the mysterious stones of exquisite Ta Prohm where jungle vines coil around the slumbering ruins. Gaze as the sun rises above the temples, take tea in a Khmer village house before exploring the bustling riverside bazaars of Siem Reap. Escape the crowds and enjoy a sundowner in the jungle against the backdrop of remote temples.

Koh Rong Archipelago – Song Saa Private Island
Nestled within a seemingly tourist free landscape of remote rainforests, teeming tropical reefs and white shores, Song Saa boasts a design with sustainability at its heart. Ocean and jungle experiences await at this intimate seascape - take a snorkelling tour to discover the dazzling reef fish, kayak to a secluded deserted island with a picnic lunch, join a member of the Conservation Team for a rainforest encounter or spend blissful days reflecting the simple beauty of this magnificent natural environment.



Clockwise from top:
Angkor Wat, Monks, Picnic at Koh Rong Island



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1
Fly to Phnom Penh

Days 2-3
On arrival transfer to Raffles Hotel Le Royal for a 2 night stay (BB)

Days 4-6
Fly from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap for a 3 night stay at Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor (BB)

Days 7-11
Fly from Siem Reap to Sihanoukville, on arrival shared speedboat transfer to Song Saa Private Island for a 5 night stay (FI)

Day 12
Return shared speedboat and road transfer to Sihanoukville for the overnight flight to the UK via Siem Reap and Bangkok

Prices include all economy international flights and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified, selected excursions and private transfers in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

BB - Bed & Breakfast
FI - Fully Inclusive

Featured Hotels

- 48 Raffles Hotel Le Royal
- 48 Raffles Grand Hotel D'Angkor
- 49 Song Saa Private Island

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Mekong River / Aqua Expeditions

20 Design Suites

3 nights Phnom Penh – Cambodia

Prices from
£2800 per person in low season
£5155 per person in high season

Based on 2 sharing.
Price includes all meals on board, non-alcoholic beverages and selected wines and beer, all shore excursions, laundry, bike use, internet and group transfers. Departing on selected dates.

Cruise one of the world’s greatest rivers in unparalleled luxury aboard this custom designed and built vessel. With all the comforts of a five-star hotel, the Aqua Mekong features roomy interiors, refined lounging and dining areas, an on-board spa and first-class cuisine. Each suite is

Right: The Aqua Mekong
Below: Design Suite without Balcony



equipped with its own private bathroom featuring eco-sensitive technology, dual sinks and a walk in shower with rainforest showerhead. David Thompson, Executive Chef incorporates the diverse culinary traditions of Mekong River cultures to produce sublime dishes of immense subtlety. Guests can look forward to fascinating on and off-shore excursions, visiting traditional villages, bustling markets, museums and even cycle rides through paddy fields. Relax after the day’s excursions in the indulgent outdoor plunge pool on the top floor Observation Deck, spend your time in the library or by taking in a film in the private screening room.

Cruise Itinerary:

- Day 1** ***Siem Reap***
embark on the Aqua Mekong. Witness a Khmer Apsara performance
- Day 2** ***Koh Chen***
enjoy an ox-cart ride along the Tonle Sap riverbanks
- Day 3** ***Tonle Sap Lake***
relax whilst expert guides lead an insightful discussion of Mekong life
- Day 4** ***Phnom Penh***
visit the Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda & National Museum of Cambodia

Please go to www.carrier.co.uk to see the full itinerary for this cruise.



Siem Reap, Cambodia / Amansara

24 suites
15 minutes from Siem Reap Airport

Prices from
£625pppn in low season
£725pppn in high season
including breakfast, choice of lunch or dinner and selected beverages with exclusive touring and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Former guesthouse of King Sihanouk, the resort lies just fifteen minutes from the UNESCO World Heritage Site Angkor. Included during your stay is a visit to the Angkor temples - visit on a moped-powered trishaw with a guide, arriving at less busy times for a more personalised



experience. Tailor-made excursions can also be arranged, bringing opportunities to venture further afield to locations such as Preah Vihear close to the Thai border – a series of temple sanctuaries dedicated to Shiva, the English-speaking guides being well informed on the Khmer dynasty and modern Cambodian life. Dine indoors or under a pergola by the pool, from menus focusing on locally-sourced ingredients. Try your hand at Cambodian cooking in a local Khmer house, tour the local sights by bicycle or enjoy a tranquil boat trip on nearby Tonlé Sap Lake.



Left: Restaurant Veranda
Below left: Bedroom Suite

Luang Prabang, Laos / Amantaka

24 suites
10 minutes from Luang Prabang Airport

Prices from
£360pppn in low season
£450pppn in high season
including breakfast, choice of lunch or dinner and selected beverages and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Set in the UNESCO protected town of Luang Prabang beside mystical Mount Phousi and below the stunning Wat Chom temple, the resort is within walking distance of Luang’s quaint boutiques and bakeries including enchanting viewpoints along the Mekong River. Within the resort are lofty French

colonial-style pavilions surrounded by shady verandas, the elegantly appointed Suites, Pool Suites and Amantaka Suites encircling a spacious courtyard. With high wooden ceilings, they feature uber-comfortable four poster beds. Tantalising Lao specialities can be enjoyed in the dining room or pool terrace. The main pool is flanked by a sensuous Aman Spa, gym and yoga meditation studio. Recreations include river cruises on board a longhi. Each morning, local monks receive breakfast from guests at the Tak Bat alms ceremony opposite the hotel.



Malaysia & Borneo

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SOME OF THE OLDEST RAINFORESTS ON EARTH...THESE BEGUILING
LANDS WILL THRILL AND DELIGHT.

A Taste Of Malaysia & Borneo

When To Go

The winter months from November to April are the most popular time to visit Langkawi, with the monsoon season occurring from July to October. Most rain in Kuala Lumpur falls from March to April and from September to November. Borneo experiences sunshine and rain year round, but the heaviest rainfall normally occurs between November and April.

GMT +8 hours **Flying Time** London to Kuala Lumpur: 12 hours 25 minutes / London to Langkawi: 14 hours 30 minutes
London to Kota Kinabalu: 15 hours

Mother City

Experience the sultry capital of Malaysia with its old-world charms and cultures juxtaposed against a modern metropolis. Popular spots include Chinatown's busy markets, Moorish-style Jamek Mosque, the striking Petronas Twin Towers and the KL tower (for a 360 degree view of the city). Amidst the gleaming skyscrapers, reminders of the past include the colonial buildings of Merdeka Square and Taman Tasik Perdana (Lake Gardens). Carrier can get you privileged access to the F1™ Grand Prix.

Beach and adventure

Blessed with oodles and oodles of coastline and islands, Malaysia has a lot to offer to those looking for a beach getaway. Langkawi has been a long-time favourite for its jungle-clad hills, swaying coconut trees, soft white sands and turquoise-blue waters that rival Southern Thailand. It also attracts visitors for its recreational pursuits; kayak through the mangroves, go jungle trekking, visit the rubber plantations or ride the cable car to the imposing Gunung Machinchang. Island-hopping for a day is also great fun.

Natural beauty

A nature-lover's paradise, the town of Kota Kinabalu has access to fantastic diving and trekking. There are six islands off the coast with abundant marine life. The magic of Mount Kinabalu, one of the world's most important biological sites with up to 6,000 plant species, is best experienced by climbing it - the more adventurous take the Mesilau trail. Another of Sabah's major attractions is the Sepilok rehabilitation centre, enabling you to get up close with Borneo's awe-inspiring orangutans.

Island of legends

Mix desert island relaxation with cultural immersion into the co-existence of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. Significant landmarks include Eagle Square in Kuah Town, the statues of Lagenda Park and Makham Masuri, the tomb of a young woman who was accused of infidelity. The Summer Palace, movie set for Anna and the King, is also worth a visit. Try your hand at milking water buffalo, eating traditional food like Nasi Lemak or talking with local artisans at the Craft Complex.

Food & shopping

Join locals with two of their favourite pastimes: food and shopping. From street stalls on a side walk to high-end restaurants in a colonial setting, Malaysia is well-regarded for its food due to the mouth-watering mix of Malay, Chinese and Indian culinary traditions. Shopaholics will be equally pleased with the array of stores across the country from cloth and pewter at open-air markets to designer brands and cosmetics at flashy shopping malls. Good to know: Langkawi is a tax-free haven.



Carrier Recommends

Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur	58	Pangkor Laut	60
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Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia / Mandarin Oriental, Kuala Lumpur

632 rooms and suites
45 minutes from
Kuala Lumpur International Airport

Prices from **£75pppn**
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Adjacent to the Petronas Twin Towers, beside the flowering gardens of the City Centre Park, Mandarin Oriental is the epitome of five-star luxury and style. Service is attentive yet discreet; rooms and suites meld advanced in-room technology with antique and contemporary artefacts, the city views being simply breathtaking. Having recently emerged from a top-to-toe refreshment programme, the ultra swish

accommodations now boast significantly enhanced facilities and services. Gourmets will be at home with the array of award-winning restaurants offering sumptuous and innovative cuisine – contemporary European at Mandarin Grill, Californian-Japanese at the Wasabi Bistro and cutting-edge Cantonese at Lai Po Heen. For afternoon tea take a table on the terrace of Lounge on the Park, whilst a resident pianist serenades guests. Multiple leisure options include a beautiful infinity pool, outdoor jacuzzi, world-class spa and fitness facility, and the remarkably realistic indoor golf simulator.

Right: Swimming Pool
Below right: Premium City View



Left: Pool
Below left: Deluxe Room

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia / The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur

300 rooms and suites
45 minutes from
Kuala Lumpur International Airport

Prices from **£60pppn**
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Iconic of Malaysia's boom years, this impressive colonial era property, part of the Autograph Collection of iconic historic hotels, is located close to the city centre and Golden Triangle. In the vicinity are the National Museum, Islamic Arts Museum, Lake Gardens and Bird and Butterfly parks. Guests are housed in the Tower Wing, boasting Art Deco styling and

accommodations that exude decadence – the deluxe bathrooms even having a wall-mounted television, or the Majestic Wing where a butler is on hand to answer to your every whim, there's a free laundry service and complimentary cocktails which are served up by Johnnie The Barman and his team, daily from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Spa treatments reflect Malaysia's golden era; dining options range from the Colonial Café to the contemporary cuisine of Contango. Meet up in the Smoke House to play snooker, watch a movie, have a suit tailored or sample the delights of the Cigar Bar.

Kota Kinabalu, Borneo / The Ocean Wing, Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort & Spa

173 ocean wing rooms
45 minutes from Kota Kinabalu Airport

Prices from
£1450pp in low season
£1680pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.

Cradled between forested hills and inviting Pantai Dalit beach, Borneo's leading hotel promises peaceful relaxation. Guests staying in the Ocean Wing enjoy the benefit of opulently furnished sea-facing rooms and a rich array of facilities, including an exclusive free-form swimming pool, jacuzzi and recently introduced features such as a daily minibar, pre-dinner cocktails and

canapés in the garden. Savour authentic Indian and modern Western cuisine, with cocktails at the Sampan Bar being the perfect way to unwind. There's an 18-hole golf course and a plethora of watersports. No trip to the island would be complete without a visit to brooding Mount Kinabalu, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its biological diversity. Enjoy The 'Breakfast with a View – Jungle Trek' - hike through the resort's jungle, 90 metres above sea-level spotting exotic birdlife and long-tailed Macaque monkeys, guided by a professional ranger to witness the spectacular view of Mount Kinabalu. Kids rangers are on hand for the younger guests to explore the resort and discover the amazing wildlife.



Above: Ocean Wing Swimming Pool
Below: Ocean Wing Premier Room



Pangkor Laut, Malaysia / *Pangkor Laut Resort*

148 villas, suites and a collection of estates
3 hours 45 minutes by road and boat from
Kuala Lumpur International Airport

Prices from
£1660pp in low season
£2185pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Once voted ‘Number One in the World’ by Condé Nast Traveller, this private island retreat is reached by boat from Marina Island Pangkor and comprises beachfront, hillside, overwater accommodation or private estates. The Spa Village with its own pavilions offer a unique Bath House ritual followed by

Indian, Chinese or Malay therapies. Dining experiences include Fisherman’s Cove, Uncle Lim’s Kitchen and the Feast Village, or learn culinary secrets on The Chef’s Kitchen Experience, a gastronomical journey taking in a local fishery, noodle maker and markets, with an indulgent Bath House Experience on your return. Have the ocean’s bounty brought to your table when you dine on the romantic beach; resort amenities also include lap pool, swimming pool, gymnasium, watersports, tennis and squash.

Right: Spa Pool
Below right: Sea Villa



Left: Beach Villa Exterior
Below left: The Spa



Langkawi, Malaysia / *The Datai Langkawi*

122 rooms, suites and villas
40 minutes from Langkawi Airport

Prices from
£2185pp in low season
£3065pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

One of the premier resorts on this magical isle, swathed in legends of romance and mystery. Get close to nature as you tread footpaths through centuries-old rainforest or head for a white sand beach by the shimmering Andaman Sea. Perfection is all around and begins in your accommodation -spacious rooms and suites offer mesmerizing views over the rainforest canopy, rustic individual villas are embraced by lush jungle

foliage or contemporary Beach Villas with generously sized private pools situated on the award winning beach of Datai Bay. The cuisine is as beguiling as the setting, with Malaysian and Western fare served at The Dining Room and authentic Thai cuisine at The Pavilion. Located in the heart of the rainforest, the award-winning Gulai House serves traditional Malaysian cuisine and Indian specialties in an open air setting. At The Datai Spa a host of relaxing treatments await, combining the spirit and ancient healing traditions of the East with the mysticism of Langkawi’s ancient rainforests. Recreational facilities include the Ernie Els designed golf course, two swimming pools, an array of of non-motorised watersports and nature walks with the resident naturalist.

Langkawi, Malaysia / *The Ritz-Carlton Langkawi*

119 rooms, suites and villas
15 minutes from Langkawi Airport

Prices from
£2060pp in low season
£3300pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Flanked by an ancient rainforest and fronted by a dream-like sandy bay on the Andaman Sea, this oasis of luxury is a family-friendly retreat of special appeal. Opening in October 2017 its sophisticated rooms and suites nestle amidst the exotic vegetation, blending contemporary design

with indigenous island touches, whilst the uber-chic villas offer space and privacy in a rainforest or beachfront setting. Three distinct dining venues offer an irresistible selection of world cuisines, from the western favourites of the Beach Grill to the Chinese seafood specialties of Hai Yan, served overlooking the ocean. Spend some time in the spa with its hammam and locally-inspired revitalising treatments.

A large adult-only infinity pool and beachfront pool are complemented by a children’s pool at Ritz Kids; watersports and waterfall hikes can be enjoyed along with go-karting and horse riding. A resident naturalist is on hand to lead nature discovery programmes, geological sites explorations and rainforest meanders. End the day at the Horizon Lounge, out of bounds to children.



Top: Rainforest Deluxe Bedroom
Above: Oceanfront Villa



Langkawi, Malaysia / *Four Seasons Resort Langkawi*

88 pavilions and beach villas
25 minutes from Langkawi Airport

Prices from
£2730pp in low season
£3215pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Flanked by towering limestone cliffs on one of the finest mile long beaches in the Langkawi UNESCO Geopark, lies a resort both infinitely stylish and instantly captivating. The ambience is that of a typical

Malay village, with Pavilions, Villas and Family Beach Villas woven through acres of beautifully landscaped gardens – the luxurious Beach Villas featuring floor-to-ceiling windows and a private garden with pool and reflecting pond, whilst generously sized Melaleuca Pavilions feature contemporary Malay designs. Delightful specialities at Ikan-Ikan Restaurant highlight the exotic flavours of authentic Malay cuisine where diners can feast



Top: Garden View Upper Floor Pavilion
Above: View from Beach Villa with Plunge Pool

alfresco or indoors. For spectacular evening views retire to the beachside Rhu Bar.

Recreational options include family and adult pools, tennis, rock-climbing, archery and watersports including Malaysia's first X-Jetblades, Geopark Discovery Centre is the starting point for eco-adventures into the mangroves and rainforest, whilst The Geo Spa offers sublime therapies that draw on the ancient energies of the surrounding area.

Malaysia & Borneo / *Nature & Wildlife*

10 nights from **£3025 per person**, based on 2 sharing. Prices include all economy international flights and internal flights, accommodation, breakfast and private transfers. Room upgrades available.

Sandakan & Abai
In Sandakan visit the Sepilok Protected Forest Reserve Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre, whilst Abai, reached by boat from Sandakan, is located on the Kinabatangan river, excellent for spotting wildlife such as proboscis monkey and pigmy elephant.

Kuala Lumpur
Teeming with life, vibrant KL is a melting pot of cultures. The iconic Petronas Towers and modern skyscrapers overshadow the elegant colonial buildings of Merdeka Square. Wander through the aromatic spices of Chinatown, escape to the tranquil Perdana Botanical Gardens.

Langkawi
Ancient rainforests meet with pristine beaches in this nature lover's dream. Join a resident naturalist to explore the mangroves and jungle, play a round of golf or take to the skies and admire the magnificent view on Southeast Asia's steepest cable car.

Right: Langkawi
Below: Orang Utans



Itinerary:

- Days 1-2 Sandakan**
fly from the UK to Sandakan and enjoy a 1 night stay at the MY Nature Reserve
- Day 3-4 Abai**
transfer to Abai Jungle Lodge for a for a 2 night stay
- Days 5-6 Kuala Lumpur**
transfer to Kuala Lumpur for a 2 night stay at the Mandarin Oriental
- Day 7-11 Langkawi**
fly to Langkawi for a 5 night stay at the Four Seasons Resort
- Day 12 Langkawi**
transfer to Langkawi Airport for the overnight flight to the UK

Please go to www.carrier.co.uk to see the full itinerary.





Indonesia & Singapore

BLESSED WITH PRISTINE BEACHES AND SUFFUSED WITH SPIRITUALITY,
MYSTICAL INDONESIA FORMS A PERFECT BALANCE FOR THE CITY-FOCUSED
PURSUITS OF FAST-PACED SINGAPORE.

A Taste Of

Indonesia & Singapore

When To Go

Bali and Lombok have a hot, tropical climate year round, with May to September being the most popular months to visit when there is less humidity. Singapore is hot and humid all year with short downpours of rain.

GMT +8 hours *Flying Time* London to Singapore: 13 hours / London to Bali: 15 hours / London to Lombok: 17 hours

Beyond the beaches

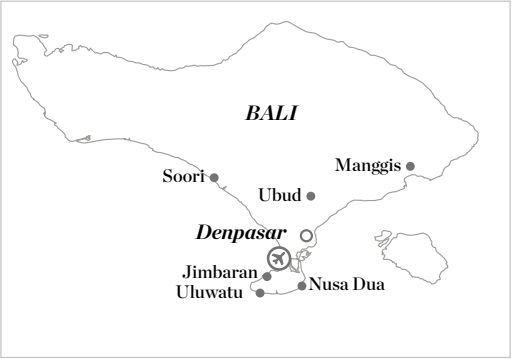
Bali’s diversity of landscapes, resorts and attractions makes for the perfect twin centre. Enticing choices include Ubud and Coast – melding the cultural highlights and cooler climes of Ubud with a stay in one of the island’s uber-luxe beachfront resorts such as Four Seasons Resort Bali at Jimbaran Bay, with its fine sand and calm waters. A combination of coast and big city also holds many attractions, the sleek metropolis of Singapore bringing a glamorous touch of designer chic to your getaway.

Spirit of adventure

One of the most scenic ways to appreciate the beauty of Bali is to follow a trail through the countryside by bicycle. Trek through the dramatic Ayung Valley and its rice paddy fields, encountering remote traditional villages and centuries-old temples along the way. White water rafting down the Ayung River is a popular thrill that can be experienced by all levels – buying an ice cold refreshment from the floating ‘shops’ is a highlight. Horse-ride along volcanic sands to crash through the surf at Saba Beach.

Singapore Grand Prix

The Singapore Grand Prix brings an adrenalin rush to the streets of the city – its Marina Bay Circuit featuring needle-sharp bends, deceptive turns and straights built for maximum speed. Visitors can enjoy a premium F1™ hospitality package, staying in iconic hotels such as Raffles or the Mandarin Oriental to rub shoulders with the drivers and their teams, including all-area access to the Paddock Club™ with its pit lane views. VIP status gives open access to the most glamorous after-race parties.



Carrier Recommends

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		The St. Regis Bali Resort	72	Shangri-La Hotel Singapore	74		



Above: Pool
Right: Deluxe Ocean View One Bedroom Villa

Jimbaran Bay, Bali / *Four Seasons Resort Bali At Jimbaran Bay*

156 villas and residences
15 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£3445pp in low season
£3930pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Built into a gently terraced hillside overlooking Jimbaran Bay, this tranquil and rejuvenating retreat comprises seven living villages. Fully renovated freestanding villas and residences each with a private pool

cascade down fourteen hectares of tropical oceanfront gardens, each exquisitely decorated with local Balinese art, rattan and textiles. Palatial Private Residences, featuring two to four bedrooms, offer the ultimate in luxury living. Dining options include modern Asian inspired cuisine at the beachfront restaurant Sundara, an authentic Indonesian inspired menu is on offer at Taman Wantilan or sample casual fare at the Pool Terrace Café. Sip cocktails and

savour the panoramic views of Jimbaran Bay from the open-air Terrace Bar and Lounge, perfect for an evening sundowner. Relaxed and leisurely recreations include a Balinese cookery school, complimentary non-motorised watersports, a Healing Village Spa that draws on Balinese traditions and tennis, as well as informative cultural and adventure tours. Children aged four to eleven years are well catered for at the imaginative Jimba Kids Club.

