



TREASURES OF MALAYSIA, BORNEO & SINGAPORE

Classic Tour | 15 Days | Physical Level 1

Penang – Cameron Highlands – Kuala Lumpur – Sandakan – Kota Kinabalu – Singapore

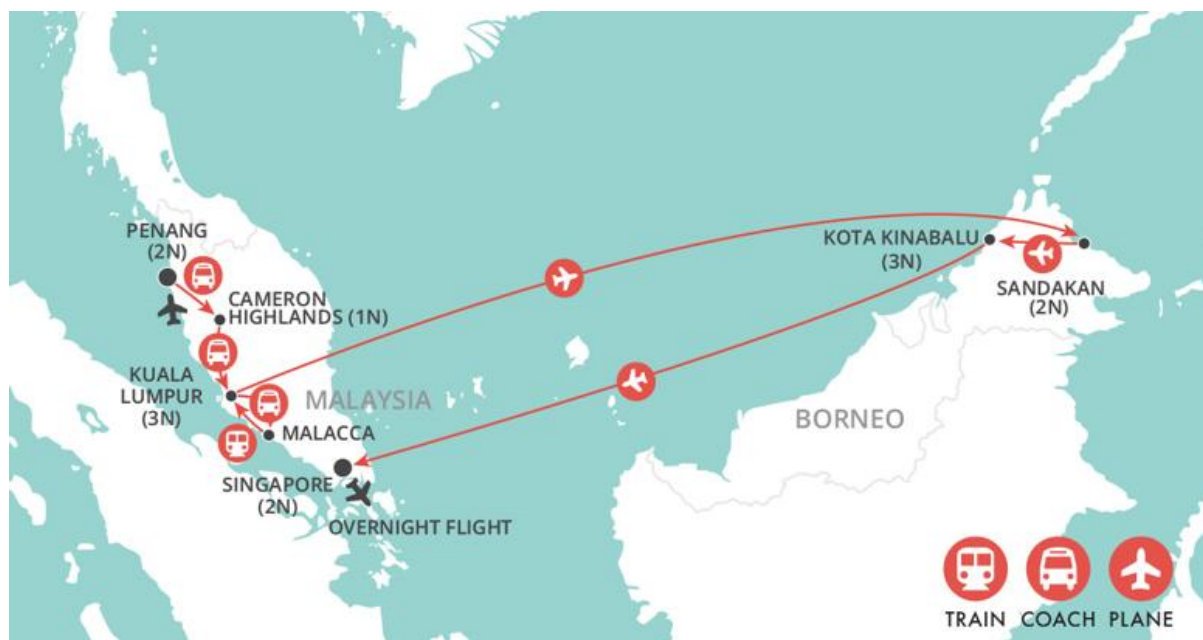
An unforgettable and incredibly diverse adventure through the cultural heart of Peninsular Malaysia, the wild jungles of Borneo, and the vibrant city-state of Singapore. Explore colonial streets, colourful heritage, and cool highlands as you journey from Penang to the Cameron Highlands, Kuala Lumpur and Malacca. Catch a flight to Borneo for relaxing river safaris and close encounters with orangutans, finishing up your journey in spectacular Singapore, where futuristic gardens, diverse neighbourhoods, and unparalleled skyline views await.

- Enjoy a trishaw ride through colonial George Town
- Venture up into the cool hills of the Cameron Highlands
- Explore vibrant Kuala Lumpur and take in the views from the Petronas Twin Towers
- Experience the wild beauty of Borneo with Orangutan encounters and river safaris
- Marvel at Singapore's stunning Gardens by the Bay

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TOUR MAP



TREASURES OF MALAYSIA, BORNEO & SINGAPORE TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- All accommodation
- All meals
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- English speaking National Escort (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants

The only things you may have to pay for are personal expenditures e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, customary tipping, meals not included, early check-in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

CLASSIC TOURS:

These tours are designed for those who wish to see the iconic sites and magnificent treasures of Southeast Asia on an excellent value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people. The tours are on a fully inclusive basis so you'll travel with the assurance that all your arrangements are taken care of. You will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and local guides, whose unparalleled knowledge will turn your holiday into an unforgettable experience.

