



ULTIMATE ASIA EXPLORER WITH AZAMARA CRUISES

Classic Cruising Tour | 30 Days | Physical Level 1

SIEM REAP – SAIGON – HANOI – HALONG BAY – HONG KONG – TAIPEI – ISHIGAKI – NAHA – SHANGHAI –
DALIAN – BEIJING – SEOUL

From the temples of Angkor to the bright lights of Seoul, this epic Cruise & Tour journeys through some of Asia's most captivating destinations. Explore Cambodia and Vietnam by land, cruise Halong Bay, discover Hong Kong, then sail onboard Azamara Quest to Taiwan, Japan and China before concluding with the culture and energy of South Korea's capital.

- Explore the ancient temples of Angkor
- Discover the flavours and traditions of Vietnam
- Cruise through the spectacular scenery of Halong Bay
- Sail across East Asia onboard Azamara Quest
- Visit Taiwan, Japan and China before ending in vibrant Seoul

To book call **0800 936 3998** or visit your local travel agent

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TOUR MAP



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Return international economy flights, taxes and current fuel surcharges (unless a land only option is selected)
- 14 nights Azamara cruise on Azamara Quest
- All accommodation
- Meals as stated (if dining onboard throughout) – 27 breakfasts (B), 26 lunches (L), 27 dinners (D)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation and transfers pre and post cruise
- English speaking National Escorts (if your group is 10 or more passengers) or Local Guides pre and post cruise
- Visa fees for New Zealand passport holders
- Specialist advice from our experienced travel consultants
- Comprehensive travel guides

Pre and post cruise, the only elements or aspects you may have to pay for are personal expenditure, e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check-in or late checkout and other items not specified on the itinerary.

During the cruise, your meals onboard will be included in the main dining areas. Your cruise package also includes selected drinks, cruise gratuities and self-service laundry onboard. However, should you wish to dine in any of the speciality restaurants not included in your cruising package, you will be required to pay for these locally. In addition, if you opt to dine off the ship, these meals will also be paid for locally, and please note you will not be refunded for meals missed onboard. Excursions are also available to book with your cruise reservation at your own expense.

CLASSIC CRUISING TOURS

These tours are designed for those who wish to discover the rich cultures, iconic sights, culinary traditions and vibrant cities of Southeast and East Asia on an excellent-value group tour whilst travelling with like-minded people, combined with a cruise.

Your tour is fully inclusive before and after the cruise, ensuring that all arrangements, from accommodation to guided sightseeing, are seamlessly taken care of. Throughout the land portions of your journey, you will be accompanied by our dedicated and professional National Escorts and Local Guides, whose expert knowledge and passion will transform your holiday into an extraordinary adventure. While on the cruise, you will enjoy the excellent services and facilities provided by the Azamara cruise staff. There will be no Wendy Wu guides or representatives on the cruise.

PHYSICAL LEVEL

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 each destination.

‘Ultimate Asia Explorer’ falls under a Physical Level 1 category. A reasonable level of fitness is required, and you should expect to be on your feet for much of the day. You will be getting on and off coaches, boats and the cruise ship, as well as walking around the sights, often including steps and some 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 boats without assistance during included sightseeing and cruising experiences
- You will be required to board the cruise ship without assistance and get on and off at ports if you wish to disembark the ship

Of course, while on land, our National Escorts and/or local guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

JOINING YOUR TOUR

The tour is 30 days in duration including international flights. Join the tour on Day 2 in Siem Reap, Cambodia and end the tour on Day 29 in Seoul, South Korea.

For travellers booked on a ‘Land and Cruise Only’ package, which omits the inclusion of international flights, the price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour or if booking pre/post accommodation with Wendy Wu Tours. Please advise your international flight information to our reservations team.

ITINERARY CHANGES

We intend 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 dictated by local conditions. In these circumstances, we will endeavour to make the best possible arrangements whilst maintaining the integrity of your trip.

This itinerary includes travel by road, air and cruise ship, and timings may be affected by weather, traffic, port operations, sea conditions or other local operational factors. Similarly, while Azamara will endeavour to follow the published cruise itinerary, port calls, scenic cruising routes and timings may be changed at the discretion of the cruise line due to weather advisories, port traffic, sea conditions, safety considerations or other unforeseeable circumstances.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Days 1-2: Arrive in Siem Reap

Meals: D

Fly overnight to Siem Reap, Cambodia, the gateway to the magnificent temples of Angkor. On arrival, you will be met at the airport by an English-speaking representative and transferred to your hotel. Together with any other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, travel to your hotel and check in.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax after your flight or begin exploring before a welcome dinner this evening.