Ubud, Bali / *Four Seasons Resort Bali At Sayan*

60 suites and villas
1 hour from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£2605pp in low season
£3055pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Crossing the dramatic wooden bridge to the entrance set above the lush Ayung River Valley, guests of this majestic resort will discover a harmonious balance of space and spirit, sixty well appointed suites and villas reflecting the island's natural, serene beauty are dotted in eighteen acres. Spacious suites

are centrally located to resort amenities whilst freestanding villas with private plunge pools enjoy a peaceful setting in the gardens or the riverbank. Experience Indonesian specialities at Ayung Terrace, to alfresco casual fare at the Riverside Café. Cool off in the large two tiered swimming pool, dissolve tensions and rebalance a sense of wellbeing at the Spa. Those in a more active mood can enjoy pursuits such as cycling, Balinese cookery class, garden tours and guided trekking through the surrounding hills and rice paddies.



Above: Jati Bar
Below: River View Two Bed Villa



Ubud, Bali / Capella Ubud

22 luxury tents
1 hour 30 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£3065pp in low season
£4320pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Spring 2018 sees the opening of this Bill Bensley-designed luxury tented camp for romantic adventurers. Nestled between rainforest and paddy fields, the camp's sumptuously appointed tents each have a Jacuzzi pool, some with direct access to the sacred Wos River, source of inspiration for

Right: Plunge Pool & Deck
Below right: Tented Retreat Bedroom



the Balinese. No trees were felled during the creation of Capella, ensuring a back-to-nature experience as authentic as can be. Gastronomists are at the right address with three delightful dining options: Mads Lange, the camp's dining room; Api Jiwa, the highly interactive and bespoke Asian street food barbecue and a unique camp fire. Lively Ubud is a centre of artisan crafts and traditional Balinese dance performances. The nearby Sacred Monkey Forest Sanctuary is a nature reserve with a Hindu temple complex.



Left: Restaurant and Pool
Below left: Suite Interior

Ubud, Bali / Amandari

30 suites and 1 villa
1 hour from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£3155pp in low season
£3990pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Perched on an escarpment high above the winding Ayung River gorge, Amandari perfectly captures the ambience of a traditional Balinese village. In this legendary abode of 'peaceful spirits', statue-lined walkways are flanked by lush scented gardens; decorative gateways lead to luxury suites enclosed in private walled courtyards - the three-bedroom villa comes with a butler

and is ideal for families. Accommodation is based on terrace or duplex design – the latter feature four poster beds, and all suites boast a large sunken marble bath in an outdoor garden setting. Eleven come with a private swimming pool. Enjoy inspiring vistas from the bar or dual-level Verandah Restaurant, serving Indonesian and Western cuisine. Linger by the pool overlooking the gorge, indulge in soothing treatments in the health and fitness centre, there's floodlit tennis, white-water rafting and mountain bike tours.

Seminyak Beach, Bali / The Legian Bali

78 suites, pool villas and beach house
35 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£2235pp in low season
£2445pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation with
breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Surrounded by tropical gardens and set right beside the Indian Ocean on Seminyak Beach, The Legian Bali remains one of the area's most sought after resorts. Wind down on your balcony daybed to the sound of the waves, enjoying spacious living in your individually furnished suite with its rich woods, cool marbles and state-of-the-art amenities. For those seeking the purest



privacy, the Club at The Legian boasts a selection of private villas, each with its own pool and the added services of your own private Butler, whilst for honeymooners and those celebrating a special occasion the exclusive Beach House lies within its own secluded grounds. A spacious dining room serving contemporary European cuisine with Asian influences opens out onto the terrace, or dine in a secluded pavilion overlooking the ocean. Days of idyllic relaxation centre around the three-tiered swimming pool facing the sea, and the seductive spa where exotic Indonesian therapies and rituals are a speciality. Yoga classes are popular, or work out in the fully equipped gymnasium.

Left: Pool Villa
Below left: Ocean Facing Pool

Seminyak Beach, Bali / The Oberoi, Bali

74 lanais and villas
30 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£2405pp in low season
£2575pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

A secluded cluster of luxury Villas and Lanais set in fifteen acres of resplendent tropical gardens dotted with ancient Balinese temples on the popular Seminyak Beach. Relax in the cool comfort of your Villa or Lanai with its carved teakwood bed or luxuriate in the deep sunken marble bath. The Lanais are compact, yet supremely comfortable, each with its own outdoor terrace. Fine dining is an integral



part of the Oberoi experience – enjoy International cuisine at the Kura Kura Restaurant or alfresco breakfasts at the beachside Frangipani Café. Relax over a candlelit dinner by the beach or in the privacy of your villa. The Amphitheatre sets the scene for traditional Balinese music and dance. Dip into the beachfront swimming pool, play tennis or indulge in traditional Balinese therapies at the Oberoi Spa.

Ubud, Bali /
The St. Regis Resort Bali

122 suites and villas and 1 residence
20 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£2475pp in low season
£2910pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Accoladed in the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List 2016 as one of the Favorite Resorts in The World, this Balinese bolt hole exudes unpretentious prestige. Boasting the only private villas with direct access to Nusa Dua's finest white sand beach, the resort comprises suites with a private balcony;

some with private pool, and deluxe one or two-bedroom villas with private pool and gazebo. All suites come with the famed St. Regis on-call butler service. Gastronomic choices are wide ranging; Kayaputi serves Asian-inspired haute cuisine whilst Dulang is noted for its Indonesian dishes and Boneka wows with its international menu and famously lavish St Regis buffet. Be pampered in the spa or kick back with cocktails by the resort's magnificent turquoise Lagoon.



Right: Gardenia Villa
Below right: Beach View from Kayaputi



Manggis, Bali
Amankila

31 suites and a two-bedroom villa
90 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£3155pp in low season
£3990pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Set high above the Lombok Strait, the private and intimate resort of Amankila is a retreat of rare beauty and tranquillity. Each of the thirty one freestanding suites bears a strong Balinese influence - the interiors boast canopied four-poster beds, a large day bed for indulgent relaxation and luxury

terrazzo-tiled bathrooms. Nine of the villas boast private pools. Tempting cuisine includes a mix of Asian and Western delicacies. Stroll the elevated walkways which link the suites to a breathtaking three tiered cliff top pool or take the steps down to Amankila's BeachClub where facilities include windsurfing, kayaks, hobie-cats and cruising - sunset cruises are a particular highlight.



Left: One Bedroom Pool Villa
Below left: Three Bedroom Pool Villa

Uluwatu, Bali /
Alila Villas, Uluwatu

65 pool villas
25 minutes from Denpasar Airport

Prices from
£3140pp in low season
£3265pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

Poised on an elevated plateau above dramatic limestone cliffs, this all-villa resort paints a picture-perfect scene. One, two and three bedroom private pool villas are contemporary in design with traditional Balinese accents, unique flat lava rocks and bamboo ceilings allow gentle

sea breezes to circulate. A personal host is on hand to provide service according to your preference. As for dining options, choose between the relaxed atmosphere of Warung for traditional Indonesian and Balinese fare, CIRE marrying East Asian flavours with western cooking techniques or a gastronomic journey in Quila. Find sanctuary in the calming spa, laze in the fifty metre cliff-edge swimming pool and sip a gin mojito in the overhanging cliffside cabana with stunning views of the Indian Ocean.



Left: Villa Bedroom
Below left: Ocean Villa with Private Pool



Lombok /
The Oberoi, Lombok

50 pavilions and villas
1 hour 45 minutes from Lombok Airport

Prices from
£2180pp in low season
£2355pp in high season
including flights, 7 nights accommodation
with breakfast and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

In tropical landscaped gardens fronting onto Medana Beach, thatched Villas and Pavilions sit beneath picture-book-perfect swaying palms. Set within high walls for undisturbed privacy, each single storey villa features a spacious terrace and raised dining pavilion that are perfect for romantic breakfasts – most have their own swimming

pool amongst the luxuriant gardens. The Lumbung Restaurant offers delectable Asian and International cuisine, guests being entertained once a week by traditional local dancers. Close to the emerald waters of Medana Bay, the Sunbird Café is a place to kick back with exquisite dishes and to-sigh-for cocktails. Indulgence beckons at the Oberoi Spa whilst the Beach Club offers an array of non-motorised watersports including PADI diving courses.

Singapore / The Valley Wing, Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore

131 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Singapore Changi Airport

Prices from **£150pppn**
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Free-flowing champagne, in the recently renovated Champagne Bar, cocktails and culinary offerings created by a two Michelin Star chef are amongst the privileges enjoyed by guests of the exclusive Valley Wing. The accommodation of choice for heads of states and captains of industries,

the Valley Wing epitomises the very best of luxury accommodation in Singapore. With 131 beautifully furnished guestrooms, including twenty six suites, this elegant wing’s exclusivity is experienced as soon as guests arrive at the private lobby - also housing its own breakfast room. The Deluxe Rooms arguably being the city’s largest, with personal butler service for guests staying in suites. Set in a botanical paradise, the hotel boasts a large swimming pool, tennis and CHI, The Spa at Shangri-La.

Right: Deluxe Room Valley Wing
Below right: Swimming Pool



Left: Swimming Pool
Below left: Cherry Garden Restaurant

Singapore / Mandarin Oriental, Singapore

468 room and 59 suites
20 minutes from Singapore Changi Airport

Prices from **£185pppn**
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Marina Bay – Singapore’s leading dining and entertainment district – is the setting for this impressive hotel with its awe inspiring views over the bay, ocean and city. Combining subtle Oriental touches with luxurious contemporary comforts, the stylishly appointed rooms and suites exude a sense of understated style. The floor-to-ceiling

windows make the most of the vistas whilst Club Floor Suites offer guests exclusive services such as Champagne breakfast, afternoon tea and evening cocktails. A tantalising variety of dining experiences include authentic Cantonese at Cherry garden, traditional Italian at Dolce Vita and Japanese specialities at Teppan-Ya. A spa and resort-style swimming pool number amongst the recreations available.

Singapore / Raffles Hotel

103 suites
20 minutes from Singapore Changi Airport

Prices from **£370pppn**
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

In autumn 2018, Raffles Hotel Singapore will welcome guests to a newly restored hotel. After more than a century of providing unsurpassed service, the hotel’s illustrious past has been preserved and enhanced with great attention to detail. Breathing new life into the impressive period interiors - white marble colonnades encircling a soaring atrium, precious antiques and artefacts at every turn, each of the luxurious fan-cooled



Right: Hotel Facade
Below right: Raffles Grill



suites overlooking the lush gardens, each with discreet butler service. High ceilings, plush sofas and oriental carpets add an air of gracious living. A choice of newly opened restaurants, bars and courtyards will be unveiled, including exciting new dining concepts featuring celebrity chefs. Guests will continue to enjoy a Singapore Sling at the Long Bar, or Raffles traditional afternoon tea. Stretch out beside the outdoor swimming pool or luxuriate in the revitalised Raffles Spa with rituals created by professionals in aromatherapy, naturopathy, Ayurvedic healing and botanical sciences.

Left: Bob’s Bar Terrace
Below left: Colonial Manor Master Bedroom

Sentosa Island, Singapore / Capella Singapore

112 rooms, suites and villas
30 minutes from Singapore Changi Airport

Prices from **£230pppn**
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Set amidst thirty acres of manicured gardens, this resort style escape offers views of the South China Sea and provides an oasis of relaxation and tranquillity just fifteen minutes’ drive from the buzz of Singapore’s Orchard Road. Accommodation comprises a mix of historic bungalows and contemporary buildings and villas with private plunge pools, all complete with the services

of a personal assistant. Mediterranean cuisine is showcased at the Knolls which is complemented by three swimming pools, whilst Cassia serves modern Chinese food. Savour fine wines and exquisite cocktails at Cuban inspired, Bob’s Bar. The phases of the lunar cycle guide the reviving treatments in the award-winning Auriga spa. Golfers are able to take advantage of preferential access to the world-class members only Sentosa Golf Club lying just minutes from the hotel.



China & Hong Kong

BEYOND ITS FAMED CUISINE, CHINA SERVES UP A FEAST FOR THE SENSES, RICH IN IMPERIAL HISTORY, WHILST HONG KONG IMPRESSES WITH ITS DYNAMISM AND CAN-DO SPIRIT.

A Taste Of China & Hong Kong

When To Go

China's climate varies greatly but is characterised by hot summers and cold winters. The most popular months to visit are April, May, September and October when temperatures are at their most pleasant. Hong Kong is sub-tropical with high rainfall from May to September.

GMT +8 hours Flying Time London to Beijing: 9 hours 50 minutes / London to Shanghai: 11 hours 10 minutes
London to Hong Kong: 11 hours 40 minutes

Ancient discoveries

Standing guard over the tomb of Emperor Shih Huang-Ti are 8,000 life-sized terracotta figures. Sculpted from clay in the second century each of their heads and hands are unique. Bronze chariots and beautifully sculpted horses add to this spectacle, justifiably named the eighth wonder of the world. Far from the madding crowd: Carrier can give you privileged access to the private Lower Gallery and the Curator's Restoration Room in the area dedicated to the Han Dynasty Warriors.

Panda keeper for the day

It is thought that there are only 1,600 pandas left in the wild, making this up-close and personal encounter even more compelling. Be a keeper for the day: learn how to chop bamboo and feed these charming animals 'cake' in an environment which mirrors their natural habitat. Two dedicated breeding centres enable visitors to do this; the Bifengxia is smaller and less crowded whilst the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Research Base is well established and is home to eighty three adults and cubs.

Great Wall of China trek

Zig zagging its way across parched mountainsides of northern China from Liaoning province to the Gobi desert, the Great Wall is one of the largest building projects ever undertaken. Not only is the scenery remarkable but by visiting, you also get a fantastic insight into the country's history and culture. Naturally, trekking the Great Wall is on many people's must-do list. Carrier can make a soft trek to the 'Wild Wall' even more gratifying with the provision of a Champagne picnic lunch box.



The cultural heart

Delve into the heart of Beijing where an illustrious imperial past (with six UNESCO World Heritage Sites) meets with modern buildings pulsing with future possibilities. Tour Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City or for something more serene, the Summer Palace. For glimpses of daily life, the alleyway threaded Hutongs are a good place for a rickshaw tour. Two of the best include South Gong and Drum Lane, taking in Centipede Street and Guozijian Street, renowned for its old-time Beijing layout and traditional arches.



Horse racing

Under the bright lights of the skyscrapers, the horse races in Hong Kong are world famous and world class. Interwoven into the fabric of society, visit between September and July to experience this important part of the local culture. Top-class jockeys and mounts are attracted by big racing purses and the chance to win revered races such as the Hong Kong Derby and Queen Elizabeth II Cup. There are two courses: Sha Tin (New territories) and Happy Valley (Hong Kong Island).

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Beijing /
Waldorf Astoria

176 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Beijing Airport

Prices from
£135pppn in low season
£185pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

A fashionable rendezvous point for the Beijing in-crowd, the hotel stands at the heart of iconic Wangfujing close to shopping and attractions. Elegant rooms and suites have complimentary wi-fi and a pillow menu, the Premier Suites being particularly spacious with impressive bathrooms and astounding city views. For a family, the Deluxe Terrace Suite is ideal. Set in

a traditional Hutong courtyard it has a master bedroom, second bedroom with bunk beds and fun touches for children such as Winnie the Pooh toothbrush holders. Gourmet Cantonese and regional delights await in the main restaurant or enjoy lighter fare and cocktails at the atmospheric Peacock Alley, where a resident pianist plays in the evenings. For continental dining, Brasserie 1893 offers innovative dishes created by Executive Chef, Reiner Lupfer, signature dishes being Waldorf Salad and Eggs Benedict. The contemporary fitness centre and indulgent spa boast a heated indoor swimming pool with whirlpool jets. Treatments at the spa combine philosophies taken from traditional Chinese medicine with a modern twist.

Right: Deluxe King Room
Below right: Beijing Chinese Restaurant



Left: Penthouse Bedroom
Below left: Sureño

Beijing /
The Opposite House

99 rooms
40 minutes from Beijing Airport

Prices from
£155pppn in low season
£185pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Designed by Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, The Opposite House is located in the vibrant Chaoyang district in the heart of Beijing, its uber-chic modernist rooms being spacious, comfortable and thoughtfully appointed. Typical amenities include a rain shower, deep soaking oak

bathtub, fine cotton bed linen, exclusive Appelles toiletries, mood lighting, minibar and Nespresso machine. A choice of four high-end restaurants and bars - Jing Yaa Tang specialising in internationally recognised dishes, whilst cosmopolitan Sureño has an open kitchen where guests can watch the chefs preparing wood-fired pizzas and succulent grilled meats. With its eclectic variety of cocktails and wines, and DJ-mixed music, sophisticated Mesh is the place to meet up later. After a full day of sightseeing, cool off in the dramatically lit, twenty two metre swimming pool or work out on the latest Technogym equipment.

Chengdu /
The Ritz-Carlton Chengdu

353 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Chengdu Shuangliu Airport

Prices from
£125pppn in low season
£140pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Overlooking the dancing fountains of Tianfu Square, this luxurious hotel offers spacious rooms and suites including Club accommodation. Its sophisticated interior is inspired by traditional Chinese homes and oriental motifs, collectively blended to create a contemporary yet extravagant Chengdu retreat. Seductive city views are

complemented by a host of considerate touches – a selection of canapés and desserts being served in the evening, for example, and a special area where guests can mix their own cocktails or pour wine from wine dispensers. Choose from fine dining Cantonese and Sichuan specialties at Li Xuan, or chill out in Flair - cocktails and tapas are accompanied by DJ selected tracks. The influence of the region’s tea culture is all-encompassing, from the welcome tea on arrival to the tea-inspired spa rituals. The Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding is within easy reach, as are numerous traditional tea houses.

Right: Lobby Lounge
Below right: Deluxe King Room



Left: Hotel Residence Lounge
Below left: Hotel Residence Bathroom

Chengdu /
Temple House

503 rooms and 1 presidential suite
40 minutes from Chengdu Airport

Prices from
£155pppn in low season
£175pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Named after the nearby Daci Temple, the hotel is entered through a 200-year-old Hutong courtyard complete with a library where guests can enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and snacks. Accommodation offers spacious studios finished to an exceptionally high standard, their deluxe

bespoke furnishings and spa-inspired bathrooms creating tranquil havens of relaxation, complete with a maxi-bar of soft drinks, beers and snacks. The convivial bar features an indoor and outdoor area with Tivano serving Italian food and drinks, wood-fired pizzas to traditional aperitifs – a rustic vine covered cabana adding to the Mediterranean vibe. Be pampered in the relaxing ambience of the MI XUN urban day spa in Chengdu; take a leisurely swim in the beautiful indoor pool beneath stunning skylights and fascinating reflections.



Xian /
*Sofitel Legend,
Peoples Grand Hotel*

71 rooms and suites
50 minutes from Xian Airport

Prices from
£160pppn in low season
£190pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Sofitel's first Legend hotel in China is a blend of French and Sino-Russian styling; authentic local decorative touches complete the impressive effect. Opened as a State guesthouse in 1953 it has been sumptuously re-imagined to provide elegant accommodation, elaborate mouldings and

distinctive Art Deco features. Favoured haunt of many Chinese leaders and royalty it offers an enticing diversity of culinary attractions, the Dolce Vita restaurant having a wood-fired pizza oven and serving fabulous Italian delights accompanied by Italian cocktails. Meet up on the intimate terrace for a romantic candlelit diner overlooking the gardens. For Asian and Western snacks or timeless afternoon tea, the Lobby Lounge is a popular rendezvous. Enjoy a revitalizing massage after seeing the city's sights. The hotel is close to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda as well as being a forty five minute drive from the Terracotta Warriors.

Right: Hotel Exterior
Below right: Suite



Left: Indoor Pool
Below left: Hotel Exterior

Xian /
Sofitel Renmin Square

178 rooms and suites
50 minutes from Xian Airport

Prices from
£80pppn in low season
£95pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Sofitel Xian is situated on the Historic Renmin Square close to the shopping district and near many historical sites including the Bell Tower, Drum Tower, Great Mosque and Forest of Steles. This is the destination for travellers who come to gaze on Xian's Army of Terracotta Warriors - just forty five minutes away. Rooms and suites are spacious and well appointed, with five floors being devoted to the exclusive

Sofitel Club. All the rooms aim to delight their guests with a Sofitel MyBed, designed for the perfect sleep and inbuilt rainforest shower for a matchless sensory experience. Three restaurants offer fabulous culinary experiences, Azur serving Mediterranean and European cuisine, Churrasco showcases an authentic Brazillian Barbecue using only the freshest ingredients, Chinese and Western dishes will all whet the tastebuds. The fitness centre with pool and a deluxe spa provide relaxation and therapy. There's no escaping the classic French hospitality that exudes the walls of this stylish hotel.