PHYSICAL LEVEL 1:

Our tours come with a physical rating to guide you in selecting a holiday that suits your comfort level. Joining any of our tours involves independent mobility and the ability to stay active throughout the day, which is essential for fully enjoying the unique charm of each destination.

‘Treasures of Malaysia, Borneo & Singapore’ falls under a **Physical Level 1** category. This indicates a level of fitness that allows you to comfortably remain on your feet with occasional rests. Expect to effortlessly navigate boarding and disembarking from various modes of transport, including coaches, trains, and boats. You'll be walking around remarkable sites and ascending steps to capture those awe-inspiring views!

- Sightseeing may often involve walking for a reasonable duration, sometimes over multiple steps, or uneven surfaces.
- There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time, often on uneven surfaces.
- You will be required to get on and off small boats without assistance

Our National Escort is dedicated to providing a high level of service and support throughout your journey. However, their primary role is to manage the daily aspects of the tour. They are unable to offer extensive personal physical assistance. We kindly ask our travellers to be prepared for the physical aspects of the tour to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for everyone.

JOINING YOUR TOUR:

The tour is 15 days in duration including international flights as this is the most likely flight option from New Zealand. Please note that depending on flight schedules passengers may depart and arrive on Day 2.

Travellers booked on ‘Land Only’, the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour, or when booking pre and post night accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours. Please email your international flight times so we can arrange your transfers accordingly.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Penang and end the tour on Day 14 in Singapore. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure. An informal Welcome Dinner will be held on Day 1 of the itinerary. If you miss this due to your arrival time, all information will be provided to you at breakfast the following morning.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate; in these circumstances, we will make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1-2: Fly to Penang

Meals: D

Fly to Penang, a vibrant island located just off of Malaysia's northwest coast. You will be met at the airport by your Local Guide or National Escort. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel and check in.

Any time before this evening's dinner and welcome briefing is at leisure to start your explorations.



Destination Information

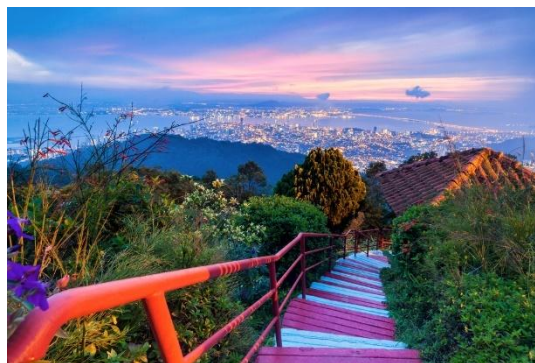
Penang: A must-visit on any trip to Malaysia, Penang is known for its rich cultural heritage, street food, and old-world charm. Its capital, George Town, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A true cultural melting pot, Penang blends Chinese, Malay, Indian, and European influences. Beyond the city, you'll find lush green hills, tropical beaches, and peaceful temples.

Day 3: George Town & Penang Hill

Meals: B, L, D

Start your day exploring George Town, Southeast Asia's largest UNESCO Heritage District. Visit the Esplanade, before enjoying a trishaw ride through historic streets, with a stop at Khoo Kongsi, a richly decorated Chinese clan house. Walk along the Street of Harmony, where temples, churches, and mosques reflect the city's multicultural spirit.

Next, ride the funicular up Penang Hill for sweeping views and lunch at the hilltop restaurant. Then explore The Habitat, a rainforest trail home to unique flora and wildlife like dusky leaf monkeys and giant squirrels. Finally, make your way to the water's edge visiting Chew Jetty, home to hundreds of people living in century-old stilts above the sea.



Destination Information

George Town: The capital of Malaysia's Penang state, George Town is a city where cultures, flavours, and histories come together in an assault on the senses. Its UNESCO-listed streets are lined with colonial buildings, colourful shophouses, and vibrant murals making it an unmissable destination in Malaysia.

Penang Hill: Offering a cool escape from George Town's sun-blushed streets, Penang Hill's unparalleled views, landscaped gardens, colonial mansions and hilltop restaurant can all be accessed via one of the world's oldest funicular railways.

Chew Jetty: Chew Jetty is a picturesque waterfront village that offers a first-hand glimpse into Penang's heritage. Rows of wooden stilt houses stretch out into the Strait of Malacca, where families have lived for generations. You'll find traditional homes to peer into, nooks and crannies to explore, and small shops and eateries selling local products.

Day 4: Ipoh & Cameron Highlands

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, begin your journey to the historic mining town of Ipoh. Explore the old town, visiting the Ipoh Railway Station and Birch Clock Tower before enjoying lunch.

Call at Kellie's Castle, an unfinished Scottish mansion shrouded in mystery and hidden within the Malaysian countryside, before continuing to the Cameron Highlands.

**Destination Information**

Ipoh: A historical city located in the state of Perak, Ipoh is often known as the gateway to the Cameron Highlands. Surrounded by limestone hills, caves and lush greenery as you head further into the mountains, the city is famous for its colonial Old Town.

Cameron Highlands: A popular hill station in Central Malaysia, the Cameron Highlands is known for its cool climate and scenic landscapes of rolling hills, forests, and tea plantations. The climate combined with its high altitude provide ideal conditions for growing tea, which has been produced in the region since British colonialists introduced tea trees in the 1920s.

Day 5: Mossy Forest

Meals: B, L, D

Begin your day with a short journey to the region's iconic Mossy Forest. Take a relaxed uphill hike as you observe an array of exotic plants like ferns and pitcher plants, before being rewarded with a beautiful panorama of the surrounding valleys. Afterwards, drive to a tea plantation where you will learn about the local tea production.

After lunch, continue on to Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur. En-route, stop at the Lata Iskandar Waterfall and browse indigenous Orang Asli roadside stalls selling a variety of unique handicrafts. If you're lucky, they may extend an invitation to visit their village and experience traditional pipe-blowing activities.



Destination Information

Mossy Forest: A unique and mystical ecosystem, the Mossy Forest is known for its cool and misty atmosphere and rich biodiversity being located at the top of a mountain. The forest is almost entirely covered in thick moss giving it an almost otherworldly feel. The Mossy Forest is home to an abundance of rare plants including orchids and ferns as well as a variety of wildlife.

Sungai Palas 'BOH' Tea Plantation: Established in the 1920s, BOH Tea Plantations have grown to become the country's largest black tea producer with this specific site being one of its key plantations. On your visit, you'll hear first-hand the history of tea cultivation from plant to cup.

Day 6: Discover Kuala Lumpur

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, escape the hustle and bustle of the capital to its outskirts, as you journey to the famous Batu Caves. Be greeted by the majestic Murugan Golden Statue, before climbing the rainbow-coloured staircase to explore the cave's mystical temple.



This afternoon, embark on a tour of Kuala Lumpur's highlights including Independence Square and the Masjid Jamek, Kuala Lumpur's oldest mosque. Ascend all 88-storeys of the Petronas Twin Towers to cross the Sky Bridge and see unparalleled panoramic views of the city and beyond. Return to ground level and head over to Chinatown for a food tour, indulging in the diverse flavours that define Malaysian cuisine.

Destination Information

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia's dynamic capital is known for its striking skyline, dominated by the iconic Petronas Twin Towers. Holding the title of being the tallest buildings in the world for eight years, they've become synonymous with the city and a must-visit on any trip to the capital. As with most modern capitals, KL blends modern development with a colourful heritage and its Malay, Chinese, and Indian influences can be seen in everything from temples through to street food.

Batu Caves: One of Malaysia's most famous landmarks, the Batu Caves site is a significant religious destination for Hindus, home to a towering statue of Lord Murugan, which stands at 42.7 meters tall. Visitors must climb 272 steps to reach the main cave, which houses ornate shrines and statues dedicated to Hindu deities. The steps themselves have become a popular photo spot, thanks to the bright and bold colours of each row. Keep your belongings close as the Caves' resident monkeys can be quite mischievous!