Shanghai /
The Peninsula Shanghai

235 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Shanghai Pudong Airport

Prices from
£210pppn in low season
£225pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

One of the newest additions to the Peninsula portfolio, the hotel stands on the historic Bund, combining prime location with pulsating views. Inspired by Art Deco and the Golden Age when Shanghai was known as the Paris of the East, the opulent rooms and suites have marble bathrooms, dressing rooms and up-to-the-minute touches such as VOIP phones offering complimentary

international calls and iPod docking stations. From afternoon tea to authentic Cantonese cuisine, the Peninsula raises Shanghai dining to new levels. Three signature restaurants and two bars attract the culinary cognoscenti, Sir Elly's being Shanghai's premier destination for fine French fare, while the Yi Long Court serves polished Cantonese dishes. Particularly atmospheric is Salon de Ning, named after a famous 1920s socialite, perfect for sipping Salon de Ning Rosé Champagne beneath glittering chandeliers. Book during the F1™ Grand Prix weekend for a fabulous close-up race experience. The spa provides pool based relaxation whilst offering an indulgent collection of European, Chinese and Ayurvedic treatments in Art Deco surrounds.

Right: Deluxe Room
Below right: Pool



Left: Cabin
Below left: Yangze River Cruise

Yangze River Cruise /
Sanctuary M.S. Yangze Explorer

38 deluxe cabins, 20 suite cabins
and 4 speciality suites

Prices from
£1020pp in low season
£1460pp in high season
Departures are on selected dates from March to November; based on 2 people sharing a Deluxe Cabin for 3 or 4 nights. Includes full board, embarkation night dinner, cultural activities and shore excursions. Cabin upgrades available.

The Sanctuary M.S. Yangze Explorer is the most exclusive cruise ship plying the Three Gorges region. With the largest cabins and suites, all with private outdoor balconies, views are maximised by floor-to-ceiling windows, with armchairs, a choice of king or twin beds, minibar, bathroom and satellite television. Widely considered

one of the country's most scenic areas, guests have the opportunity to participate in shore excursions and cultural activities, a number of special itineraries can also be reserved – one of the most popular being a full day excursion to the Shenningila Nature Reserve. Glide over calm waters in either direction from Yichang to Chongqing on a moving voyage along the world's third longest river, enjoying the highest crew to passenger ratio on the river. Amenities whilst on board include à la carte dining, a luxurious spa and 24-hour room service. Cultural treats abound in the two-level theatre and there is also a well-stocked library for quiet relaxation.

Hong Kong / The Peninsula Hong Kong

300 rooms and suites
45 minutes by road / 10 minutes by helicopter
from Hong Kong Airport

Prices from
£295pppn
room only.
Room upgrades available.

Arrive by Rolls-Royce Phantom or helicopter at this world-renowned hotel located on the Kowloon waterfront. Commanding the legendary ‘Grande Dame of the Far East’ status since 1928, its tastefully renovated rooms showcase bespoke luxury, a classical-meets-modern aesthetic. Each room comprises the latest

cutting-edge technology, comfortable beds and views of the city or the harbour. The Peninsula Spa features treatment rooms with sweeping harbour views, complete with a sun terrace, a Roman-style swimming pool and state-of-the-art fitness centre. With eight award-winning restaurants and bars, including Gaddi’s for the finest French gastronomy, the Philippe Starck-designed Felix and the Michelin-starred Spring Moon which exudes a 1920s Shanghai ambience and serves delectable Cantonese specialities. Enjoy cocktails accompanied by jazz in the club-style bar.

Right: Hotel Exterior
Below right: Deluxe Harbour View Suite



Left: Lobby
Below left: Deluxe Harbour View Room



Hong Kong / Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong

565 rooms and suites
40 minutes from Hong Kong Airport

Prices from
£200pppn in low season
£235pppn in high season
room only.
Room upgrades available.

Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong welcomes you with calm and distinguished Asian hospitality. A soaring atrium, gleaming marble, crystal chandeliers, timeless elegance – all just an elevator ride from Pacific Place, a premier shopping mall

located in the heart of the city. Exquisitely appointed guest rooms and suites offer every modern comfort; a marble bathroom with LCD television, a pillow menu and breathtaking views of Victoria Harbour or Peak. Experience award-winning cuisine at a variety of restaurants, which include the Michelin-starred Summer Palace specialising in exceptional Chinese fare and Restaurant Petrus serving contemporary French cuisine. Relax over cocktails in the Horizon Club high above the city with its panoramic vistas, and enjoy inviting recreational amenities including an outdoor swimming pool, twenty four hour gymnasium, sauna and jacuzzi.

Hong Kong / Mandarin Oriental

541 rooms and suites
40 minutes from Hong Kong Airport

Prices from
£240pppn in low season
£270pppn in high season
room only.
Room upgrades available.

Step into the understated elegance of this iconic institution, which has been delighting guests with its award-winning five star service for over fifty years. The much-loved address for those seeking an exclusive sanctuary in the heart of the city, rooms and suites exude a high-end oriental flavour, combining refined comfort with magnificent views over the cityscape or Victoria

Harbour. Ten outstanding dining experiences await, including three with Michelin-stars, encompassing the finest French creations at Pierre, grill classics and seafood with a twist at Mandarin Grill & Bar or delectable Cantonese specialities at Man Wah. For a more laid-back atmosphere have drinks at The Chinnery with its upholstered armchairs and leather banquettes, famed for stocking one of the world’s largest collections of single malt whiskies. The all-encompassing spa houses a dedicated Thai massage room and offers the ultimate in rejuvenation; while the fitness centre boasts Hong Kong’s first Kinesis studio, designed to improve strength, flexibility and balance, accompanied by a video-walled three lane swimming pool.



Above: Oriental Bathroom
Below: King Room



Classic China

10 nights from £5405 per person, based on 2 sharing

Beijing

Fantastically rich in cultural highlights, Beijing's attractions range from the nearby Great Wall to the Gate of Heavenly Peace and Tiananmen Square. Hire a rickshaw to discover the teeming hutongs of the old town, whilst there join a cooking lesson with the Beijing housewives at a traditional home. Soak up the spirit of the Forbidden City - the Imperial Palace for emperors during the Ming and Qing Dynasties, where it was forbidden to enter without the Emperor's permission. Admire one of the world's largest stately homes with an exclusive visit to the Chonghua Palace.

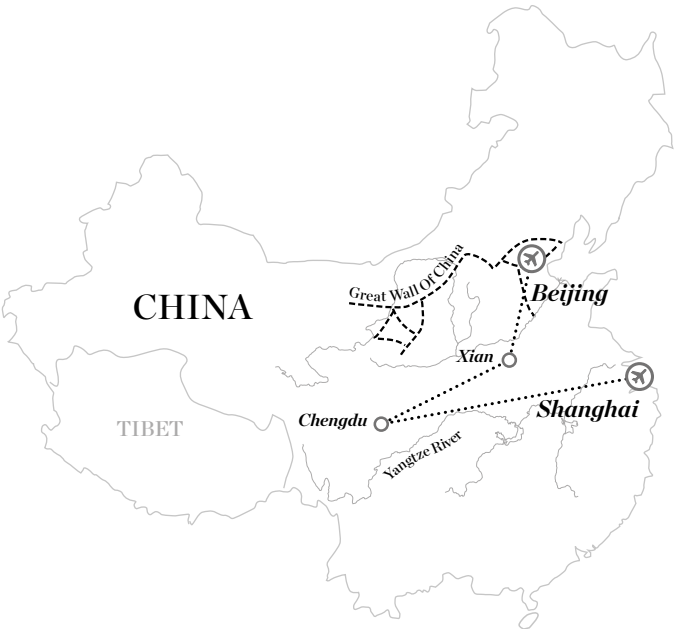
Xian

China's capital for many years, Xian marks the start of the legendary Silk Road. The Old City holds hundreds of colourful attractions, none more astonishing than the Army of Terracotta Warriors which stand guard in battle formation over the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang.

The mausoleum is, understandably, a major tourist draw, Carrier has arranged privileged access to help you escape the crowds and enjoy time and space to appreciate this incredible spectacle. As well as guests being able to visit the private Lower Gallery, we can arrange access to the Curator's Restoration Room in the area dedicated to the Han Dynasty Warriors. Spend an evening to dine on local specialities while watching a traditional Tang Dynasty music and dance show.

Chengdu

In addition to a wealth of historical highlights and natural surroundings of great beauty, Chengdu is the habitat of the giant panda – the Chengdu Panda Breeding Centre supporting the world's only Giant panda breeding and research base. Experience the sheer joy and delight of seeing these rare animals up close. Wenshu Yuan monastery and Chengdu old town are also a must-visit.



Clockwise from top:
Great Wall of China,
Terracotta Army, Giant Panda



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Beijing

Days 2-5

On arrival transfer to the Waldorf Astoria for a 4 night stay with visits to Beijing's main imperial-era attractions (BB)

Days 6-7

Fly to Xian to relish The Army of Terracotta Warriors. Transfer to the Sofitel Legend, Peoples Legend Grand Hotel for a 2 night stay (BB)

Day 8

Fly to Chengdu and transfer to The Ritz-Carlton for an overnight stay. Visit the Giant Panda Breeding Research Institute (BB)

Days 9-11

Fly to Shanghai and transfer to The Peninsula Shanghai for 3 nights (BB)

Day 12

Transfer to Shanghai Airport for the overnight flight to the UK

Price includes all economy international and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified, selected excursions comprising 8 included lunches and private transfers.

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A tiger is walking through tall, golden-brown grass. The tiger is looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft-focus landscape with more grass and a hint of a body of water.

India

THE CHAOS OF INDIA FINDS ITS COUNTERPOINT IN TRANQUIL BACKWATERS,
SERENE WILDLIFE RESERVES AND BEJEWELLED PALACES, CREATING
A NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN EXPERIENCE.

A Taste Of
India

When To Go

The best time to visit India is from October to March. The monsoon season occurs from May to September with high rainfall particularly in the south, although hotel offers are at their most attractive during this time.

GMT +5.30 hours Flying Time London to Mumbai: 8 hours 30 minutes / London to Delhi: 8 hours 20 minutes

Street photography

India's streets are the veins through which life pulses, a melting pot of culture where food vendors vie for attention with street doctors and roadside barbers. Few places will provide as much colour, poignancy and wonderment, making it an unsurpassable destination for honing your photography skills. On an organised street tour, interact with local people going about their daily lives in back streets and alleyways and visit places of worship in the company of an experienced mentor.

Capital of Yoga

India is the birthplace of this ancient spiritual practice making it the ultimate place for yogis of all abilities to meditate and strive to heal mind, body and spirit. Whether you seek an in-depth course with an expert practitioner or a drop-in class to help you feel supple again, your body and soul are in for a treat. Top-notch yoga retreats, found within our carefully selected portfolio, provide an all-encompassing approach to wellness with fitness classes and spa treatments in mesmerising surroundings.

Getting around

Be transported 400 years back in history on a rickshaw through the vibrant labyrinth alleyways of Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi. Delhi's more recent history such as India Gate is best explored on two wheels. Join Markose on foot in Matancherry for insider knowledge on spice warehouses and hidden shrines. Or take a ride in a vintage car through the 'Pink City' of Jaipur ending with a cooking demonstration at royal house, Narain Niwas. Getting around India is half the fun of the experience.



Local living

Warm and welcoming locals make the journey far more special than any building or landscape. Food and laughter is the order of the day at Neha and Anmol's home alongside a cookery lesson and trip to the handicrafts market whilst in Jodhpur be introduced to the ancient art of Bandhani (tie and dye). Other interesting encounters include unique homestay visits, meetings with temple priests and not forgetting the integral part of life here, a cup of chai tea with a shop owner.



Mumbai by dawn

Set your alarms and gain an exclusive peek into the underbelly of the city and an insight into what makes Mumbai tick. Witness a newspaper vendor distribution network, locals bargaining with the fruit and vegetable sellers to pick up fresh produce for the day ahead. Sassoon docks sees ten to twenty tonnes of fish arrive in the city every day. Glimpses of daily lives are experienced through bread-boys carrying fresh bread, the milkman riding past with milk canisters, the flower market and green fresh vegetable market.

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New Delhi /
The Imperial

283 suites
45 minutes from Delhi Airport

Prices from
£155pppn in low season
£195pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Situated in the heart of the capital, processional rows of palms form a grand walkway to the entrance, which in turn leads to an interior rich in rare antiques and art from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The accommodation is immaculate in its attention to detail and glorious in its outlook – many of the rooms overlooking the verdant

gardens. Dining is an exquisite experience, ranging from the award-winning south-east Asian fare at the colourful Spice Route to Tuscan Italian at San Gimignano and flambéed delicacies at the Nostalgia brasserie. The hotel is steps away from Connaught Place, the renowned shopping district and close to major attractions. Recreations include an outdoor swimming pool, Imperial Spa, luxury boutiques and the Imperial Salon – renowned for its deeply invigorating Indian head massages.

Right: Luxury Suite
Below right: Pool



Left: Megu Restaurant
Below left: Suite

New Delhi /
The Leela Palace New Delhi

254 rooms and suites
25 minutes from Delhi Airport

Prices from
£165pppn in low season
£240pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Opulence pervades this Lutyens-inspired residence close to the Presidential Palace and historical monuments. Billed as the capital's only truly modern palace it offers spacious rooms rich in marble and bedecked with ornate artwork. Expansive Suites comprise plunge pools with a jacuzzi, Royal Club rooms offer butler service and a range

of exclusive amenities such as complimentary airport transfers by limousine. Feast on lavish Indian cuisine at Jamavar; experience the best of French and Italian at Le Cirque or savour Japanese delicacies at Megu. Qube, a superb contemporary dining space designed like a glasshouse, where the chefs create exotic signature dishes. In Spa by ESPA, a sauna and steam room are complemented by a relaxation lounge and roof terrace. A consultation with the spa's therapists will ensure the perfect personalised treatment schedule.

Agra /
The Oberoi Amarvilas

102 rooms and suites
25 minutes from Agra Airport

Prices from
£245pppn in low season
£420pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Just 600 metres from the world's greatest monument to love, this romantic enclave gives breathtaking views of the Taj Mahal from every room. Approached by a sweeping driveway, the hotel immediately impresses. Accommodation encompasses Executive and Luxury Suites, whilst for an extra touch of opulence Kohinoor Suites boast

an expansive lounge and private open air terraces. Indian and International cuisine can be savoured at Esphahan or Bellevue. For a special experience, enjoy a four-course candlelit dinner served in your room by a dedicated butler. In addition to a heated pool offering both open air and under cover swimming, the Oberoi Spa offers a wide range of revivifying therapies, the spa's focal point being a domed, white marble steam room. By day, guests can travel to the Taj Mahal in private golf buggies.

Right: Indoor Pool
Below right: Exterior



Left: Exterior
Below left: Historical Suite

Jodhpur /
Umaid Bhawan Palace

64 suites
10 minutes from Jodhpur Airport

Prices from
£290pppn in low season
£485pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

This magnificent palace sits at the highest point in Jodhpur, enclosed by acres of lush gardens. No expense spared - the palm court marble used throughout being the same as that used in the building of the Taj Mahal. Whilst the present Maharaja continues to reside in the private wing, part has been converted into a lavish hotel. Art Deco style

prevails, reaching its zenith in the central rotunda, while in the garden peacocks roam. Enjoy elegant dining in Risala with its authentic Rajasthani and Indian cuisine, or discover fabulous European and Mediterranean delicacies at Pillars on the colonnaded veranda or immerse yourself in the artefacts and wildlife trophies collected by the Maharajas in Trophy Bar. Visit the private museum, relax by one of two swimming pools or unwind in Jiva Grande Spa where amenities include a yoga studio, steam room and jacuzzi.



Jaipur / *The Oberoi Rajvilas*

71 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Jaipur Airport

Prices from
£270pppn in low season
£485pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Located in over thirty acres of gardens, this Oberoi property revives the lifestyles of the legendary Rajput princes. Traditional techniques have been used to recreate the famous pink plaster walls of the city, enhanced by Mughal arches and gold leaf frescoes. Premier rooms are set in small clusters around a courtyard, each with four-poster beds and sunken marble baths,

whilst three villas boast private pools. For something more exotic, stay in a Luxury Tent, proffering opulence fit for a prince. Dine alfresco in the Surya Mahal restaurant, or enjoy a wide range of wines, malts and classic cocktails in Library Bar. Cool off in the swimming pool or for relaxation the Oberoi Spa is a haven of peace and serenity, offering Ayurvedic treatments, signature rituals include Maharani Mystique, exfoliation with a mineral-rich mud wrap.

Right: Courtyard
Below right: Suite Interior



Ranthambhore / *The Oberoi Vanyavilas*

25 luxury tents
2 hours 50 minutes from Jaipur Airport

Prices from
£260pppn in low season
£380pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Nestled in expansive landscaped gardens, India's first luxury jungle resort is the perfect setting from which to explore the adjacent Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve. Each of the twenty five Luxury Tents are air-conditioned, with marble bathrooms, free-standing bathtubs and separate shower stalls. Climb to the top of the observation tower to enjoy panoramic views of the

bordering jungle, with its rich array of wildlife from Royal Bengal tigers and leopards to wild boars and macaques. After an exhilarating day's wildlife viewing, savour International and Indian cuisine or relax on your own private deck. In the winter the restaurant becomes a vibrant space with an open fire inside and folk musicians playing outside. The Oberoi Spa is complemented by an outdoor swimming pool, fitness tent and billiard room – intimate yoga sessions are held in the outdoor pavilion.

Right: Pool
Below right: Luxury Tent Bedroom



Jaipur / *Rambagh Palace*

78 rooms and suites
20 minutes from Jaipur Airport

Prices from
£290pppn in low season
£485pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Once the opulent former residence of the Maharaja of Jaipur, the hotel combines serenity with sophistication. Accommodation includes lavish Royal Suites, once royal chambers, and exquisitely designed Historical Suites – with marble floors, four-poster beds and Rajasthani artworks. Dining at Suvarna Mahal is a gastronomical

experience that will transport you back to the golden era of Rajasthan as you dine on the royal cuisines beneath high ceilings and Florentine frescoes. The shelves in Polo Bar, are lined with rare whiskies, cognacs, wine, liqueurs and a hand-picked selection of Cuban cigars. See history come alive with a Heritage Walk around the property, hearing anecdotes of bygone maharajas. Recreations encompass swimming pools, croquet and a fitness centre. Indian beauty treatments and therapies are available at Jiva Grande Spa.



Udaipur / *Leela Palace Udaipur*

80 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Udaipur Airport

Prices from
£170pppn in low season
£400pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

This palatial property offers opulent comfort distinguished by Rajasthan touches, all rooms having breathtaking views over Lake Pichola towards the Aravalli Mountains. A handful of plush suites come with the service of a personal butler. The grandeur continues into the Dining Room which serves sumptuous international

cuisine, whilst the alfresco Sheesh Mahal showcases a feast of Indian specialities with a contemporary twist. For a more private dining experience, enjoy dinner on the garden patio, overlooking the lake or on the rooftop with mountain views. In the Spa by ESPA treatments can be enjoyed in romantic lake-edge tents; enlivened by special activities such as historian sessions and cultural performances; other recreations include rickshaw rides and sailing on the lake on board a traditional boat. Afterwards, relax with fine cognacs and single malts in the Library Bar.

Udaipur / *Taj Lake Palace*

83 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Udaipur Airport

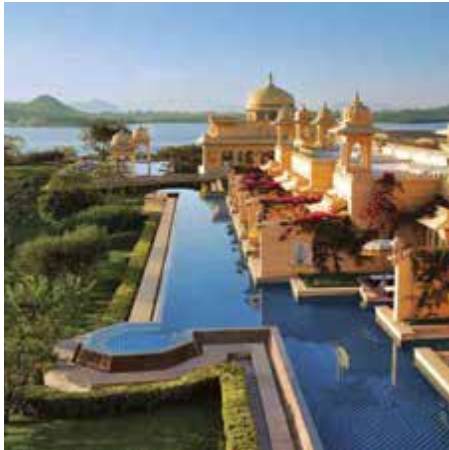
Prices from
£260pppn in low season
£465pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

An island in the middle of Lake Pichola is the setting for this glittering white marble palace, resplendent in its princely grandeur. Built in 1746 as the pleasure palace of Maharana Jagat Singh II, the property provides luxurious rooms boasting splendid views of the lake and surrounding hills. Dining at the Taj Lake Palace is reserved exclusively for resident guests, the Neel

Right: Pichola Lake
Below right: Royal Spa Boat



Kamal being renowned for its fabulous Rajasthani and Indian dishes, while the seasonally open-air Bhairo, named after the cooling breezes across the water, serves exquisite European delicacies in one of the most romantic rooftop restaurants in the world. A memorable place to sip a classic Martini at sunset. Relax by the outdoor swimming pool overlooking the lake or in Jiva Spa with its ancient Indian therapeutic rituals.