Day 7: Discover Malacca

Meals: B, L, D

Leave Kuala Lumpur this morning and head south to the historic port city of Malacca, a UNESCO World Heritage City known for its rich colonial past. Enjoy a guided tour and explore some of the city's highlights including the Dutch Square and its striking 300-year-old Dutch church.

After lunch, try your hand at traditional Chinese paper cutting, before ending the day with a leisurely river cruise. Drive to Tampin train station (approx. 1 hour away) and continue to Kuala Lumpur by train, taking approximately 2 hours.

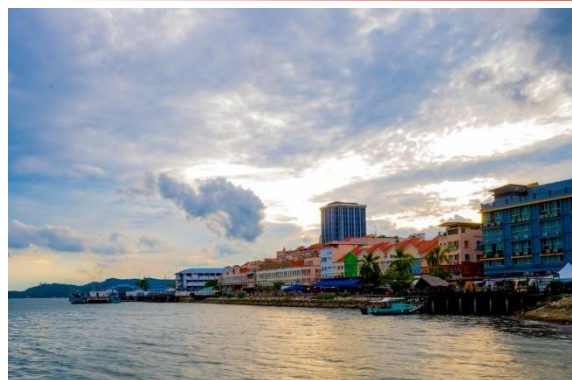
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Malacca: Once a vital trading port between the East and the West for the Portuguese, Dutch, and British, Malacca's heritage is reflected in its stunning architecture and landmarks. Built by the Portuguese in 1511, the A Famosa fortress is thought to be one of the oldest surviving European remnants in Southeast Asia. Jonker Street is famous for its vibrant night markets, antique shops, and local food, especially its famous chicken rice balls and Nyonya cuisine.

Day 8: Fly to Borneo

Meals: B, L, D

Transfer to the airport for your three-hour flight to Sandakan, Borneo. Upon arrival at your hotel, enjoy time at leisure before dinner.

**Destination Information**

Sandakan: Once a thriving trading hub, Sandakan is now known for its close proximity to the best of Borneo's natural attractions including the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre and the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre. The city also has a rich history with one of its iconic sights, St Michael's and All Angels Church being built by the British in 1893. The Sandakan Memorial Park commemorates the Death Marches that occurred here in World War II.

Day 9: Orangutans & Sun Bears

Meals: B, L, D

After breakfast, depart for the oldest orangutan rehabilitation centre in Sepilok for a chance to see orangutans in their natural habitat. Around 60 to 80 formerly captive and orphaned orangutans live free within the centre's 17-square-mile rainforest. Head across the road to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre to visit the world's smallest bears and learn about the conservation efforts to protect them*.



This afternoon, visit Agnes Keith House, a historic colonial house, before continuing to the historical Sandakan Memorial Park, which commemorates British and Australian POWs who suffered here during World War II. Return to your hotel before dinner.

*Please note that specific wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Destination Information

Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre: One of the world's leading facilities for rehabilitating orphaned and injured orangutans, the centre was established in 1964 offering visitors the chance to see orangutans in their natural environment during feeding sessions. Covering an area of 43 sq km, around 60 to 80 orangutans live independently in the rainforest reserve with a further 25 orphaned orangutans housed and cared for in the nurseries.

Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre: Sun bears are recognised as the smallest bear species in the world measuring 4 to 5 feet in length. The BSBCC is home to 43 rescued sun bears, all of which are ex-captive individuals. The centre provides the bears with a natural environment to live in aimed at rehabilitation with possible reintroduction to the wild.

Day 10: Sandakan to Kota Kinabalu

Meals: B, L, D

Transfer to the airport for your 45-minute flight to Kota Kinabalu. This evening, explore the lively night market, perfect for picking up local souvenirs and soaking in the vibrant atmosphere. Enjoy panoramic views of the city from Signal Hill before enjoying a Malaysian dinner, accompanied by a colourful cultural performance featuring traditional Sabah dances.