Left: Hotel Exterior
Below left: Luxury Suite

Udaipur / *The Oberoi Udaivilas*

87 rooms and suites
45 minutes from Udaipur Airport

Prices from
£215pppn in low season
£395pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.



Set on the banks of Lake Pichola and designed in the style of a golden-domed Rajasthani palace, Udaivilas captures the splendor of a bygone era. Within the fifty acre estate lies an extensive wildlife sanctuary. Many of the Udaivilas' richly decorated rooms give uninterrupted views of the old city, some with semi-

private infinity edge pools with lake views. Throughout the hotel, interconnecting domes and walkways are flooded with light. The main Suryamahal dining room – dominated by a sky blue dome - serves International and Indian cuisine, the speciality Indian restaurant serves traditional dishes from the Rajasthan region. Adjoining is Chandni, an alfresco dining space filled with live, traditional music. Relax with a drink or submit mind and body to soothing aromatherapy treatments in the spa, soothed by the sound of water cascading over a marble fountain.

Gurgaon / *The Oberoi Gurgaon*

202 rooms and suites
20 minutes from Delhi Airport

Prices from
£130pppn in low season
£175pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Thirty minutes from downtown Delhi, this urban haven spans over nine acres of carefully manicured grounds. Corridors adorned with evocative black and white photographs lead guests on a timeless journey through Indian history and culture, rooms and suites themselves furnished with a distinct sense of understated opulence. In-room technology is cutting edge; windows are soundproofed

Right: Deluxe Room
Below right: Deluxe Bathroom



and butler service operates round the clock. Indulge your taste for gourmet cuisine in a choice of restaurants - Threesixtyone° showcasing the best of Japanese, Indian and Chinese cooking, with wood-fired pizzas and an extensive selection of fine wines to add to the culinary delight. Dine indoors or alfresco on the wooden deck that floats on the magnificent reflection pool. Work out in the fitness centre or join the twice daily yoga sessions out on the lawn. Holistic therapies are a speciality in the spa.



Left: Exterior
Below left: Luxury Grand Room

Mumbai / *The Taj Mahal Palace*

560 rooms and suites
1 hour from Mumbai Airport

Prices from
£230pppn in low season
£310pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.



Built in 1903, this architectural marvel brings together Moorish, Oriental and Florentine styles, showcasing contemporary Indian influences. The Palace Rooms are adorned with paintings and period furniture whilst Tower Rooms offer a mix of European style and Indian elegance. The splendor continues in the various

dining options including Masala Kraft, Wasabi by Morimoto and Souk, a rooftop Mediterranean venue with spectacular city views. Aquarius, with its lush greenery and range of cocktails and mocktails is a hit. Art lovers will enjoy the hotel's recently re-launched art gallery, celebrating young artists and sculptors. In the all-natural Jiva Spa, experienced therapists will pamper with millennia-old Indian wellness remedies. Children are well catered for in Kids@Taj.

Palaces & Tigers

12 nights from £4720 per person, based on 2 sharing

Delhi

Cosmopolitan and historic, Delhi is packed with interest - the Qutab Minar and Humayun's Tomb having been declared UNESCO World Heritage Sites. No visit would be complete without seeing the maestic Red Fort, Chandni Chowk market, and the Raj Ghat memorial to Ghandi. For high class shopping try the upscale avenues of Connaught Place.

Agra

Set on the banks of the Yamuna River, Agra is home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, most notably the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Equally unmissable are the Mughal Gardens, Agra Fort and deserted Fatehpur Sikri, known as the Ghost City.

Ranthambhore

This National Park offers heightened opportunities to spot India's majestic tiger in its natural habitat. Former hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur it is a renowned heritage site housing many picturesque ruins. Birds are present in large numbers along with crocodile, gazelle, leopard, monitor lizards and more.

Jaipur

The graceful architecture of 'The Pink City' is dominated by the iconic Palace of the Winds with its intricate façade, while the Amber Fort stands atop a cliff just outside of Jaipur. In addition to majestic forts, opulent havelis and beautiful lakes the city is also known for its musicians and artisans.



Clockwise from top:
Taj Mahal, Bengal Tiger,
Old Golden Doors of the Hawa



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Delhi

Days 2-3

Transfer to The Imperial for 2 nights (BB)

Days 4-5

By rail and road, transfer to stay at The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra for 2 nights (BB)

Days 6-8

Travel by rail to Ranthambhore and transfer for a 3 night stay at The Oberoi Vanyavilas (BB)

Days 9-10

Transfer to Jaipur for 2 nights at The Oberoi Rajvilas (BB)

Days 11-12

Fly to Udaipur and transfer to The Oberoi Udaivilas for 2 nights (BB)

Day 13

Fly to Delhi and transfer to overnight at The Oberoi Gurgagon (BB)

Day 14

Transfer and fly overnight to the UK

Price includes all economy international and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified, rail journeys, selected excursions and private transfers.

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Goa /
The Leela Goa

206 rooms
1 hour from Dabolim Airport

Prices from
£110pppn in low season
£200pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Thirty minutes from downtown Delhi, this urban haven spans over nine acres of carefully manicured grounds. Corridors adorned with evocative black and white photographs lead guests on a timeless journey through Indian history and culture, rooms and suites themselves furnished with a distinct sense of understated opulence. In-room technology is cutting edge; windows are soundproofed

and butler service operates round the clock. Indulge your taste for gourmet cuisine in a choice of restaurants - Threesixtyone° showcasing the best of Japanese, Indian and Chinese cooking, with wood-fired pizzas and an extensive selection of fine wines to add to the culinary delight. Dine indoors or alfresco on the wooden deck that floats on the magnificent reflection pool. Work out in the fitness centre or join the twice daily yoga sessions out on the lawn. Holistic therapies are a speciality in the spa.

Right: Deluxe Room
Below right: Deluxe Bathroom



Left: Infinity Pool
Below left: Suite Bedroom

Goa /
Alila Diwa Goa

118 rooms and suites
25 minutes from Dabolim Airport

Prices from
£90pppn in low season
£125pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Set on a beach backed by lush paddy fields, Alila Diwa is the epitome of Goan chic. Tranquil courtyards lead to beautifully presented rooms and suites, all with a balcony and entrancing interiors finished in white woods and calming creamy tones. For added luxury, choose The Diwa Club, a boutique experience in the lush grounds of

the main hotel, promising exclusive services and amenities. Vivo offers a live kitchen dining experience overlooking the paddy fields and pool, whilst the Spice Studio showcases an eclectic mix of Indian cuisine, from the North West frontier to the South East coast. Cooking classes and visits to an early morning fish market can be arranged; movies are screened twice daily. There's a spa offering Ayurvedic therapies, healing and nutrition, a sauna, kids' club and an enticing infinity pool.

Chennai /
The Leela Palace Chennai

326 rooms and suites
25 minutes from Chennai Airport

Prices from
£95pppn in low season
£110pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Chennai's first and only modern sea front palace hotel exudes refinement, deluxe rooms are the largest of their kind in the city, whilst luxury suites boast a living room, dining table, pearl inlay desk, deep soaking tub and separate shower. Modern day hospitality is integrated into old world charm and efficiency each member of staff going the extra mile to please. Meet up

Right: China XO Restaurant
Below right: Sea View Country Yard



for aperitifs in the citadel-like Library Blu before enjoying oriental cuisine at China XO or on finest Indian fare at Jamavar with its exclusive Maharaja Table. The Leela's Sunday brunches are legendary, while the Wednesday buffets introduce favourites from the streets of Japan, India, South East Asia and the Middle East. The opulent twelve-room ESPA spa offers personalised Ayurvedic therapies, Essence of Leela ritual head massages, or indulge with the signature Royal Leela facial.



Left: Spice Coast Cruise
Below left: Living Area

Kerala /
Spice Coast Houseboats

1 or 2 bedroom houseboats

1 night Spice Coast Cruise
Prices from
£125pppn in low season
£170pppn in high season
Based on 2 sharing a one bedroom houseboat
Price includes all meals on board, (lunch, dinner & breakfast) and mineral water

Escape to the waterways of Southern India where life moves slowly. Kerala is the best known of these destinations, boasting over 900km of tranquil waterways amidst a verdant landscape dotted with charming villages and lakeside resorts. To discover the quintessential Kerala there is no better way than to hire a kettuvallam. These leisurely

crafts feature spacious interiors, bedecked in local materials, and come complete with an on board chef to prepare delicious Keralan cuisine. Featuring a cosy living area, sundeck, luxurious bedrooms and bathrooms, plus homely touches such as wooden floors. Recline on the foredeck and get into the natural rhythm of life. Watch the palm trees sway in the breezes coming over the rice fields, hear the soothing music of the birdcalls and feel the gentle lapping of water at your door.



Cochin /
Brunton Boatyard

22 rooms
90 minutes from Cochin Airport

Prices from
£155pppn in low season
£295pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

History oozes from every pore of this evocative hotel, created from the remains of a Victorian shipbuilding yard. English, Portuguese and Dutch design graces spacious high-ceilinged interiors rich in artefacts from a bygone era of steam and sail, rooms boasting four-poster beds and views to the sea where dolphin play and

fishing boats ply their trade. The setting, on a prime stretch of Cochin’s harbour, is ideal for exploring the environs, from the antique shops and fabric sellers of Jew Town to the famous Chinese fishing nets, a system used locally for over five centuries. Meals, which are served in the atmospheric History Restaurant, showcase the best of Anglo-Indian cuisine; the tranquil gardens are perfect for taking ‘white linen’ afternoon tea. Play billiards, attend a cooking demonstration and experience a synchronised Kerala massage carried out by two expert masseurs.



Left: External
Below left: Luxury Grand Room

Kottayam, Kerala /
Coconut Lagoon

49 rooms
2 hours 20 minutes from Cochin Airport

Prices from
£75pppn in low season
£125pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Here in the backwaters of Kerala, life is never hurried and the friendly staff seems to anticipate your every need. Lying in a 30-acre estate, some of which is given over to rice paddies, the property features highly individual accommodation, from expansive villas with private plunge pool looking onto the lakefront to supremely comfortable



India, Ladakh /
The Ultimate Travelling Camp

Pioneers of the first truly mobile luxury camps in India, The Ultimate Travelling Camp (TUTC) introduces the discerning traveller to unique adventures in some of the country’s furthest flung corners. Combining carefully curated and unexpected locations with luxury tented accommodation, guests are able to experience dramatic landscapes, local festivals and cultural events that would otherwise remain undiscoverable.

Chamba Camp, Thiksey

14 tented suites
35 minutes from Leh Airport

From **£1605 per person**
including flights, 3 nights accommodation with butler service, all meals, non-alcoholic beverages and private transfers.

Operating annually between 15 May and 10 October, this camp is positioned in the shadow of the 15th Century Thiksey Monastery within the spectacular snow-capped Himalayas. Eleven Luxury Suite and three Presidential Suite tents are discreetly scattered throughout the site, allowing for utmost privacy along with en suite facilities and uninterrupted views; sophisticated colonial- style furnishings, designer linen and specially crafted Ayurvedic cosmetics adorn the tent interiors for a refined and relaxed feel. Yet it is the experiences here that are unparalleled – join monks at Thiksey Monastery for early morning prayers, take guided walks through remote villages, and embrace the thrill of white water rafting. Spectacular outdoor campfire dinners are arranged, or enjoy outstanding cuisine on a jetty poised beautifully over water bodies.



Above: Luxury Suite Tent



Above: Tent Verandah

Chamba Camp, Diskit

8 tented suites
4 hours 30 minutes from Leh Airport

From **£1010 per person**
including flights, 2 nights accommodation with butler service, all meals, non-alcoholic beverages and private transfers.

A four and a half hour drive through dramatic landscapes from Thiksey lies the Diskit Camp – an oasis of peaceful solitude nestled within India’s glorious Nubra Valley. Open annually from 15 May to 30 September, the site comprises eight Luxury Suite tents, each with en suite facilities and locally-inspired safari style furnishings. A host of unique experiences await at the camp – take an adventurous ride on the double hump Bactrian camel on the sand dunes of the Hunder cold desert; attend a distinctive prayer ceremony at the Diskit Monastery - the oldest and largest Buddhist monastery in the Nubra Valley famed for hosting His Holiness the Dalai Lama in July 2017, or simply soak up the serenity of the whispering winds of the dunes.

A photograph of three Buddhist monks in Bhutan. They are wearing traditional orange robes and tall, pointed red hats with blue and white patterns. The monk on the left is holding a long, ornate wooden staff. The monk in the middle is holding a small bowl with a white substance and a red stick. The monk on the right is holding a long, ornate wooden staff. They are standing in front of a wall with a dark wooden frame and a light-colored, textured surface. The wall has some faint, colorful murals. The ground is made of stone tiles.

Bhutan

IMBUED WITH A SENSE OF COLOURFUL SPIRITUALITY, BHUTAN PROMPTS MEDITATION AND RELAXATION, ITS MAJESTIC SNOW-CAPPED MOUNTAINS PROVIDING A MESMERISING BACKDROP.

A Taste Of Bhutan

When To Go

Bhutan can be visited year-round, although the most pleasant weather occurs from March to May and from October to November. The winter months between December and February are particularly magical, characterised by refreshingly crisp days and blue skies with occasional snowfall, whilst the temperature drops further at night. The lush summer months are an ideal time to view the wildflowers..

GMT +6 hours *Flying Time* Delhi to Paro: 1 hour 30 minutes / Bangkok to Paro: 2 hours 20 minutes

The heart of the Himalayas

Explore the ethereal Kingdom of Bhutan on a seven night journey - Uma by COMO, Paro and Uma by COMO, Punakha, includes exclusive private touring. This trip combines spectacular drives, nature walks, and monastery visits, from the gravity-defying Tiger's Nest monastery to the temple of the Divine Madman, Discover Paro town with its Big Buddha statue, the dzongs of Punakha Valley and the bustling capital of Thimpu. Visit www.carrier.co.uk for full details of this itinerary.

Hot stone traditions

The romantic, re-energising hot stone bath rituals of Bhutan are legend. The process starts with heating large river stones on a fire. Once glowing red, they are dropped in a wooden trough filled with water. The holes in the chamber allow the stones to heat up the water whilst giving out minerals that dissolve and infuse the bath with medicinal properties. At Amankora Gangtey the baths can be taken in a candlelit stone hut where bamboo sliding doors reveal mesmerising views of the valley.

Culture

From the textile and folk museums of Thimpu to the rare Black Neck Crane Centre of Gangtey, Bhutan offers a myriad of attractions. Cultural Paro, boasts traditional cantilevered bridges, temples and massive fortresses such as the Ricjen Pung Dzong. Punakha has temples galore where staying with Aman resorts grants you exclusive permissions to access many temples where other tours do not. Don't miss Bumthang with its colourful Queen's Temple and Burning Lake rock formation.



Discovery

The 'Land of the Thunder Dragon' exudes spirituality and serenity, its ravishing mountain vistas provide the backdrop to a revelatory journey of discovery. Tiger's Nest Monastery hangs on a cliff above a beautiful forest of blue pine and rhododendrons. Travel to Taktshang on foot or by horse, if the full hike is too tough you can rest at the wooden teahouse restaurant or cafeteria en-route. During the ascent the trail crosses a chapel of butter lamps and descends to a waterfall by the Snow Lion Cave.

Exploration

Whether you're a cyclist or motorcyclist, this is a stunning way to see Bhutan and get up close and personal with its people and traditions. There are good paved roads with little traffic, but expect plenty of curves. The rides never become boring as glorious landscapes unfold before you, taking in lush forests, vibrant towns such as Thimpu (not a traffic light to be seen), Paro and Punakha, and stopping en route to visit dizzyingly-high dzong fortresses, monasteries and temples.



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Punakha /
*Amankora
Punakha*

8 suites
4 hours from Paro Airport

Prices from
£830pppn
including full board.

Built around a traditional farmhouse, this lodge is reached by way of a small bridge across the Mo Chhu river. Built to harmonise with its serene surroundings the lodge comprises comfortable suites with the look of simple sanctuaries, formed from rammed-earth set in a tranquil orange grove. The courtyard makes for a picturesque spot to enjoy breakfast. In a separate building a spa offers local herb treatments and comes complete with steam room and tea pavilion; there is also a pool to enjoy. Dishes range from Western and Indian to traditional Bhutanese, while private dining experiences can be arranged both inside and outside the lodge. The nearby Punakha Dzong has a distinctly mystical air.



Above: Living Room
Below: Paro bonfire



Thimphu /
*Amankora
Thimphu*

16 suites
2 hours from Paro Airport

Prices from
£830pppn
including full board.

Utter tranquillity greets you in a lodge that lies close to the King's personal residence. Set in a blue pine forest amid the mountains of the Motihang region it provides a welcome escape from the clamorous capital. Welcoming open fires warm the wood panelled dining room and lounge; comfortable suites with a traditional bukhari wood burning stove have plenty of room to relax. Guests can enjoy traditional performances whilst seated in the courtyard; a peaceful spa offers royal Bhutanese herbal treatments. The capital Thimphu, with its stupas and Dzongs is a culture lover's paradise. Read up on the attractions beforehand in the well-stocked library.



Left: Dining Room
Below left: Living Room

Gangtey /
Amankora Gangtey

8 suites
5 hours 15 minutes from Paro Airport

Prices from
£830pppn
including full board.

Set on a wooded knoll, this secluded lodge consists of eight spacious suites, all with a daybed to maximise the sweeping scenic views of the valley floor and the 16th-century Gangtey Goemba monastery. Part of an important wildlife reserve, the valley is home each winter to a flock of 300 endangered black-neck cranes. Each open plan suite is equipped with a wood-burning stove and separate rain shower in addition to a

free-standing terrazzo-clad tub and daybed. Floor-to-ceiling windows in the main lounge area frame mountain and marshland vistas. An array of Bhutanese, Western and Indian dishes are served using local ingredients such as yak meat and fresh honey. Dine by candlelight in a converted potato shed warmed by a bukhari, drinking in live sounds of traditional Bhutanese folk music. Enjoy a de-stressing hot stone massage in the Spa.



Paro /
Amankora Paro

24 suites
30 minutes from Paro Airport

Prices from
£830pppn
including full board.

Situated in Balakha Village with views across to the snow-capped Mount Jhomolhari, Amankora Paro contrasts rustic elements with contemporary design. In the main building guests can dine and relax in the library, whilst a separate building houses the spa with its feature hot stone bath, cedarwood scented treatment rooms and glass-walled yoga studio. All the rooms boast equally impressive views over the pine-lined peaks. Suites are replete with a wood-burning stove, king-size bed, reading chair and a banquet window-seat; a communal outdoor terrace with sunloungers provides vista viewing in comfort. The perfect base to reach the Tiger's Nest Monastery.



Top: Suite
Above: Living & Dining Room

Bumthang /
Amankora Bumthang

16 suites
15 minutes from Bumthang Airport

Prices from
£830pppn
including full board.

This atmospheric lodge lies on the edge of Bumthang town home to twenty nine temples and monasteries, and is a treasure-trove of Bhutan's art and painting traditions; it is also well known for its locally brewed Red Panda beer. Amankora Bumthang rests adjacent to an old palace which was once home of the first two kings of Bhutan; The Wandichholing Palace – now a temple where guests can witness Bhutanese rituals and blessings.

Sixteen suites, each simply and attractively decorated with wood panelling, reflect Aman attention to detail, featuring wood-panelled interiors, a bukhari and comfy daybed. A welcoming communal area with dining room and living area is complemented by a spa, a library and an outdoor area where traditional cultural performances are held. Meet up for pre-dinner drinks by the bonfire; join organised excursions to nearby landmarks.

Right: Dining Room
Below right: Courtyard



Top: Courtyard
Above: Suite

A scenic view of a Sri Lankan beach. In the foreground, three fishermen are perched on a rustic wooden pier made of vertical poles, which is situated on a rocky shore. They are wearing hats and casual clothing, and one is holding a long fishing rod that extends over the water. The pier is built on dark, jagged rocks. Beyond the rocks is a wide, sandy beach that stretches towards the ocean. The water is a vibrant turquoise color with white foam from the waves breaking. In the distance, there are large, dark rock formations jutting out into the sea. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and tropical.

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When To Go

The best time to visit is generally from November to March when the weather is hot and at its driest, however the ancient cities are best visited from April to September. August is also a popular time to visit, and those travelling during the summer months will benefit from good hotel offers..

GMT + 5.30 hours *Flying Time* London to Colombo: 10 hours 30 minutes

Stirring tea trails

Covered with tea plantations and National Parks, the verdant hill country of central Sri Lanka is home to some of the most historical accommodation in the country, the cool climate providing a refreshing contrast with the often scorching coastline. Travel by train from Kandy to Hatton or from Peradeniya to Nanu Oya, passing through eucalyptus forests, charming villages and endless green acres of tea plantations. Join poet Royston Ellis for the ‘Tea with The Beatles’ original Paperback Writer Tour.