Destination Information

Kota Kinabalu: Formerly known as Jesselton, Kota Kinabalu was once a small fishing village serving the people of Borneo with fresh produce. Today, it's the bustling commercial capital of Borneo's northern Sabah state known for its lively markets, relaxing beachside boardwalk and a diverse culinary scene.

Day 11: Kota Kinabalu & Mangrove River Cruise

Meals: B, L, D

Start the day with a visit to the Sabah Museum to gain insight into the region's rich history and cultural heritage. Afterwards, take part in a hands-on Batik painting workshop, where you'll learn about traditional designs and the art's significance in Malaysian culture – plus, you'll get to keep your own creation as a unique souvenir.



Later, take a two-hour journey out to a tranquil mangrove forest for a scenic river cruise. Keep an eye out for native wildlife, including the rare and endearing Proboscis Monkey, found only in Borneo. As dusk falls, watch the riverbanks come alive with the magical glow of fireflies*. Enjoy a local dinner before returning to your hotel.

*Please note that specific wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Day 12: Mari Mari Cultural Village

Meals: B, L, D

Today, make the short journey by coach to discover the rich cultural diversity of Sabah at Mari Mari Cultural Village. Visit traditional homes of various ethnic groups and learn about their customs through hands-on activities such as blowpipe making and fire-starting demonstrations, for a fascinating insight into the indigenous tribes of the region. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Destination Information

Mari Mari Cultural Village: Borneo's indigenous communities are represented at this fascinating village, introducing visitors to the traditions, customs, and lifestyles of the state of Sabah's five main ethnic tribes: the Bajau, Lundayeh, Murut, Rungus, and Dusun. View authentic tribal huts constructed by descendants of each tribe and actively participate in cultural experiences such as blowpipe making, bamboo fire-starting and tattoo-making sessions.

Day 13: Fly to Singapore

Meals: B, L, D

This morning, transfer to the airport for your 3-hour flight to Singapore. Upon arrival, enjoy some time at leisure to relax or perhaps start exploring this vibrant city before dinner.

**Destination Information**

Singapore: Once a humble fishing village, Singapore became a British trading post in 1819 and has since grown into one of the world's most modern and efficient cities. Iconic sights like the futuristic Gardens by the Bay, Marina Bay Sands to the historical shophouses of Chinatown and the colourful streets of Little India make this city one of the most diverse and unique in Asia.

Day 14: Explore Singapore

Meals: B, L, D

Today, explore Singapore's cultural tapestry and discover how the city became the intriguing melting pot it is today. Wander through Chinatown and explore Kampong Glam, where the vibrant Arab Street showcase Malay-Muslim heritage. Continue to Little India, a colourful area bursting with energy, where bustling markets and eateries reflect the city's multicultural roots. After lunch, you may return to your hotel or be dropped off at Orchard Road for some retail therapy.



Later this afternoon, explore the world-renowned Gardens by the Bay—an urban oasis home to over a million plants. Marvel at the Cloud Forest's towering indoor waterfall and misty walkways, and stroll through the Flower Dome's collection of exotic flora from across the globe. As night falls, witness the Supertrees light up in a dazzling display of sound and light.

Destination Information

Chinatown: Tracing its roots back to the early 1800's when the first Chinese immigrants settled in the city, Chinatown was once thriving with traders selling and exchanging goods from across the world. Today, it's home to traditional shophouses, ornate temples, trendy cafes, and some of Singapore's best hawker food.

Gardens by the Bay: One of the most iconic attractions in Asia, Singapore's Gardens by the Bay has become synonymous with the city since its opening in 2012. Initially opened as part of the city's vision to become a "City in a Garden", visitors can wander through the misty Cloud Forest, explore rare flora in the Flower Dome, or marvel at the Garden Rhapsody night light show at the Supertree Grove.

Days 15-16: Departure

Meals: B

Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your flight back to New Zealand, arriving either the same day or the following day.



TREASURES OF MALAYSIA, BORNEO & SINGAPORE: TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS:

New Zealand passport holders do not need a visa for Malaysia, Malaysian Borneo & Singapore if they are travelling for less than 90 days for tourist purposes.

However, please see Entry Requirements for each country below:

Malaysia: You must fill in the Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (MDAC) 3 days before entering Malaysia. It may be requested at check-in. See the Malaysian Immigration website for further information: <https://imigresen-online.imi.gov.my/mdac/main?registerMain>

Singapore: You must complete an electronic SG Arrival card within the three days before you enter Singapore. See this website for further details: <https://eservices.ica.gov.sg/sgarrivalcard/>

Your passport must have an expiry at least 6 months after the date you arrive and at least 2 blank pages. You will be denied entry if your passport does not meet these requirements.

This information is based on passengers holding a full New Zealand passport. If you hold any other passport, please contact us

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

EATING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA:

Southeast Asia is home to an incredibly rich food history. The local cuisine is known for its intense flavours, spices, and some of the freshest ingredients you can find. In general, meals include either rice or noodles and are packed full of flavour. Lemongrass, ginger, lime leaves, coriander, coconut milk, fish sauce, and soy sauce are used in most local dishes. While Southeast Asian food has a reputation for being hot and spicy, each region has its own distinct characteristics.

The food in Malaysia and Singapore is a true reflection of their multicultural roots, with influences from Malay, Chinese, and Indian communities. Flavours are bold and varied, often balancing sweet,

salty, sour and spicy elements in a single meal. The variety and depth of the cuisine in these destinations make dining here a real highlight of your journey.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted to introduce you to a range of local dishes, and we hope that you enjoy the culinary adventure ahead. All meals (excluding drinks) are included in our fully inclusive group tours from dinner on the day of your group's arrival until breakfast on your day of departure. When dining in Southeast Asia, although some restaurants have adopted a Western approach to dining, expect some restaurants to follow the traditional communal style of eating. Typically, this will mean each diner has their own small bowl and may serve themselves from a variety of shared dishes. At some local restaurants, appetizers and main courses might be served when they are ready instead of following a particular order.

Determining when it's appropriate to use chopsticks, forks, or spoons can be challenging for some travellers, even other Asians, as each country has different customs. In Malaysia and Singapore, you'll often find that forks and spoons are used for most dishes, though chopsticks are provided for noodle-based meals, especially in Chinese-influenced restaurants. Usually, utensils are provided to scoop food into your bowl to prevent your chopsticks from touching the food that remains on the table. Dining in Southeast Asia is fairly casual, with not too many rules. Leaving food on the plate is not considered rude.

Please refer to your travel guide for more information on Southeast Asian cuisine, including information for travellers with restricted diets.

GROUP SIZE:

Most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a national escort. There will usually be no more than 28 travellers on the Treasures of Malaysia, Borneo & Singapore tour, although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 8 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so. For groups with fewer than 10 travellers, departures will operate with local guides only.

ACCOMMODATION:

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or character, and can range from a business hotel in one city to a family-run guesthouse in a smaller town. In more remote areas, accommodation may be of a lower standard and may not have all Western amenities.

Hotels on our tours are generally rated as local three to four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities and quality do exist between New Zealand and Southeast Asia. All group tour hotels have private western bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. Plumbing and electricity supplies can be erratic and quite often the power in hotel rooms is turned off while guests are out of the room. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide.

PORTERAGE:

Please be aware that porterage is not included on our tours in Southeast Asia. You will therefore need to be able to handle your own luggage within the hotel and when using transportation like trains and coaches.

LUGGAGE:

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 20kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 5kg. It is essential that your luggage is lockable.

TRANSPORT:

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary. However, minibuses may be used for smaller groups (under 10 passengers). Roads in Southeast Asia have generally improved over recent years, but traffic and/or weather conditions may extend driving times. Road construction work usually covers an enormous section of road - not just one or two kilometres as you may be used to. For this reason, the timings listed in the itinerary are approximations only.

Planes: Internal flights are based on economy class, with reputable airlines.