Four by four by fauna

Located in the Cultural Triangle, Minneriya, Eco, and Kaudulla National Parks offer exceptional opportunities to see elephants. Aboard a well-equipped 4×4 you will navigate the park with a naturalist who knows the best vantage points. In Yala National Park, Sri Lanka’s second largest, ecosystems range from moist monsoon forests to crocodile-rich freshwater wetlands, forty four separate species of mammals, including one of the highest leopard densities in the world.

Planters lunch

Epicureans will find much to delight them in the cuisine of Sri Lanka. A Planter’s Lunch with Emil Van Der Poorten takes in a guided walk around the ancestral estate of this award-winning columnist and raconteur, whilst a seven course Degustation Dinner with Host Chefs promises a fine dining feast for up to twenty four guests, with signature cocktails and sophisticated food fusions such as oysters with rosemary vermouth and passion fruit ice. Each course comes with an eloquent introduction by the chefs.



Wildlife wonders

Sri Lanka’s biodiversity is a natural bounty that never fails to delight. There are over one hundred areas of protected land in the country, including the world’s first official reserve, Mihintale. For sightings of Sri Lankan leopards head for Yala National Park; elephants abound at Uda Wallawe, Minneriya and Kaudulla National Parks; the sloth bear roams the forests of Wilpattu. Bird lovers flock to the rainforest habitat of Sinharaja, whilst off-land there are whales, dolphins and the iconic sight of stilt fishermen.



Temple of the sacred tooth

Buy a lotus flower at the entrance to Sri Dalada Maligawa - the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic, a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy. Located in the royal palace complex, the relic of the tooth of Buddha has played an important role in local politics and culture since ancient times. Walk in the company of your own personal guide through the gardens to the temple where monks conduct their daily worship, performing the symbolic bathing of the relic each Wednesday.

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Negombo, near Colombo / *The Wallawwa*

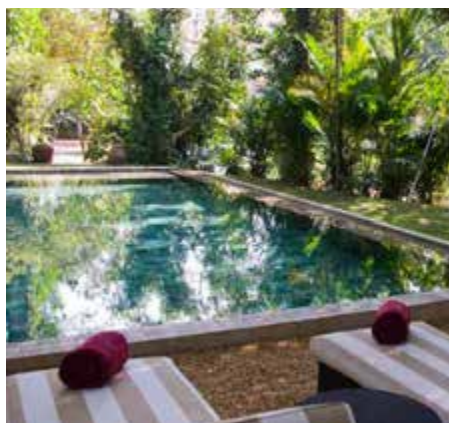
17 rooms and suites
20 minutes from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£85pppn in low season
£150pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Recognised as one of the highest rated luxury boutique hotels in Sri Lanka, the Wallawwa provides sanctuary and serenity within a lovingly converted manor house. Surrounded by five acres of tropical landscaped gardens, the property features airy suites with impressive modern bathrooms equipped with rain shower and

slate twin sinks, whilst four-poster beds adorn the bedrooms and an outdoor sit-out leads to the luxuriant gardens. Take high tea on the lawn before dinner in the à la carte Verandah restaurant where Asian fusion food takes centre stage and kids can choose from their own menu. The recreational choices are diverse – from exploring the exciting city of Colombo or taking it easy on Negombo Beach to easing away the strains of a busy sightseeing day in the Z Spa where treatments include scrubs and wraps with a strong Ayurvedic element. Whatever your preference, dedicated butlers will attend to your every wish and whim.

Right: Swimming Pool
Below right: Bedroom



Kandy / *Clingendael*

5 suites
4 hours from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£335pppn in low season
£415pppn in high season
minimum 2 night stay including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

This colonnaded quintessential boutique hideaway in the mountains above Kandy offers absolute luxury. Built in Dutch colonial style the property comprises five tranquil suites located in the main house or in the gardens, each individually styled in rich fabrics and dark woods – some with direct access to a private viewing terrace. Guests can dine à la

carte on authentic Sri Lankan cuisine, lovingly prepared to order with maximum use of local produce – the perfectly manicured gardens being ideal for outdoor dining. For recreation try croquet on the lawn or take a dip in the outdoor infinity pool surrounded by tranquil water features. The neighbouring Victoria Golf and Country Resort offers a par 73 challenge on one of the world's most scenic championship courses. Guests can also take part in cookery classes to learn Chef's secrets and techniques. Visit nearby Kandy and the famed Temple of the Tooth, or venture further afield to the impressive Dambulla Caves.

Right: Swimming Pool
Below right: Red Room Verandah



Left: Duplex Villa Pool
Below left: Deluxe Villa Bedroom

Sigiriya / *Water Garden Sigiriya*

30 villas
3 hours 30 minutes from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£145pppn in low season
£210pppn in high season
including half board.
Room upgrades available.

Perfectly located for exploring Sri Lanka's Cultural Triangle this tranquil boutique property comprises thirty villas, partially submerged in water, their diaphanous interiors bedecked with designer furniture. Some of the villas have private plunge pools; all have vistas over the streams that flow all

around - the hotel boasting a modern-day water harvesting system inspired by the 2,000 year old version on historic Sigiriya Rock which lies just six kilometres away. Savour international organic cuisine in the main restaurant with its hand crafted chandelier; meet up later for drinks in the chic two-tier bar. A spa and outdoor pool are complemented by recreations such as archery and cycling.



Left: Swimming Pool
Below left: High Tea

Hatton / *Ceylon Tea Trails*

21 suites
4 hours 30 minutes from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£330pppn in low season
£415pppn in high season
minimum 2 night stay, all inclusive board.
Room upgrades available.

Regarded as the most scenic part of Sri Lanka, Tea Country is the setting for an idyllic sojourn high in the hills, staying in a colonial home built in the days of the British Raj. The world's first tea bungalow resort, it features suites which open directly onto flower filled gardens, boasting wide verandas, elegant bathrooms, four-

poster beds, open fires and crisp, white linens. With a butler on hand to serve and draw your bath, enticing gourmet meals combining Western fare with traditional Sri Lankan cuisine and tea inspired dishes made to order, there's a real sense of elegance. Some may prefer to follow the Tea Trail from one property to the next, spending the night in different locations, others will opt for just one comfy hideaway. Pursuits range from tea factory visits and tastings, to mountain walks and biking.



Boutique Sri Lanka

5 nights from £2,525 per person, based on 2 sharing

Negombo

This picturesque fishing town has a rich heritage – prized for its cinnamon, the town revels in its rich colonial past. Old world fishing boats deliver their fresh catch to the many seafood restaurants that line the beach; or trade at the town’s fantastic fish market, Lellama. As one of Sri Lanka’s most liberal towns, Negombo is home to a plethora of great shops and bars, spend your days chilling out by the pool, stretched out on the sand or wandering through town, browsing, purchasing souvenirs and other bits and pieces. There is also a collection of pretty Roman Catholic churches, which has earned Negombo the moniker ‘Little Rome’.

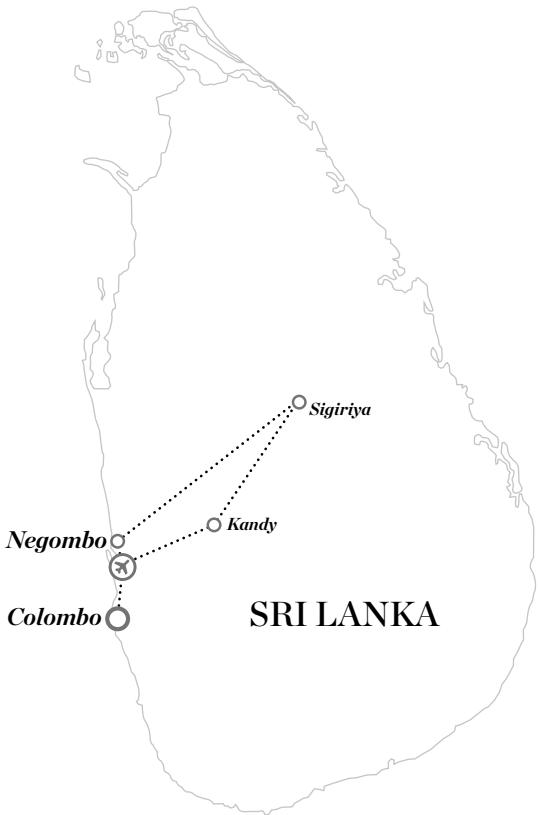
Sigiriya

Surely Sri Lanka’s most dramatic vista, the rocky outcrop of Sigiriya rises majestically from the surrounding plains. Climb the near-vertical walls, passing remarkable frescoes and carvings, to discover the

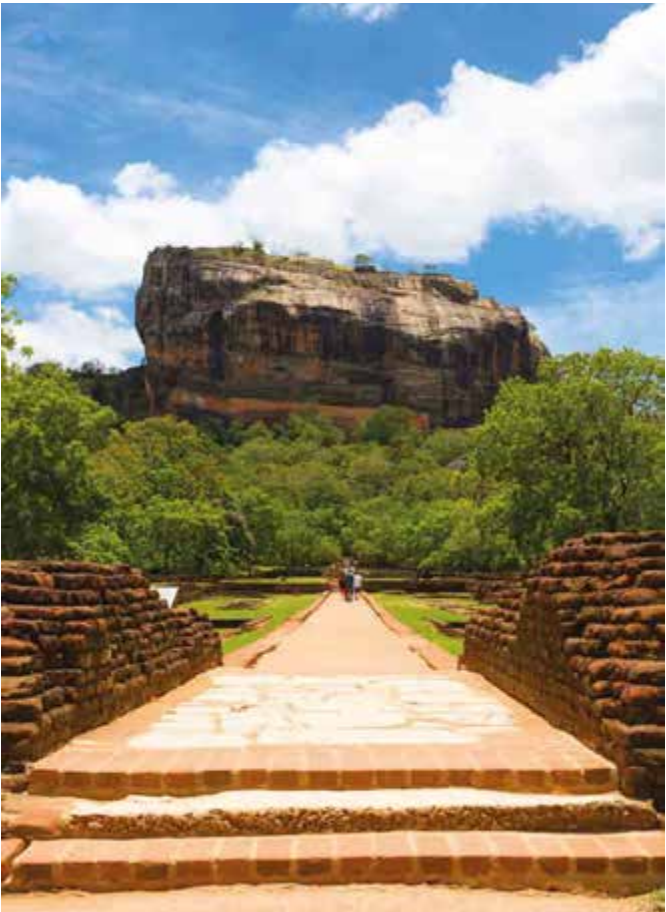
ruins of an ancient civilisation, and enjoy the breathtaking views, especially early morning, when the forests, water gardens and shrines are shrouded in mist.

Kandy

Nothing sums up the island’s diversity quite like making the short trip from the humid clamour of Colombo to a hill town such as Kandy, where temperatures remain comfortable all year round. Follow the scenic tea trails towards Hatton, linking the great tea estates, learning about cultivation and harvesting and staying in historic accommodation including the former bungalows of the tea estate managers, now turned into beautifully-appointed lodges. Kandy is also home to the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic and a vast array of shrines and temples dating back to the fourteenth century, religious life centres on the Temple Palace and the monasteries of Asgiriya and Malwatte.



Clockwise from top:
Fishermen's Catamaran,
Sigiriya Rock, Tea Country



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Colombo

Day 2

Upon arrival transfer and overnight at The Wallawwa, Negombo (BB)

Days 3-4

Transfer to Sigiriya for 2 nights at Water Garden Sigiriya (BB)

Day 5-6

Transfer to The Kandy House, Kandy for a 2 night stay (BB)

Day 7

Transfer and fly overnight to the UK

Price includes all economy international flights, accommodation, meals as specified and private transfers.

BB - Bed & Breakfast

Carrier Recommends

Why not add a two night extension to your itinerary?

Tea Country

Discover the tea making process first hand, starting from the tea picking fields to the factory where the conversion to tea takes place.

Wildlife

Yala National Park, with its abundance of wildlife, is ideal for a full or half day Jeep safari. Spot leopard, crocodiles and elephant.

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Pasikudah / *Uga Bay by Uga Escapes*

48 rooms and suites
4 hours from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£115pppn in low season
£190pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Well located for visiting Batticaloa and the UNESCO sites in Polannaruwa, Uga Bay commands a serene seafront setting on the east coast. The property’s semi-circular design ensures an ocean view from each of the rooms – the private Bay Suite having a open air plunge pool; the romantic Beach Villa offering private access to the beach.

Sri Lankan and Asian influences prevail in the restaurant with its well-balanced menu of Western favourites and Sri Lankan specialities, private dining is also available in-room, on the beach or at the poolside. Families will appreciate the sheltered bay which remains shallow for a long way out and is ideal for snorkelling, diving and watersports. The white sand beach is the setting for the Chalk and Cheese Bar, serving a selection of snacks, tapas and Italian dishes. In addition to a swimming pool and beach barbecues, recreations include a sunken spa where revitalising therapies are accompanied by sea vistas.

Right: Beach Villa Pool
Below right: Beach Studio



Wadduwa / *Reef Villa & Spa*

7 suites
2 hours from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£210pppn in low season
£300pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Seventh heaven lies in the seven sumptuous suites of this highly individual property tucked away in three acres of lush, landscaped gardens beside a classic palm-dotted sandy beach. Colonial influences abound to lend the villa an air of bygone times – antiques and heirlooms rubbing shoulders with the latest comforts and mod

cons. Accessible by stepping stones across the pond, Lily Pond suites are romantic, while Plantation House suites are bedecked in British campaign furniture, with four-poster beds, hand coloured floor tiles and ceiling punkahs. Relax in an open-plan private walled garden with waterfall showers – furnished timbered decks proffer views of the gardens, pool, beach and Indian Ocean. Dine on coastal cuisine with a relaxed mode in the Summer Breeze restaurant or on your veranda. Rejuvenate in the spa with a herbal salt scrub; end the day with sundowners in the cocktail bar.

Right: Entrance Doors
Below right: Main House Suite



Left: Resort Exterior
Below left: Suite

Colombo / *Residence by Uga Escapes*

11 suites
40 minutes from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£120pppn in low season
£175pppn in high season
including breakfast.

Walk in the footsteps of British Governors and Indian Maharajas in this captivating Colombo getaway, its great halls and expansive gardens accustomed to entertaining guests in grand style. Lying between leafy Park Street and the lakeside shrine of Gangarama, this 150 year old, eleven suite property was once a townhouse frequented by the cream of Ceylon society.

Behind its attractive boutique exterior lie impeccably decorated interiors and accommodation, the opulent, serene Park Suites with their tastefully themed living rooms, stylish bathrooms and outdoor private courtyards, while the ultra-spacious Residence Suite offers every conceivable comfort. Feast on a parade of chef’s specials and à la carte treats, complemented by premium whiskies and aperitifs in the Residence bar. In addition to the large free-form swimming pool there’s a gym.



Left: Suite View
Below left: Exterior

Galle / *Amangalla*

28 rooms and suites
2 hours 30 minutes by road or 1 hour 30 minutes by road and air taxi from Colombo Airport

Prices from
£280pppn in low season
£365pppn in high season
including breakfast, afternoon tea by the pool, mini bar (excluding alcohol) and Wi-fi.
Room upgrades available.

Amangalla lies at the heart of this UNESCO World Heritage Site adjacent to the Dutch-era Groote Kerk. Set within the ramparts of Galle Fort, the seventeenth century building retains much of its original character, the interiors graced by

period furnishing – suites and chambers boasting polished teak floors, free standing bathtubs and four-poster beds, the windows looking out over the imposing hexagonal stone fort or the property’s mature gardens. Watch the world go by from the terrace before eating in The Dining Room, a colonial style restaurant with antique silverware and glittering chandeliers, whilst for sundowners the upstairs balcony is ever popular. In the spa an Ayurvedic doctor is on hand to recommend treatments.



Tangalle / Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle Resort

152 rooms and pool villas
1 hour 30 minutes from Mattala Airport

Prices from
£145pppn in low season
£190pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

After the exertions of exploring the Cultural Triangle, settle back in to a coastal paradise that exudes peace and serenity in inimitable Anantara style. Traditional Sri Lankan design gives the resort a welcoming appeal, whilst its beachfront location against a backdrop of coconut plantations adds a paradisiacal air. There’s a wide selection of

contemporary-style accommodation – the Deluxe Ocean View rooms being particularly spacious; the Pool Villas having a terrace and private plunge pool. Dine cliff edge, shoreline or poolside on exquisite cuisine spanning Sri Lankan specialities, Italian, teppanyaki and international. In addition to a split-level pool, the Anantara Spa offers aromatherapy and wellness programmes. There is also a surf centre and supervised kids’ club, and for the culinary minded, Spice Spoons cooking classes can be arranged.

Right: Beach Pool Villa
Below right: Il Mare



Left: Pool
Below left: Suite

Tangalle / Amanwella

30 suites
75 minutes by road from Mattala
Rajapaksa Airport

Prices from
£340pppn in low season
£445pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

A Zen-like tranquility pervades this exclusive property on a picture-postcard cove replete with requisite palm-fringed golden beach. Each of the thirty contemporary suites are furnished and equipped with mod cons including Bose iPod docking stations, whilst a generously

sized plunge pool and daybed awaits on the private terrace. Overlooking the emerald sea is a forty seven metre infinity-edge pool, which is in turn overlooked by the panoramic restaurant, where local seafood from the Indian Ocean is a speciality. The catch of the day is delivered fresh from the fishermen’s boats, with locally grown produce from nearby markets also featuring strongly on the menus. Au naturale forms the basis of the pampering spa treatments, which can be taken in the suites themselves.

Hambantota/ Shangri-La’s Hambantota Resort

300 rooms and suites
40 minutes from Mattala Airport

Prices from
£115pppn in low season
£205pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Recently opened, Shangri-La Hambantota is already creating waves on the pristine southern coast of Sri Lanka. Spanning over fifty hectares and offering a comprehensive range of spacious rooms and deluxe suites, dining options are delightful and diverse, encompassing Sri Lankan cuisine at

Bojunhala and dishes inspired by the famous hawker stalls of Southeast Asia at Sera, while lighter snacks, cocktails and refreshments are provided throughout the day at Gimanhala and Ulpatha. The resort houses an impressive 18-hole golf course, an expansive spa and an artisan village that celebrates the traditions and skills of local craftsmen. Families are given a warm welcome with a range of specially-designed services including The Cool Zone Kids Club, open every day. Youngsters will love the seven metre high trapeze, drone flying area, outdoor water park and their own pool.

Right: Entrance Area
Below right: Ocean Suite



Left: Coastline
Below left: Cocoon Bedroom

Yala National Park / Wild Coast Tented Lodge

28 cocoons
1 hour 10 minutes from Mattala Airport

Prices from
£440pppn in low season
£485pppn in high season
including all meals, beverages and two game
drives per day.

Adventure meets creature comforts in this close-to-nature tented lodge on the rugged shoreline next to Yala National Park. Relax into cossetting cocoon-shaped tents with four-poster beds and freestanding copper bathtubs, some with private pools facing the beach, some with decks overlooking local watering holes, ideal for wildlife spotting.

Families will appreciate the Cocoons in the family area with their adjoining Urchin Tents. Meals are served in the open-air bamboo dining pavilion, lunch being à la carte, the delicious evening meals featuring Malay-inspired fare from the rotisserie, barbecue and tandoori oven. Guided safaris explore the quietest corners of the Park, famed for its leopards, elephants, and sloths – unwind in the Sanctuary Spa with its revivifying tea and cinnamon treatments.

Forts & Beaches

5 nights from £3565 per person, based on 2 sharing

Galle

An almost undiscovered hideaway the preserve of just a few intrepid families, Galle lies in south-west Sri Lanka and is arguably the in-place for stylish relaxation. Rising to prominence as a port of call for Chinese, Persian, Arab and Indian traders, later followed by Portuguese, Dutch and British colonialists, all leaving their indelible mark on this enchanting seaside town. The beautiful beaches showcase local fishermen bringing in the day’s catch whilst balanced precariously atop their poles. The UNESCO World Heritage protected Galle Fort is an 18th-century Dutch walled town with chic shops, grand colonial houses with eaves and pillared frontages - the fort is enfolded by impossibly thick granite ramparts.

Tangalle

Secluded on Sri Lanka’s southernmost shores overlooking the Indian Ocean, beach-blessed Tangalle is the go-to place for laid-back, forget-about-everything lounging. Here, nature rules; calm fishing boat-flocked coves carpet a stretch of coastline west of town and wild turtle-trampled beaches extend eastwards for miles. Watersports and whale-watching beckon if you’re feeling adventurous, with spas and spicy cuisine back on shore for spoiling yourself. Explore the lush green interior of paddy fields, rock temples and national parks, a wow for wildlife safaris. Visit nearby Dickwella, famed for its colossal Wewurukannala Buddha statue. The ancient monastery of Mulkirigala, is perched on a hillock.