TIPPING POLICY:

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and Southeast Asia is no exception. However, it is not always clear who it is appropriate to tip and how much. Furthermore, travellers may not have the right amounts of cash available at the right time. To avoid any inconvenience Wendy Wu Tours operates a tipping policy where a stated amount is given to your national escort at the beginning of your tour and tips are disbursed to local guides and drivers throughout your tour. The amount is designed to be at a reasonable level for travellers while being fair to the local people and includes a gratuity for the national escort.

If you are travelling in a smaller group with local guides only, then tipping is paid at each destination. To be fair to the guides we ask for slightly higher amounts per traveller with small groups. We generally find that most customers appreciate the convenience of our tipping policy but we do recognise that it may not suit everyone. However, as this is a group tour we ask that everyone follows the same protocol to be fair to other group members and to ensure smooth operation of your tour.

DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHEAST ASIA:

Although Southeast Asia is developing quickly, it still lacks the international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities. Concepts of personal responsibility are also different to those in New Zealand. Consequently, tourist and public facilities may not uphold the same safety standards as in New Zealand for example, you may see a hole in the road without a warning sign or safety barricade. All our suppliers meet local safety standards as a minimum. We want you to have an enjoyable holiday,

so we ask that you take extra care, use your common sense, refer to notices and follow advice from your guide.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

If you are travelling within the below Singaporean and Malaysian Public Holidays please note that celebrations can last a couple of days and during these times some businesses will be closed and coach, air and train travel may be affected. Tourist attractions will be open, but may be crowded. Dates are an example and subject to change.

Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Chinese New Year and Good Friday -

Singapore :

Hari Raya Puasa 20 March 2026 and 9 March 2027, International Labour Day is on 1st May every year. Vesak Day will be 1 June 2026 and 20 May 2027, Hari Raya Haji 26-27 May 2026 and 16-17 May 2027, National Day 9 August every year, Deepavali 8-9 November 2026 and 28 October 2027

Malaysia :

International Labour Day is on 1st May every year. Vesak Day 31 May 2026 and 6 May 2027, Harvest Festival is held on the 30th and 31st May, Awal Muharram 16-17 June 2026 and 6-7 June 2027, Malaysia Day is on the 16th September and Sabah Governor's Birthday is celebrated on the first Saturday of October every year (Sabah, Borneo only).

SOUVENIRS:

We want to be able to give you an opportunity to buy souvenirs, so we include some stops at museums or exhibitions which demonstrates a craft or product unique to that region with pieces available to buy. We understand that souvenir hunting is not for everyone, so we aim to take you to places, which hold local interest. We trust you will enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts and crafts and understand their historical and cultural importance.

PERSONAL EXPENSES AND OPTIONAL TOURINGS:

Personal Expense - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you.

Optional Tours - May be offered in each city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available.

Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide, participation and tipping for optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

CLIMBING STEPS:

Sightseeing at nearly all of the palaces, fortresses and some temples involves climbing quite a number of steps. These palaces were built to provide defence against potential invaders so nearly all of them stand on top of a hill, while the interiors have layers of narrow hallways and steps to slow down the advance of enemies once they were inside. The steps tend to be quite large, not level and sometimes without handrails. Hindu and Buddhist temples or pagodas also tend to be built at an elevation, as this is the most auspicious position according to ancient beliefs. This means you sometimes need to walk from the bus park to the entrance, and/or need to climb some steps inside. People with knee or hip injuries, who have poor balance or are otherwise unable to complete these activities independently should consider the suitability of this itinerary carefully

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

We recommend that you contact either your doctor or local Health Centre for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Safe Travel has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful www.safetravel.govt.nz

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with www.safetravel.govt.nz as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available.

Up until the day you travel, it is vital you keep up to date and familiarised with the entry requirements as these can change at short notice. You are personally responsible for completing any entry forms, conducting any covid tests (if necessary), etc and adhering to countries' specific entry requirements.

You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up-to-date information about your destination on the same website.

AFTER YOUR BOOKING:

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice including a visa application form (if applicable), and a help sheet. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks before departure.

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