Clockwise from top:
Buddha, Turtles, Lighthouse in Galle.



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Colombo

Days 2-3

Transfer to Galle to spend 2 nights at Amangalla (BB)

Further inclusions:

minibar (excluding alcohol)
afternoon tea by the pool
a tour of the fort
treatments for both guests in the tranquil spa.

Days 4-6

Transfer by private car to Amanwella in Tangalle for a 3 nights stay (BB)

Further inclusions:

minibar (excluding alcohol)
afternoon tea by the pool
a Mulgirigala rock temple tour
a sixty minute aromatherapy massage for 2 people

Day 7

Return to Colombo Airport and fly overnight to the UK

Price includes all economy international flights, accommodation, inclusions and meals as specified and private transfers.

BB - Bed & Breakfast

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119 Amangalla
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When To Go

Australia's seasons in most areas are the opposite to those in the UK and best visited from November to March. However, the best months to visit the Northern Territory, Kimberley and tropical North Queensland are during the dry season from April to November.

GMT Eastern States: + 10 hours. *Western Australia:* + 8 hours *South Australia & Northern Territory:* + 9.30 hours
Flying Time London to Sydney: 21 hours 30 minutes / Perth: 18 hours 40 minutes

Island escapes

Escapades naturally focus on the Great Barrier Reef, one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World with its cornucopia of islands and astounding marine life. Enjoy a day trip to the tropical rainforest vegetation of Green Island or the Low Isles where you can snorkel off the beach. Linger a little longer at the ultra-luxe Lizard Island with almost a beach for each room. The Great barrier Reef is just as stunning from above so why not take to the skies on a 'Best of Both Worlds' flight?

Australian valleys

There are cellar doors by the score so no matter which wine region you choose, you won't leave disappointed. Three of the best wine tours include teachings of local wine experts for intimate tastings, the Hunter Valley known for its Semillon; premium wineries-home Margaret River with a private barrel tasting; or a journey around well-renowned Barossa Valley beginning with Maggie Beer's café and then a masterclass at Peter Lehmann complete with a platter of regional morsels.

Foodies

Continuing to emerge as a foodie destination for gourmet excellence, it would be remiss of us not to highlight the tasty food options that will satisfy your inner connoisseur amidst picturesque valleys. Enjoy a lavish creation after watching the factory in action at architect-designed Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery in the beautiful countryside of the Yarra Valley. Or, if you would rather seek out savoury, go cheese tasting in the Hunter Valley and sample Pyengana, a cheddar-style that has been going for over 100 years.



The magic of Ayers Rock

This massive sandstone monolith needs no introduction, but it is how you spend your time at this impressive landmark that makes a difference. Hear creation stories and other prominent dreamtime stories at sunset at the entrance of Mutitjulu Waterhole or embark on an early morning expedition to the Walpa Gorge. Bypass the Aboriginal art market and instead meet with local indigenous artists who will bring the ancient rock art and dot paintings to life. Take the road less travelled.

Luxury cruising

This is adventure cruising at its best. Extended time on the sea is avoided and instead, the focus of a True North ship (accommodating just thirty six guests) is on sailing deep into the wilderness. On an Australian Coast cruise, go fishing or diving around the Abrolhos Islands, Ningaloo Reef or the fascinating Monte Bello Islands. Or explore spectacular gorges and waterfalls on a Kimberley Wilderness Cruise. What's more, the ship has its own helicopter for even more exclusivity.



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Perth /
COMO The Treasury

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Prices from
£205pppn
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Situated in the revitalised historic heart of Perth lies COMO The Treasury - an intimate contemporary hotel, artfully built into the city's 19th century State Buildings. Conceived by cutting-edge designer Kerry Hill, no two rooms are the same. Calming, neutral tones offer a serene space in which to retreat, whilst Grand Posture king size beds, heated floors and German deep-form Kaldewei Duo

bathtubs provide the ultimate comfort. Enjoy views of Cathedral Square or Stirling Gardens from oversized windows, or opt for a balcony room to maximize the vistas. Dine at rooftop Wildflower to sample a farmer-and-forager-driven menu of dishes, or opt for modern Australian fare in Post. Healthful COMO Shambhala cuisine rich in vitamins, minerals and natural goodness is also available. Continue your quest for wellness in the 20m indoor pool, encased within floor-to-ceiling glass walls serving wow-factor cityscape views, and healing and holistic treatments at the COMO Shambhala Urban Escape.

Right: Post Exterior
Below right: Treasury Balcony Room



Melbourne /
Park Hyatt Melbourne

240 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Melbourne Airport

Prices from
£140pppn in low season
£225pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available..

Bordered by century old elm trees, Park Hyatt Melbourne combines an enviable position with a distinctive interior. Located in the historic section of the city, all of the main attractions are in easy reach. Guest rooms are elegantly appointed and feature luxurious marble bathrooms with walk in wardrobes. For extra space choose Park

Right: Exterior
Below right: Park King Room



Deluxe accommodation boasting pampering amenities such as jetted spa tub, the softest robes and the option to request cathedral, city or garden views. Led by Chef de Cuisine Tyson Gee, the Raddi restaurant cascades over five levels of inspired Art Deco design and offers award winning modern European cuisine whilst the Lounge Garden is ideal for lighter bites, afternoon tea with free-flowing sparkling wine and inventive evening cocktails. Facilities include a twenty-five metre indoor heated aquamarine swimming pool, a health spa, steam rooms, saunas, plunge pool and an alfresco sun deck relaxation area.



Left: Hennessy Bar Lounge
Below left: Deluxe King Room

Adelaide /
Mayfair Adelaide

170 rooms and suites
15 minutes from Adelaide Airport

Prices from
£100pppn in low season
£120pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Mayfair Hotel is Adelaide's newest five-star boutique hotel. Located in the heart of the city, this heritage-listed building is complemented by a stunning jewel box addition that sits happily alongside the main building's gargoyle facade. In the well-appointed rooms and suites, Mayfair beds and marble-top desks have been

fashioned by Adelaide craftsmen. Feast on classic cuisine or enjoy elegant high tea in the Mayflower Restaurant mixing nostalgia with fresh local produce or opt for lighter fare at fashionable Café 55; the rooftop Hennessy Champagne Terrace being the place to drink in the stunning views from the open air deck and balcony. Local attractions include Adelaide Central Market and the nightlife of Hindley Street. Take an air excursion to nearby Kangaroo Island, swim with wild dolphins at Glenelg.



Left: Mode Kitchen & Bar
Below left: Outdoor Pool

Sydney /
Four Seasons Hotel Sydney

531 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Sydney Airport

Prices from
£150pppn in low season
£205pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

With the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House on its doorstep, this is a classic retreat. Decorated in grand luxe style, public areas gleam, whilst the rooms and suites are enhanced with colour schemes and hi-tech touches. For the most magnificent vistas, unwind in a Full Harbour View suite with panoramas of the bridge and Walsh Bay.

The hotel ranks highly for gourmet dining, Pei Modern focusing on locally sourced produce accompanied by an enviable collection of world-renowned wines. Enjoy light fare lounging by the pool; the Cabana being the place to catch a quick bite and cocktail, whilst Grain is the neighbourhood street front bar and Mode Kitchen & Bar offers simple fare. A large resort-style outdoor pool with cabanas is complemented by the Endota Spa, specialising in authentic Australasian treatments.





Above: Wolgan Valley Landscape
Right: Living Room Suite



Blue Mountains / *Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley*

40 suites
1 hour 30 minutes from Sydney Airport

Prices from **£865pppn**
including all meals, selected beverages and two onsite nature activities. Children over 8 years of age are welcome. Room upgrades available.

Located in the Blue Mountains between two magnificent National Parks, this premier One&Only hideaway lies within its own 7,000 acre wildlife and conservation reserve. It features forty luxury suites designed in Federation style, each with its

own private swimming pool, fireplace and veranda. The focus of the resort is the 1832 Heritage Homestead and Kitchen Garden, providing ingredients for distinctively Australian dining overseen by Internationally acclaimed chefs. Experience a blend of wildlife, dramatic natural beauty, conservation, culture and a spectacular bush setting, discovered through activities including four-wheel drives, heritage tours, wildlife spotting and horse riding – the Wolgan

Signature Horse Trail crossing rivers, grassland and eucalypt woodland, often through mobs of kangaroos. Hiking, archery and mountain biking can be arranged, along with bird watching and a Nightlife and Stargazing adventure, with opportunities to spot possums, wombats and gliding marsupials. The spa uses elements sourced from the surrounding environment to pamper. Experience the bliss of a mountain aroma massage or a signature bathing ritual.

Great Barrier Reef / *Orpheus Island Lodge*

28 rooms
30 minutes by air from Townsville or
90 minutes by air from Cairns

Prices from **£520pppn**
including all meals, selected beverages and a daily experience. Room upgrades available.

Whether the aim is to spot humpback whales as they migrate along Australia's east coast, or simply to ensconce yourself in unparalleled laid-back luxury on an immaculate stretch of coastline dotted with secluded bays, Orpheus Island Lodge is sure to delight. Lying on the barrier reef within a pristine National Park and World Heritage-

listed Marine Park the lodge comprises rooms and beachfront suites decorated in minimalist island chic style, whilst North Beachfront Villas offer two-bedroom luxury with ravishing sea views from a private terrace. Gourmet menus feature acclaimed fusion cuisine. Make the most of a multitude of recreations spanning spa treatments, swimming in the oceanfront infinity pool or exploring to neighbouring islands and hidden beaches in a motorised dinghy. Diving and snorkelling are particularly spectacular here, the principal dive sites boasting 1,100 of the 1,500 species of fish on the reef.



Above: Aerial view
Below: Swimming Pool



The Great Australian Explorer

13 nights from £9295 per person, based on 2 sharing

Sydney

Framed by the Harbour Bridge and white sails of the Opera House, Sydney is awash with world class shops, restaurants and galleries, its beaches a magnet for surfers and sun worshippers. Must do experiences in this mesmerising city - a fantastic birdseye city tour by seaplane or spend a memorable evening at Sydney Opera House with a guided tour followed by dinner and a performance.

Blue Mountains

The World Heritage Wilderness of the Blue Mountains National Park encompasses thundering waterfalls, eucalyptus-forested gorges and art deco clifftop villages. Join a 4WD safari, explore the spectacular Jenolan Caves or take the Scenic Walkway to learn about local history.

Great Barrier Reef

Stay on a secluded island, enveloped by

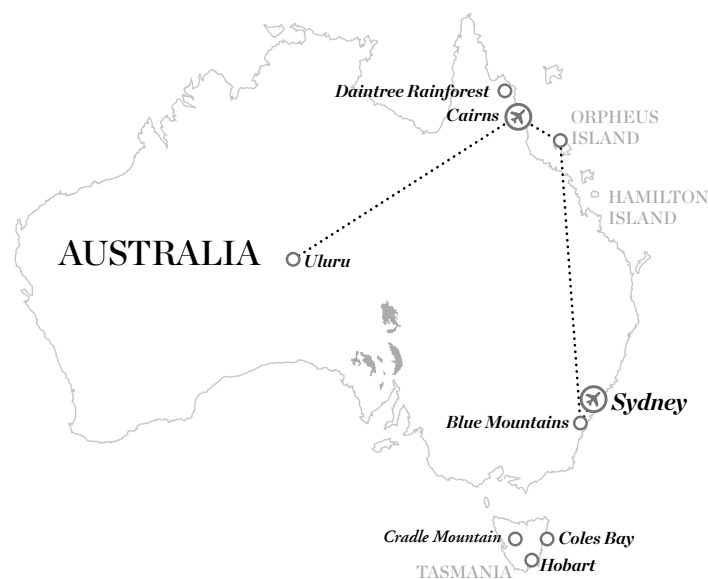
the natural beauty of the reef. Take a trip to Hinchinbrook Island, Australia's largest island National Park and take in the scenery of beaches, headlands and waterfalls. Encounter colourful marine life by diving or snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, making every stay unforgettable.

Daintree Rainforest

A World Heritage listed gem showcasing nature at its most vibrant. Explore the crystal creeks of Mossman Gorge and relax on the Port Douglas's palm-fringed four mile beach only a short drive away from luscious ancient woodland.

Uluru

Eternally mysterious, Australia's most recognisable natural icon rises nearly 350 metres high from the desert. Take a base walk around five hundred million years of history and watch as the sun rises and sets behind it.



Clockwise from top:
Sydney Harbour, Uluru, Blue Mountains



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Sydney

Days 2-4

Transfer to the Park Hyatt Sydney for a 3 night stay (BB)

Days 5-6

Transfer to Lilianfels Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains for a 2 night stay (BB)

Days 7-9

Fly to Townsville and transfer by boat to Orpheus Island Lodge for a 3 night stay (FI)

Days 10-12

Return to Townsville and fly to Cairns. Transfer to Silky Oaks, Daintree Rainforest for a 3 night stay (BB)

Days 13-14

Fly to Ayres Rock and transfer to Longitude 131°, Uluru for a 2 night stay (FI)

Day 15

Depart Ayres Rock and fly overnight to the UK

Price includes all economy international and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified, selected excursions and private transfers.

BB - Bed & Breakfast / FI - Fully Inclusive

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131 Orpheus Island Lodge
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Sydney /
Park Hyatt Sydney

155 rooms and suites
30 minutes from Sydney Airport

Prices from
£340pppn in low season
£450pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Commanding a coveted waterfront address, perfectly nestled between the Harbour Bridge and Opera House, the Park Hyatt Sydney showcases a new level of contemporary luxury at the very edge of Sydney harbour. The existing guest rooms with their floor-to-ceiling glass doors, designer lighting and private balconies

have now been joined by three new rooftop suites, each proffering spellbinding skyline views from private balconies; Bose digital music systems and Nespresso coffee makers adding further deluxe touches. The stylish waterfront restaurant brings the opportunity to savour contemporary French cuisine using selected Australian produce, or sample lighter choices in the laid back Living Room. The Rocks bar hosts fine wines and signature cocktails. A sensory journey awaits in the day spa, where rituals are connected to the sun, wind, water, flowers and earth. There's a whirlpool and aromatherapy steam room, complemented by an outdoor rooftop heated swimming pool with sun deck and cabanas.

Right: Sydney Suite View
Below right: Roof Top Pool



Left: One Bedroom Suite
Below left: Bar area

Cairns /
Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina, Cairns

170 rooms and suites
15 minutes from Cairns Airport

Prices from
£100pppn in low season
£130pppn in high season
including breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Commanding the perfect position overlooking the yacht-dotted marina and Coral Sea, this is laid back Shangri-La chic. Ultra welcoming rooms combine comforts such as goose down pillows with memorable views of the city, the hotel's tropical gardens, Trinity Bay or Marlin Marina. All have private balconies to

maximise the vistas, and are decorated with local artworks. Michelin-starred Chef Aaron Habgood, previously of Sienna's in the UK, oversees an innovative menu – Australian at heart yet with inspirations of Asia and the Mediterranean. For a tempting array of appetisers and aperitifs, meet up at the quintessential resort-style Poolside Bar, or head to the North Bar for champagne and tapas. There's a beautiful hotel pool with sundeck whilst the gymnasium offers state-of-the-art cardio and strength training equipment.

Hamilton Island, Great Barrier Reef /
qualia

60 pavilions
Accessible by air from Sydney,
Melbourne, Cairns and Brisbane

Prices from **£470pppn**
including breakfast and non-alcoholic beverages.
Children over 16 years of age are welcome.
Room upgrades available.

Exclusive and award winning, qualia nestles on the quiet northern tip of Hamilton Island, surrounded by the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef and offering mesmerizing views over the Whitsunday Islands. Spacious high-spec pavilions, each facing the water with many incorporating plunge pools, blend seamlessly into the

Right: Beach House & Pool View
Below right: Windward Pavilion



bushland environs, whilst the Beach House presents an extensive entertaining area with private lap pool. Guests can savour qualia's famed 'Experiences', such as the Epicurean Food Experience which includes sake and sashimi tastings, and Champagne and Oysters with the General Manager every Saturday. Different styles of oyster are paired with top Australian and French champagnes, with tutorials on how to successfully and safely shuck oysters. A dazzling sunset cruise on board qualia's Atomic cruise boat is also an experience not to be missed. Find sanctuary in the Spa qualia or swim in one of two pools.



Left: Paddle Boarding
Below left: The Pavilion

Great Barrier Reef /
Lizard Island

40 rooms, suites and villas
1 hour by air from Cairns Airport

Prices from **£695pppn**
including all meals, non-alcoholic beverages and use of non-motorised watersports.
Children over 10 years of age are welcome.
Room upgrades available.

Fringed with coral reefs and powdery white beaches, Lizard Island lies right on the Great Barrier Reef. Accessible only by private charter from Cairns Airport, the feeling of blissful isolation continues into the suites and villas. Spacious and full of charm, most offer ocean or beach views, villas sitting atop a panoramic ridge; suites set in a broad

sweep along Anchor Bay. Inclusions are generous: gourmet meals, unlimited soft drinks, selected fine Australian wines, beer and spirits, in room minibar and ever-popular picnic hampers for sharing on a secluded beach. Dine at Salt Water for a fusion of Asian, Australian and Mediterranean flavours, or experience the romance of Sunset Beachside Dining in your own private marquee. Relax in the day spa or go diving in spectacular waters, whilst snorkelling from the private beach is a highlight.



Uluru-Kata Tjuta /
Longitude 131°

15 tents
20 minutes from Uluru Airport

Prices from **£1110pppn**
includes all meals, open bar with premium alcoholic beverages, in-suite bar, exclusive tours and transfers. Minimum stay 2 nights. Children over 10 years of age are welcome.

Fifteen elevated tents positioned on an isolated sand dune with views of Uluru... a simple description of a breathtaking destination, where you will awaken to your own private views of the sun rising over the ancient monolith. Your luxury palatial tent boasts air conditioning, armchairs, EcoSmart fireplaces, a minibar and a private bathroom

Right: Luxury Tent View
Below right: Luxury Tent Balcony



with shower to refresh and revitalize. Balconies with day beds have been recently introduced for ultimate viewing comfort. Dining and entertaining takes place in the impressive Dune House Restaurant and Bar, where guests will also find an outdoor pool and guest lounge. The wine cellar showcases the regions finest wines. An evening turndown service includes an after-dinner drink with accompanying digestifs, and the rollout of a new luxury swag for two, sleeping under the stars whilst being served Port and Cognac is divine. A touring programme exclusively for guests is included in your luxury wilderness experience.



Left: Deluxe Treehouse
Below left: Swimming Pool

Daintree Rainforest /
Silky Oaks

40 Treehouses
1 hour and 20 minutes from Cairns Airport

Prices from **£135pppn in low season**
including breakfast. Room upgrades available. Children over 8 years of age are welcome.

Close to the seaside village of Port Douglas, lies a luxurious lodge providing the perfect base for exploring North Queensland. Experience the ancient beauty of Daintree Rainforest at this spellbinding lodge. Blending modern design with casual sophistication, the retreat comprises treehouses of varying styles – the Deluxe Treehouse rests in a garden setting, en-suite marble bathrooms with walk-in rain

shower and a balcony and hammock. The newly appointed suites including the Lodge Suite boasts its own outside king-size four poster day bed. The open air Treehouse Restaurant, overlooking the Mossman River offers a memorable experience; further options include private riverside dining by candlelight and ‘jungle perch’ dining high in the tree canopy. At the serene Healing Waters Spa, indulge your senses with a range of treatments drawn from indigenous healing practices using products by Sodashi.

Kangaroo Island /
Southern Ocean Lodge

21 suites
35 minutes by air from Adelaide Airport

Prices from **£900pppn**
including all meals, open bar with premium alcoholic beverages, in-suite bar, guided activities and transfers. Room upgrades available.

Regarded as Australia’s Galapagos, Kangaroo Island is home to this architectural masterpiece perched high on a cliff top. Luxury suites are designed to capture the breathtaking panoramas, their coastal colour melding with the landscape in true eco-chic style. Adjoining two National Parks – Cape Bouguer and Kelly Hill - and standing close

Right: Flinders Suite
Below right: The Great Room



to Flinders Chase, it is the starting point for an array of touring experiences. The Australian cuisine is contemporary and accompanied by excellent wines. Executive Chef Alastair Waddell works with South Australia’s artisan growers and farmers to select the finest meats, fruits and vegetables, the produce being mostly organic. Thanks to the Lodge’s holiday house feel, guests can help themselves to a drink from their in-suite bar or from the Great Room – with an expert always on hand to assist with selections or cocktail mixes. Guided experiences and adventure activities are inclusive; spa treatments are inspired by the Aboriginal dreamtime.



Left: Appellation Sunset Terrace
Below left: Barossa Valley

Barossa Valley /
The Louise

15 suites
1 hour from Adelaide Airport

Prices from
£205pppn in low season
£225pppn in high season
including breakfast. Room upgrades available.

Normally closed for winter, this luxury vineyard retreat stands atop a gentle hill overlooking the world famous Barossa Valley. Accommodation comprises just fifteen suites, each with private terrace, soft contemporary furnishings and spacious en-suite bathrooms. Acclaimed for its fine cuisine, Appellation restaurant offers à la

carte tasting menus paired with the very best of Barossa, Australian and world wines. Wine buffs will be in their element with a chance to blend wine with a local winemaker and have the chef prepare a dinner to match. Chilled Champagne, handmade truffles and fresh flowers can be prearranged to make your stay all the more indulgent. Enjoy dining at Casa Carboni Enoteca with cuisine designed by Italian chef Matteo Carboni. Vintage cars are on hand for memorable valley drives; picnic breakfasts in the bush with the native kangaroos are truly special.



Classic Great Ocean Road

12 nights from £3605 per person, based on 2 sharing

Daylesford

Australia’s premier spa centre combines the restorative powers of the region’s mineral springs with epicurean sophistication – the town’s restaurateurs focusing on innovative cuisine using local produce. See the regions spectacular scenery in style with a private helicopter tour. Enjoy a long leisurely lunch at Lake House where you can sit overlooking the water. As the sun sets help the staff feed the family of kookaburras who fly in every evening for the best beef available!

Melbourne

Cosmopolitan Melbourne – home to the Australia Open and Formula 1™ Grand Prix – flanks the Yarra River and is renowned for its artistic café culture and is a haven for the fashion conscious with its trendy designer boutiques. Take a trip to Philip Island to view the charming Fairy Penguin Parade or a Sunrise Balloon Ride over the City Centre. Famed for its tram take the “Art from the

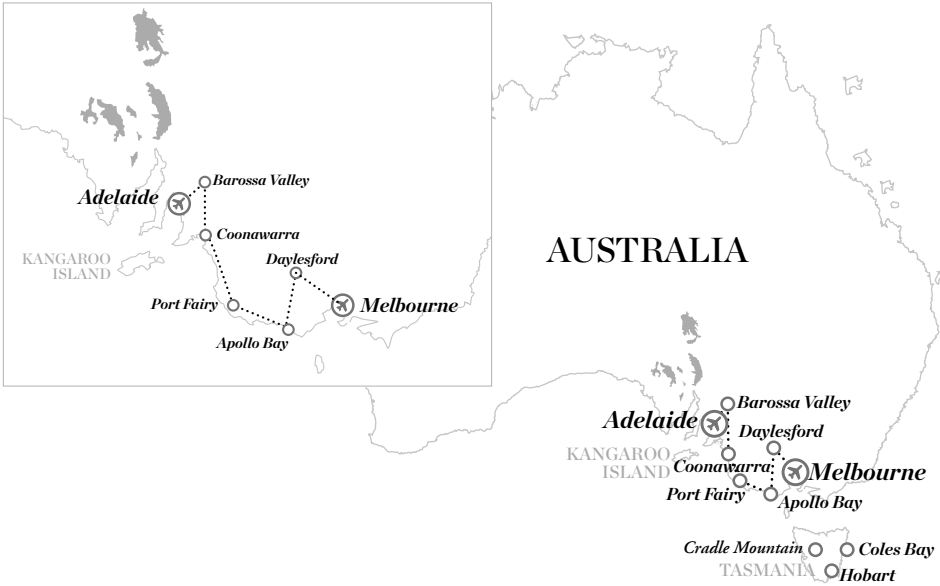
City Circle” tram ride, or walk through city streets, laneways, and squares and along the Yarra River to experience the city’s public artworks.

Coonawarra

The Barossa Valley is arguably the best known wine-producing region in Australia and is known for its award-winning premium red wines including Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Although small, the region boasts more than twenty cellar doors as well as the celebrated John Neilson art collection.

Adelaide

Distinguished by elegant tree-lined streets, pretty parks and stone churches, Adelaide has claimed the title ‘most liveable Australian city’. Cruises on the Murray River are a delight; enjoy a tram ride to the seaside town of Glenelg or venture out to nearby Kangaroo Island for its pristine beaches, towering cliffs and ultramarine seas.



Clockwise from top:
Melbourne Skyline, Kangaroo on Beach,
The Louise Vineyard



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Melbourne

Days 2-3

Drive to the Lake House, Daylesford for a 2 night stay (BB)

Days 4-5

Return to Melbourne for 2 nights at the Park Hyatt (BB)

Day 6

Drive to overnight at Captains At The Bay, Apollo Bay (BB)

Days 7-8

Drive to Port Fairy to spend 2 nights at Oscars Waterfront Boutique Hotel (BB)

Day 9

Drive to Merlot Verdelho, Coonawarra for an overnight stay (BB)

Days 10-11

Drive to Barossa Valley to spend 2 nights at The Louise (BB)

Days 12-13

Drive to the Mayfair, Adelaide for a 2 night stay (BB)

Day 14

Fly overnight to the UK

Price includes all economy international flights, accommodation, meals as specified and car hire.

BB - Bed & Breakfast

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A full-page background image showing a majestic snow-capped mountain peak, likely Mount Cook, reflected in the calm, turquoise waters of a lake. In the foreground, a large, white iceberg floats in the water. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, purples, and blues, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is serene and awe-inspiring.

New Zealand

TWO ISLANDS, ONE INSPIRING EXPERIENCE, STRETCHING FROM THE GLACIERS
AND FIORDS OF THE SOUTH, PAST THE BUBBLING POOLS OF ROTORUA TO THE
YACHT-DOTTED BAYS OF THE NORTH.

A Taste Of

New Zealand

When To Go

New Zealand's seasons are the opposite of those in the UK and less extreme. The North Island is sub-tropical whilst the South Island is temperate. The warmest and most popular months to visit are from December to April, although the shoulder seasons are also very pleasant and highly recommended.

GMT +12 hours *Flying Time* London to Auckland: 23 hours

Wineries

New Zealand has quite rightly established itself as a tastemaker in the wine world with its ten major wine regions. Hawke's Bay in the north is good for a robust Cabernet Sauvignon whilst Marlborough in the south, which produces 75% of the country's wine, is renowned for its Sauvignon Blanc. The best way to explore? A self-guided tour on a tandem bike, stopping for a game of petanque at Cloudy Bay or to loll on a beanbag with a mezze board at Forrest.

City living

Each city has its own unique flavour. Auckland boasts sprawling parks and breathtaking views from the Sky Tower. Capital Wellington on the harbour proffers hill-top lookouts and waterfront promenades. Birthplace of adventure Queenstown is loved for its youthful vitality and iconic hotel Eichardts on Lake Wakatipu's edge. Christchurch, is re-emerging as the place to be with its public art galleries and hipster vibes.

Thrills and spills

This is New Zealand after all, the country guaranteed to give you thrills like no other. Charter a boat for sailing, snorkelling and diving around the Bay of Islands. Spend time with sperm whales, dolphins and fur seals at Kaikoura and take a thrilling jet boat ride on the Shotover River. Go underground and spend hours zip-lining and tubing the secret world of glow-worms. Sky-diving, bungy-jumping, heli-hiking the Franz Josef glacier... Adventure beckons.



Sensational scenery

From spouting geysers to subtropical forests, vast glaciers to golden bays, this is a land of immeasurable and diverse landscape. To really appreciate the geology and geography, swoop over the fiords of Milford Sound by private helicopter or take to the skies in a hot air balloon over the Southern Alps. Testament to the astonishing scenery, the country was well-selected as the location for Peter Jackson's trilogy; visit places such as Rivendell or Hobbiton on a journey to Middle Earth.



Tee time

Golf courses have been designed to make the most of the terrain, from mountain areas to coastal locations. There are just a few less than 400 in total, suiting players of all abilities. Cape Kidnappers may well be New Zealand's best with its unprecedented cliff top views; enjoy a home-from-home stay there at Relais & Châteaux property, The Farm, close competitor The Kinloch Club, designed by Jack Nicklaus, is on the shores of beautiful Lake Taupo and boasts newly opened accommodation.

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Taupo /
Huka Lodge

20 suites
3 hours from Auckland Airport

Prices from
£675pppn in low season
£1220pppn in high season
including breakfast, pre dinner drinks and dinner.

Transformed from a simple anglers’ escape into a luxurious retreat, the lodge’s understated elegance, fine food and riverbank setting attracts the most discerning clientele. Guest suites are tucked away amongst the trees, offering privacy and five star touches such as heated floors and lavish bathrooms, whilst the four-bedroom Owner’s Cottage and two-

bedroom Alan Pye cottage are the ultimate indulgence. From hearty breakfasts to gourmet five-course dinners, the culinary presentations are exceptional, the Southland Lamb being a legend round these parts. Leisure facilities include tennis and a swimming pool; the Wairakei golf course is also nearby. Try a Fish and Chipping package if you enjoy fishing and golf – the property lies just forty miles from excellent trout streams. The area is also known for its hiking trails and scenic drives.



Right: Lodge Exterior
Below right: Trophy Room



Left: Hotel Exterior
Below left: Drawing Room

Palliser Bay /
Wharekauhau Country Estate

13 cottage suites
1 hour 40 minutes from Wellington Airport

Prices from
£480pppn in low season
£935pppn in high season
including breakfast, pre dinner drinks and dinner.

This award-winning Edwardian-style mansion is set in 5,000 acres of prime grazing land overlooking Palliser Bay. A working sheep farm that lies close to vineyards, it offers guests the opportunity to get involved and gain fascinating insights into daily farm life by way of a private half day farm tour. Self-contained cottages boast open fireplaces, deep sofas, and dramatic

ocean vistas, plus two stand-alone private properties. Natural materials take centre stage – clay tiles, pebble mosaics, hemp curtains and New Zealand wool carpeting adding homely touches. After cocktails, meals are taken in the lavishly appointed dining room, which in turn flows through to the impressive Country Kitchen and conservatory. Activities include tennis, mountain biking, four wheel drive farm safaris and tastings at local wineries, just a stones throw from the estate. An indoor pool and spa provide refreshing relaxation.

Christchurch /
Hotel Montreal

25 suites and a penthouse
20 minutes from Christchurch Airport

Prices from
£140pppn in low season
£175pppn in high season
includes breakfast.
Room upgrades available.

Design flair meets understated refinement in Montreal’s newest luxury boutique escape. Set by peaceful Hagley Park, just steps from the thrum of Victoria Street, the hotel’s suave, art-filled accommodation comprises one-bedroom Junior Suites with self-contained kitchenette, larger Family Suites with a private balcony and spacious living area, and a vast three-bedroom



Left: Hotel Exterior
Below left: Hotel Suite

Queenstown /
Eichardt’s Private Hotel

10 suites and apartments
10 minutes from Queenstown Airport

Prices from
£445pppn in low season
£560pppn in high season
Includes breakfast and pre dinner drinks.

Once the haunt of local gold miners; this renowned Queenstown landmark is now a fashionable, small hotel setting new standards of hospitality on South Island. The most awarded private hotel in the country and Queenstown’s premier lakefront address, it draws a loyal clientele with elegant touches in the suites such as fireplaces and personal minibar, the



Right: Penthouse Exterior
Below right: Junior Suite



bathrooms being large and opulent, beds super king-size and in-room entertainment is state-of-the-art. The rooms offer unforgettable views of Lake Wakatipu or the towering mountains; a separate building houses four lakefront apartments. The historic Eichardt’s bar is a local icon and is the only bar in Queenstown that serves Champagne Bollinger by the glass, whilst providing an atmospheric spot to relax. With its comfortable sofas, cosy fireplace and gracious service, savour excellent lunchtime tapas and indulge in signature cocktails including Eichardt’s Smoked Espresso Martini and Eichardt’s Mule. The town’s restaurants are also close by.

New Zealand At Its Best

14 nights from £12,075 per person, based on 2 sharing

Auckland

The ‘City of Sails’ regarded as one of the best lifestyle cities in the world, boasts marine reserves, golden swimming beaches and black sand surf. With it’s diverse ethnic mix, comes a myriad of cultural experiences, reflected in the Pacific atmosphere and cuisine.

Taupo

Famous for its trout fishing on Lake Taupo and guided fly fishing on the river, Taupo is a place to enjoy watersports, trek volcanic landscapes, scale soaring peaks and charter a boat to discover the Maori rock carvings at Mine Bay.

Palliser Bay

The southernmost point of North Island, Palliser Bay is home to the island’s largest fur seal colony. It also lies within easy reach of the Putangirua Pinnacles, backdrop for the third movie of the Lord of the Rings.

Christchurch

Spectacular parks and floral displays give Christchurch its ‘Garden City’ tag. The cultural scene is equally colourful, with numerous museums, galleries, cafés, bars and restaurants. Popular destinations such as Kaikoura and Akaroa are less than two hours’ drive away.

Wanaka

The crystalline waters of Lake Wanaka are perfect for fishing, kayaking and jet boating. The adventurous can try deep canyoning in Matukitiki Valley, heli-skiing in the Harris Mountains and hiking amidst the lakes and glaciers of Mount Aspiring National Park.

Queenstown

New Zealand’s year-round adrenaline capital lies on the shores of Lake Wakatipu. Skydiving, white water rafting and jet boating are a must do, exquisite wines are to be savoured in the Central Otago region.



Clockwise from top:
Milford Sound – South Island,
Maori Boat Carving, Beach



Suggested Itinerary

Day 1

Fly to Auckland

Day 2

Drive and overnight at the Sofitel Viaduct Harbour (BB)

Days 3-5

Drive and spend 3 nights at The Lodge at Kauri Cliffs, Bay of Islands (HB)

Days 6-7

Fly to Taupo and spend 2 nights at Huka Lodge (HB)

Days 8-9

Drive to Palliser Bay to spend 2 nights at Wharekauhau Country Estate (HB)

Days 10-11

Fly to Christchurch for a 2 night stay at The George (BB)

Days 12-13

Fly to Queenstown and transfer by helicopter to Wanaka for 2 nights at Minaret Station (FI)

Days 14-15

Drive and spend 2 nights at Eichardt’s Private Hotel, Queenstown (BB)

Day 16

Fly overnight to the UK via Auckland

Price includes all economy international and internal flights, accommodation, meals as specified, helicopter tour from Queenstown to Wanaka, private transfers and car hire.

*BB - Bed & Breakfast / HB - Half Board
FI - Fully Inclusive*

Featured Hotels

144 Huka Lodge

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145 Eichardts Private Hotel

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Bay of Islands/
Eagles Nest

4 villas
1 hour 5 minutes from Kerikeri Airport

Prices from
£415pppn in low season
£730pppn in high season
includes breakfast.

With its incomparable setting in the Bay of Islands, an easy walk from the town of Russell, the much accoladed Eagles Nest combines breathtaking vistas with award winning service. World class villas blend seamlessly into the tropical gardens and natural habitat of the seventy five acre estate, each air conditioned residence benefiting from a fully equipped gourmet kitchen, heated horizon-edge lap pool and home

Right: First Light External
Below right: Sacred Space Lounge



theatre system, with artworks to grace the walls. Honeymooners will be particularly impressed by the First Light Temple overlooking majestic land and seascapes, the ultimate romantic enclave where every whim is catered for. Resident personal chefs are on hand to create specially designed meals in your private accommodation – freshly caught fish being a regular favourite alongside succulent venison, lamb, lobster and more. Resident personal trainers and spa therapists ensure the most indulgent of stays; beyond the property lie attractions such as big game fishing, scenic cruising and kayaking.



Left: Lodge Exterior
Below left: Ridge Suite

Hawke's Bay /
The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

22 suites and an Owner's Cottage
45 minutes from Napier Airport

Prices from
£605pppn in low season
£1065pppn in high season
includes breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and dinner.

Sitting atop a beacon of land discovered by Captain Cook, this working sheep farm comprises a stunning four bedroom owners cottage and a cluster of luxurious suites – Lodge, Ridge and Hilltop – all with deluxe amenities including an oversized bathtub and offering scintillating views from the balcony. In the main lodge there's a convivial lounge, open fire places, intimate

dining spaces and a wine cellar complete with tasting room. Sumptuous as the à la carte meals are, food miles are kept to a minimum thanks to a policy of sourcing fresh produce locally, the property having its own vegetable garden and enjoying the services of a pastry chef who makes everything from scratch including cookies, breads, jams, ice cream and exquisite pastries. Recreations include a heated outdoor swimming pool, a spa, gannet safaris and golf on a world top-thirty course. Try your skills at shepherding or enjoy a thrilling two-day fishing package.

Glenorchy /
Blanket Bay

13 rooms and suites
1 hour from Queenstown Airport

Prices from
£390pppn in low season
£640pppn in high season
includes breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and dinner.

On the shores of Lake Wakatipu stands this luxurious alpine-style lodge that is a haven of tranquillity. Often voted as one of the world's best luxury lodges - owned by the retired CEO of Levis Jeans - it brings the chance to appreciate the spectacular surrounds of Wyuna Station, one of New Zealand's most iconic country farms. Colonial-style lodge rooms are the epitome of spacious elegant comfort. Dine in the

Right: Chalet Suite
Below right: Lodge Exterior



Lake View Dining Room where the à la carte menu changes nightly, on the patio in fine weather or reserve the Wine Cave for a more intimate affair. Hook a trout with the resident fishing guide, charter a helicopter or enjoy the heated lap pool, gym and spa. Take it easy on the Wine & Arts Trail visiting galleries and sampling Otago's finest wines in local vineyards. Witness the breathtaking sights of Milford Sound by helicopter - launched from the lawns of Blanket Bay.



Left: Verandah Suite
Below left: Lodge Exterior

Christchurch /
Otahuna Lodge

7 suites
30 minutes from Christchurch Airport

Prices from
£475pppn in low season
£730pppn in high season
Includes breakfast, pre-dinner drinks with wine pairing and dinner.

Built in 1985 for Victorian benefactor Sir Heaton Rhodes, this exclusive Relais & Châteaux homestead is surrounded by spectacular botanical gardens and retains many original features, from stained glass windows to ornate fireplaces and carved inglenooks, enhanced by an art collection considered to be the most important under

private ownership in New Zealand. Yet it is also the state-of-the-art services that impress. Individually designed suites exude refined comfort, superb seasonal cuisine and fine wines, all setting the tone for an unforgettable stay. In the dining room there's an air of Victorian opulence, or choose to dine at a private table in the sunken wine cellar or drawing room turret. For recreation there's a hot tub and swimming pool, with hands-on cooking lessons from Executive Chef Jimmy McIntyre which are always popular with guests. Altogether this is a honeymooners' paradise.

13 nights from £12,440 per person, based on 2 sharing

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An underwater photograph of a coral reef. On the left, there is a large, healthy coral structure with many tentacles. In the foreground, a large, colorful striped fish (likely a Surge wrasse) is swimming towards the right. Above it, a smaller yellow and black fish with a blue stripe is swimming. Several other small black fish are visible in the background. The water is clear and blue, and the seabed is covered in sand and coral rubble.

French Polynesia & Fiji

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ISLANDS, WHERE LUXURY IS LAID-BACK AND THE
WELCOMES ARE LEGENDARY.

A Taste Of

French Polynesia & Fiji

When To Go

Fiji enjoys a mild tropical climate all year, with May to October being the most popular months to visit. The best time to visit French Polynesia is from June to October when temperatures are at their most comfortable. Attractive hotel offers are available year round in both destinations.

GMT Fiji: + 12 hours. / French Polynesia: – 10 hours *Flying Time* London to Nadi: 23 hours 50 minutes / London to Tahiti: 19 hours 15 minutes

Tour the surf

On the south-west coast of Tahiti is the legendary wave of Teahupoo (pronounced cho-poo). It's the most feared reef break in the world, attracting the surfing elite every August for the Billabong Pro competition. Whilst it's only taken on by experts, a tour affords the chance for an adrenaline rush. As part of a day exploring this volcanic peninsular in a hire car, a one hour boat trip takes you to the wave - its unique characteristics are explained by local surfer Faraire.

Island paradise

Bora Bora, Huahine and Motu Iritu...explore the magic of these Tahitian islands from an exclusive viewpoint on-board a yacht with a maximum of just twenty four passengers and the same comforts you'd expect from a top-notch hotel. Water activities include kayaking and snorkelling with turtles whilst on land, meet local villagers at the traditional markets or visit plantations. Watch the most beautiful sunset listening to the sounds of a local island choir before settling down in your large en-suite.

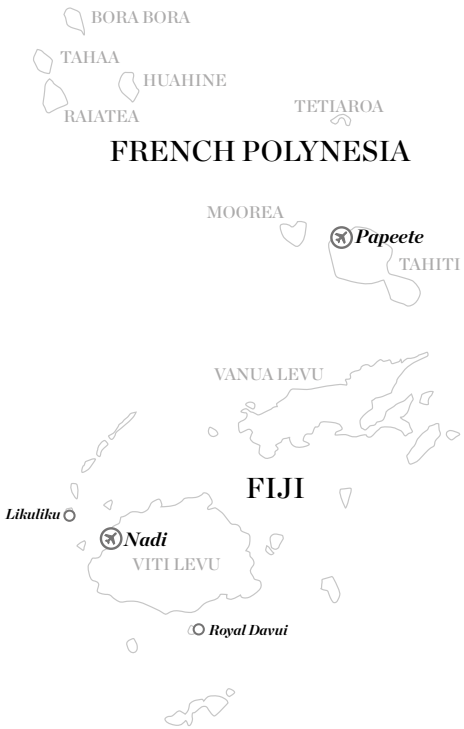
Underwater wilderness

Bora Bora lagoon, a snorkeller's paradise for all abilities where you can rollick with tropical fish, manta rays and reef sharks. Equipped with the latest generation masks that boast a 180 degree view; beginners or young families can embark on a tailor-made excursion which takes a gradual approach around the most beautiful site, the Coral Garden. For those who fancy something a little different, paddle to the oyster lines aboard a traditional canoe and then dive for your very own Black Pearl.



Beyond the beach

Time your trip with a festival or event that celebrates the culture of French Polynesia. There's the annual Tiare Tahiti flower celebrations where you can join in with a decoration competition or watch the prestigious annual Va'a - an outrigger canoe race, which is eighty miles from Raiatea to Bora Bora. A particular highlight is Heiva in June and July where they pull out all the stops; let the grass-skirted, hip swivelling Tahitian top-level dancers awaken your soul and your senses.



Island explorations

Away from the sheltered blue lagoons and teeming bright corals, lie mystical archaeological sites, majestic mountains and cultural treasures on the islands of Tahiti and Moorea. Why not go at your own pace, stopping whenever and wherever you please, with a hire car from AVIS. Opt for a rental pack for the added benefit of a digi-guide with details of no less than 120 sites. What's more, AVIS has a useful express service leaving you more time to explore.

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*Right: Premier Overwater Villa
Below right: Villa Bedroom*

Bora Bora / *The St. Regis Bora Bora Resort*

91 villas
15 minutes by boat from Bora Bora Airport

Prices from
£2885pp in low season
£3280pp in high season
including flights from Papeete, 5 nights accommodation with breakfast and private transfers. Room upgrades available.

One of the South Pacific's most luxurious resorts and the very epitome of carefree chic, this flagship St Regis enclave stands on a powder-white beach, the setting for stunning Beach Villas and Overwater Villas – the largest in the South Seas. All feature state-of-the-art technology, along with a terrace whirlpool or private swimming

pool. Dedicated St Regis Butler service assures discreet attention, whilst three dining options include an overwater dining room and the first sushi restaurant in Bora Bora. Michelin-starred chef Jean Georges Vongerichten ensures all cuisine is perfectly prepared and delightfully presented. Experience Tahitian spa treatments, swim or fish in the adult-only Oasis pool and let the children loose in their own supervised activity centre. Children under 12 years stay free of charge with half-price meals and their own complimentary ice cream passport.



Bora Bora / *Four Seasons Resort Bora Bora*

100 overwater suites, 6 beachfront pool villas,
1 presidential villa
15 minutes by boat from Bora Bora Airport

Prices from
£3705pp in low season
£4930pp in high season
including flights from Papeete, 5 nights accommodation with breakfast and private transfers.

Stylishly designed with local woods and glass panels in the bungalows to view the marine life in the crystal clear waters below, ultra luxurious thatched Overwater Suites stretch out into the lagoon whilst Beachfront Villas



Clockwise from top: Aerial View, Bungalow Interior, Infinity Pool,

are blessed with private pools. Four options for dining showcase a range of Polynesian delicacies including superb seafood, all enhanced by subtle French culinary influences. Meet up in the aptly named Sunset bar to sip champagne as the sun sinks low in a flashy display of colours. Overwater treatments can be experienced in the spa, where signature rituals include the Kahaia Heaven rebalancing therapy and deep sea purification employing detoxifying algae.

Gentle renewal awaits in the yoga pavilion, and you can even try stand-up paddleboard yoga.

The weekly Polynesian Show on Otemanu Beach features music, family dining and a spectacular Fire Dance performance. There's an array of watersports, private motu picnicking, Lagoon Sanctuary, Marine Biologist and more. The Kids for All Seasons Club has its own separate Teen Island.



*Left: Aerial View
Below left: Bedroom*

Bora Bora / *InterContinental Bora Bora Resort & Thalasso Spa*

80 overwater bungalows and 2 beach villas
30 minutes by boat from Bora Bora Airport

Prices from
£3025pp in low season
£3515pp in high season
including flights from Papeete, 5 nights accommodation with breakfast and private transfers.

Beautifully located on a strip of land between a turquoise lagoon and the sapphire South Pacific, the refreshingly modern Intercontinental Resort is centred around the unique Thalasso Spa, where spa aficionados can experience therapies which employ water pumped from the deep ocean. Using oceanic nutrients, spa goers can relax

and rebalance in blissful surroundings. Overwater villas provide the wow factor with panoramic private sun decks and pontoons. An extensive renovation programme to be completed in 2017, will see the addition of four deluxe two-bedroom overwater villas with private pools. Savour tantalising gourmet cuisine at Le Reef or dine at The Sands, set on its own enchanting stretch of beach. For evening relaxation, musicians play in the bar, where exotic cocktails and aperitifs are accompanied by spectacular views of Mount Otemanu.



Tetiaroa / *The Brando*

35 villas
20 minutes by air from Papeete Airport

Prices from
£9265pp in low season
£11000pp in high season
including flights from Papeete, 5 nights
accommodation on an all-inclusive basis
and private transfers.

On the distant atoll of Tetiaroa, accessed
by plane, lies a private island resort once
favoured as the personal retreat of Marlon
Brando, who first saw the island while
scouting film locations for Mutiny on the
Bounty. Today the resort endeavours to
operate exclusively with renewable energy

drawn from the sea and sun, and comprises
a winsome collection of one, two and three
bedroom villas with private pools, outdoor
eating and private beach area – each of the
larger villas having its own dressing room
and furnished private deck. Fresh seafood is
the star in the resort’s restaurants, alongside
Polyensian-inspired dishes, the finest East/
West fusion French cuisine and excellent
vintages from the world-class wine cellar.
Explore by bike or sailboat, go snorkeling or
take a steam bath in the spa. To confirm the
resort’s quality, in 2016 Travel+Leisure ranked
it ‘Number One Resort in the South Pacific’.

Right: Exterior One Bedroom Villa
Below right: Villa Bedroom



Left: Villa Exterior
Below left: Bedroom

Moorea/ *Hilton Moorea Lagoon Resort & Spa*

104 bungalows
30 minutes from Moorea Airport

Prices from
£1390pp in low season
£1620pp in high season
including flights from Papeete,
5 nights accommodation with breakfast
and private transfers.
Room upgrades available.

The picture postcard island of Moorea –
located between Cook’s Bay and Opunohu
Bay – is a heart-shaped enclave with white
sand beaches and clear, turquoise waters
just made for snorkelling and diving. Here,
at the foot of a mountain, Hilton has created

an inviting shoreline resort designed for
hedonistic relaxation. Whether you choose
a delightful Garden, Lagoon or Overwater
Bungalow you’ll enjoy every comfort with
spectacular views. Sunset and sunrise vistas
are entrancing from the Overwater Villas;
all Garden Villas have private plunge pools.
Savour memorable Polynesian and French
cuisine in the Aarii Vahine restaurant, and
beachside grills at Rotui. Explore a little, and
meet up over a Tahitian cocktail and crepes
at the Toatea Crêperie & Bar to watch the
sun go down. To energise body and soul, be
pampered with lavish spa treatments.

Fiji / *Likuliku Lagoon Resort*

45 bures
1 hour 15 minutes by road and boat from Nadi,
Airport. 10 minutes by helicopter or seaplane from
Nadi Airport or 45 minutes by private water taxi
from Nadi Marina

Prices from
£2880pp
including 5 nights accommodation on a full board
basis, use of non-motorised watersports and road/
boat transfers from Nadi. Children from 17 years
of age are welcome.
Room upgrades available.

Experience understated luxury at this
adult-only property on Malolo Island, the
only resort in Fiji with over water bures.

Right: Interconnecting Boardwalk
Below right: Spa



Relax in your air-conditioned bure with
its entertainment system and private deck
– the Deluxe Beachfront Bures having
a secluded courtyard, outdoor shower
and personal plunge pool. Sip a cocktail
beneath the sweeping roof of a traditional
canoe house and feast on Pacific Rim
cuisine with island herbs and spices. Sun
loungers surround the horizon-edge
freshwater swimming pool; deep relaxation
at the Tatadra spa with its calming
indigenous therapies.



Left: Aerial View
Below left: Premium Bedroom

Fiji / *Royal Davui*

16 villas
1 hour light aircraft and boat transfer from Nadi

Prices from
£2585pp
including 5 nights accommodation on a full board
basis, use of non-motorised watersports and light
aircraft/boat transfers from Nadi. Children from
16 years of age are welcome.
Room upgrades available

The Davui, or conch shell, symbolises the
secluded romance of this exclusive private
island accommodating just a handful of
guests. Fringed by a living barrier reef,
the white sand beaches offer a real escape
– perfect for honeymooners. Superbly

appointed Fijian Vales, with large balcony,
plunge pool and sundeck, offer stylish
private living, with the opportunity for
private dining or to dine in the Banyan
Tree Restaurant. Stretch out on a private
beach, dive the extraordinary coral
gardens or be blissfully pampered in
the Pure Fiji spa. There are catamarans
and kayaks, and throughout the week,
traditional Kava ceremonies provide an
entertaining highlight.



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MAKING A BOOKING AND PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

To confirm a holiday booking you must pay a deposit of £250 per person or 10% of the total holiday cost, whichever is the greater, or any applicable higher deposit. If you book 70 days or less prior to departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. After your booking is taken, a confirmation invoice will be sent to you. A contract between us will come into existence when this invoice is issued. Full payment must be received not less than 70 days before departure. We accept various methods of payment, however please note that if you choose to pay by credit card, there will be a charge levied. If you do not pay in full by the due date, cancellation charges as shown in our full booking conditions will be payable. Any money paid by you to one of our authorised travel agents for holiday arrangements which do not include flights arranged by us is held by the agent on our behalf. For flight inclusive bookings, all monies paid to an authorised travel agent for your holiday with us will be held on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust subject to the travel agent's obligation to pay such monies to us in accordance with our trading terms unless we fail. In the unlikely event of our financial failure, all monies then held by or subsequently paid to the travel agent for your holiday will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation on the agent to pay such monies to us.

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We hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence (ATOL number 2968). When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us, you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

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ABTA and ABTA members help holidaymakers to get the most from their travel and assist them when things do not go according to plan. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. For further information about ABTA, the Code of Conduct and the arbitration scheme available to you if you have a complaint contact ABTA at 30 Park Street, London, SE1 9EQ or see www.abta.com

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Before confirmation, we reserve the right to change our prices or any brochure information. Pricing errors sometimes occur. If we become aware of any error, we will endeavour to notify you at the time of booking (if we are then aware of the mistake) or within 7 days of the time of booking, or as soon as reasonably possible. We must reserve the right to cancel the booking if you do not wish to accept the price which is actually applicable to the holiday in which case, you will be given the choice to amend your booking to an alternative holiday, at the correct price. It is important to check your invoice as soon as you receive it. In the event of any discrepancy please contact us or your travel agent immediately. We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracies (for which we are responsible) in any document within 10 days of our sending it out (5 days for tickets). We will do our best to rectify any mistake notified to us outside these time limits but you must meet any costs involved in doing so.

OUT OF DATE -RANGE FLIGHTS

Please see our full booking conditions for terms applicable to holidays including flights which are out of date range and therefore not available to book when the booking is made. A contract between us will then come into existence on the basis that the price payable will be that applicable when the airline releases the seats and the timings and other flight details will be those confirmed at that time which may be different to those advised at the time of booking.

OUR PRICE GUARANTEE

All prices quoted in this brochure are calculated based on known costs and exchange rates as published in the Financial Times of 15 July 2017.

PRICE GUARANTEED – IF YOU PAY IN FULL AT THE TIME OF BOOKING

When full payment of the price is received, we will guarantee your holiday price will not change.

PAYMENT OF DEPOSIT ONLY – AT THE TIME OF BOOKING

The price of your confirmed holiday is subject to change for the following –

- (i) transportation costs, including the cost of fuel; or
- (ii) dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services such as landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports and airports.

Up to 2% increase – Absorbed by Carrier

Over 10% increase – Option to cancel

No changes within – 30 days of departure

HOLIDAY INSURANCE

It is a requirement of booking that you hold adequate travel insurance which is suitable for your particular needs.

TRAVEL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

Approximately 7 days before departure you will receive your flight/ e-ticket together with an itinerary. Please ensure that you check the flight timings on your tickets carefully. The correct timings, using the 24-hour clock

system, may have been adjusted since we published the brochure or you received your invoice.

CHANGES TO YOUR HOLIDAY

Requests for changes must be made in writing by the lead name and, where these can be made, will be subject to the charges shown in our full booking conditions.

TRANSFERRING BOOKINGS

If you are prevented from travelling, you may transfer the place on the booking to someone else, subject to the conditions and charges set out in the full booking conditions.

CANCELLING YOUR HOLIDAY

Cancellations must be notified by the lead name. Any notification by telephone must also be confirmed in writing or by e-mail within 24 hours by the lead name. Cancellation will take effect from the working day we receive your notification provided that written confirmation of any telephone cancellation is received by us within 24 hours of the original notification. Cancellation charges will then be payable as shown in our full booking conditions.

DELAY AND DENIED BOARDING REGULATIONS

In the event of any flight delay or cancellation at your UK or overseas point of departure, the airline is responsible for providing such assistance as is legally required by the Denied Boarding Regulations (see below). The ferry, tunnel or rail operator is similarly responsible in relation to any delayed or cancelled sea crossing or international rail departure. Except where otherwise stated in our brochure or on our website, we regret we cannot provide any assistance in such circumstances other than information and advice to the extent we are in a position to do so.

FLIGHT CHANGES

The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors. We will advise you of any significant change as soon as we are informed by the airline. Minor timing changes will be shown on the flight tickets. Should the changes involve a material reduction of your holiday duration, we will offer you a refund of any applicable costs. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions.

IF WE CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

We reserve the right to make changes to and cancel confirmed holidays. Most changes are minor but may occasionally be significant. Examples of significant changes are shown in our full booking conditions. Some of our holidays require a minimum number of participants to enable us to operate them; if the minimum number is not reached, we are entitled to cancel. We will notify you or your travel agent of cancellation for this reason no later than 70 days prior to departure.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel, we will tell you as soon as possible. If there is time to do so before departure, we will offer you the choice of (a) accepting the changed arrangements; or (b) purchasing an alternative holiday from us (paying or receiving a refund in respect of any price difference); or (c) cancelling or accepting the cancellation in which case you will receive a full and quick refund of all monies you have paid to us.

If we have to make a significant change or cancel we will, where compensation is appropriate, pay you the compensation payments shown in our full booking conditions depending on the circumstances and when the significant change or cancellation is notified to you subject to the following exceptions. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above

mentioned choices can be accepted where (1) we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or (2) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your holiday has not been reached (see above). Other exceptions apply as referred to in our full booking conditions.

FORCE MAJEURE

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events are likely to include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire, closure, restriction or congestion of airspace, airports and ports and all other events outside our control. Force majeure also includes the UK Foreign Office advising against all travel or all but essential travel to any country, region or destination.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU FOR YOUR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

(a) We promise to make sure that the holiday arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted holiday arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted holiday arrangements. It is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. We will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers).

(b) We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (including without limitation, loss of enjoyment or possessions), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from any of the following: – the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your holiday and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or 'force majeure' as defined above.

(c) For claims which do not involve personal injury, illness or death, the most we will have to pay if we are liable to you is twice the price the person affected paid for their holiday (not including insurance premiums and amendment charges). We will only have to pay this maximum amount if everything has gone wrong and you have received no benefit from your holiday. Where enjoyment of only some days has been affected, we will refund reasonable related expenses and pay a daily sum of compensation up to £50 per day per person affected.

(d) Subject to (b) above, if you are killed, injured or become ill during or as a result of, carriage (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) by aircraft, ship or train forming part of the holiday arrangements booked before departure from the UK and to which any international convention or EU regulation applies, our liability (including the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you, the types of claim and the circumstances in which compensation will be payable) will be limited as if we were the carrier

in question. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier concerned would have to pay under the international convention or EU regulation which applies to the travel arrangements in question (for example, the Warsaw Convention as amended or unamended and the Montreal Convention for international travel by air and/or for airlines with an operating licence granted by an EU country, the EC Regulation on Air Carrier Liability No 889/2002 for national and international travel by air, the Athens Convention (as amended by the 2002 protocol where applicable) and EC Regulation 392/2009 for travel by sea and COTIF, the Convention on International Travel by Rail). Where a carrier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or EU regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the carrier for the claim in question. Copies of the applicable international conventions and EU regulations are available from us on request.

e) Please note, we cannot accept responsibility for any services which do not form part of our contract. This includes, for example, any additional services or facilities which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where the services or facilities are not advertised by us as forming part of your holiday and we have not agreed to arrange them as part of our contract and any excursion you purchase in resort. In addition, regardless of any wording used by us on our website, in any advertising material or elsewhere, we only promise to use reasonable skill and care as set out above and we do not have any greater or different liability to you.

(f) Our suppliers (such as airlines, accommodation or transport providers) have their own booking conditions or conditions of carriage, and these conditions are binding between you and the supplier. Some of these conditions may limit or remove the relevant transport provider's or other supplier's liability to you. You can get copies of such conditions from our offices, or the offices of the relevant supplier.

(g) Operational decisions may be taken by air carriers and airports resulting in delays, diversions or rescheduling. Carrier has no control over such decisions, and is therefore unable to accept responsibility for them. Where, as a result of force majeure we are obliged to change or end your holiday after departure, but before the end of your holiday (which we must reserve the right to do), we will not pay compensation or refunds (unless and to the extent that any refunds are obtained from suppliers) or reimburse you for expenses incurred. You should have adequate travel insurance for your holiday and claim via your insurance company for any loss or damage to luggage and/or personal possessions or for any expenses incurred. In the event that any claim is made directly with us, our liability to pay compensation and/or the amount of compensation will be limited in accordance with the conventions referred to in (d) where applicable.

EXPERIENCES FORMING PART OF YOUR HOLIDAY

Please see our full booking conditions for applicable terms.

LOCALLY BOOKED EXCURSIONS/ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES NOT FORMING PART OF YOUR HOLIDAY

Whilst on holiday, you may be offered the opportunity to buy optional excursions and activities. Your contract for these will be with the local provider and will be subject to the provider's terms and conditions, some of which may exclude or limit its liability to you, and will be governed by local law and jurisdiction. We accept no liability for any breach of contract or negligent act or omission of any provider. Some excursions/activities may contain an element of risk or require a good level of physical fitness. If in doubt, you should make direct inquiries with the local

provider before deciding to buy, and check that you are covered by your travel insurance policy.

IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT

If you have cause for complaint whilst on holiday, you must bring it to the attention of our local representative and/or the supplier (eg hotel manager) immediately, or call the emergency contact number provided in your travel documents. They will do their best to rectify the situation.

If you do not raise concerns immediately, this may affect our ability to investigate and take remedial action and it may impact on the way your complaint is dealt with. If you remain dissatisfied, you should send us a complaint in writing within 28 days of the completion of the holiday. Please remember to quote your holiday booking number and daytime telephone number.

If your complaint cannot be resolved, you may use the ABTA arbitration scheme which is summarised in our full booking conditions. Full details are available on request or from www.abta.com

LAW AND JURISDICTION

We both agree that English law (and no other) will apply to your contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us ("claim") (except as set out below). We both also agree that any claim (and whether or not involving any personal injury) must be dealt with under the ABTA arbitration scheme (if the scheme is available for the claim in question and you wish to use it – see above) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and claim governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

DATA PROTECTION POLICY

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, we are a data controller. Our full Data Protection Policy appears on our website and the following is a summary only. Appropriate personal data will be passed on to the relevant suppliers and any other third party who need to know it so that your holiday can be provided. The information may also be provided to government / public authorities such as customs, immigration and the security services or as required by law. We may disclose personal data to companies in the Kuoni Group. Other than in relation to government / public authorities, we will take appropriate steps which are intended to ensure that anyone to whom we pass your personal data for any reason agrees to keep it secure and only uses it for the purposes of providing their services. If we cannot pass on personal data, we will be unable to fulfil your booking. In making your booking, you consent to personal data being passed on to the relevant suppliers and other third parties. We take appropriate technical and organisational measures which are intended to prevent unauthorised or unlawful processing of personal data and accidental loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal data. Your personal data may be stored, used and otherwise processed within the UK and/or any other country(ies) of the European Economic Area (EEA). We may also store, use or otherwise process personal data outside the EEA. Data protection laws may not be as strong outside the EEA as they are in the EEA.

We would also like to store and use your personal data for future marketing purposes unless you have told us that you do not wish us to do so. If you do not wish to receive future marketing material, please write to us or e-mail aspects@carrier.co.uk.

For our latest Booking Conditions please visit our website www.carrier.co.uk/booking-conditions

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