Please note: Early check-in is not included. If your flight arrives in the morning and you wish to arrange this, please speak to your reservation consultant. Transfer arrangements may differ depending on group size.

Destination Information

Siem Reap – Siem Reap is a bustling tourist destination due to its proximity to both Tonle Sap Lake and the ancient Khmer capital, Angkor. Angkor is home to Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument, and the spiritual and cultural heart of Cambodia. This huge complex of palaces and temples was built on the sprawling alluvial plain to the north of Tonle Sap.

Day 3: Explore Angkor**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, journey into the old city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire. Enter through its monumental gates and explore the enigmatic Bayon, known for its serene smiling stone faces and intricate bas-reliefs depicting scenes of Khmer life. Continue to the Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King, before visiting the atmospheric Ta Prohm, where ancient temple ruins are entwined with the roots of the jungle.



After lunch at a local restaurant, spend the afternoon at Angkor Wat, Cambodia's most iconic temple and the largest religious monument in the world. Later, ascend to Phnom Bakheng Temple to watch the sunset over Angkor Wat and the surrounding forest, before returning to your hotel. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant this evening.

Destination Information

Angkor Thom – This was the last capital of the Khmer Empire, established by Buddhist King Jayavarman VII in the 12th century. This walled city, covering an area of 9 square kilometres, is flanked by a row of 54 stone figures on each side, which leads you through a 23-metre imposing stone entrance gate to the various temples inside.

The Bayon – A rich, late 12th-century state temple at the centre of Angkor Thom. Its beautifully crafted central towers are decorated with four opposing faces representing Jayavarman. Bayon's stone galleries display extraordinary bas-reliefs incorporating over 11,000 figures.

Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King – The Elephant Terrace is named for the carved elephant parade on its eastern side. Giant viewing platforms used for public ceremonies served as a base for the King's grand audience hall. To the north is the Terrace of the Leper King, named for a statue found at the platform.

Ta Prohm – One of Angkor Thom's most atmospheric ruins, swallowed by the roots of the jungle, Ta Prohm has several towers, closed courtyards and narrow corridors to explore. Originally dedicated to Sri Jayarajadaman, the mother of the king who established Angkor Thom, it was made famous by the film Tomb Raider.

Angkor Wat – This 12th-century temple complex is the largest religious monument in the world. Surrounded by a 190-metre moat and taking 30 years to build, Angkor Wat showcases the Khmer civilisation at its grandest, and was designed to represent Mt Meru, the Hindu equivalent of Mt Olympus. Angkor temples were traditionally dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva, but Angkor Wat broke tradition in that it was originally dedicated to Vishnu, and was later reworked as a Buddhist temple. The silhouette on the flag of Cambodia is that of Angkor Wat, and it is recognised as Cambodia's spiritual and cultural heart.

Day 4: Cruise Tonle Sap**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, travel to Beng Mealea, a mysterious sandstone temple reclaimed by the Cambodian jungle. Dating back some nine centuries and built originally as a Hindu temple to Vishnu, its ruins are wreathed in vines and colossal tree roots. Explore on foot via the wooden walkways and bridges around the site.



Continue to Tonle Sap Lake and enjoy a scenic cruise to Kampong Khleang, a lakeside community known for its traditional stilt houses. Here, observe the way of life of this lake community before returning to Siem Reap. This evening, enjoy a traditional Apsara dance performance while dining on Cambodian cuisine.

Destination Information

Beng Mealea – Dating from the 11th–12th century, this sprawling temple spans over a square kilometre. Largely overrun by jungle vegetation and constructed in a distinctly Angkorian style, Beng Mealea dates to approximately the same period as Angkor Wat, and may even have served as its ‘prototype’.

Day 5: Cambodian rural life and fly to Saigon**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, visit the picturesque countryside around Siem Reap for a deeper insight into Cambodian rural life. Explore small villages and local farms, learning more about the resourcefulness and traditions of the communities who live here. Share lunch with local villagers, enjoying a home-cooked meal prepared using fresh local produce.



Later, transfer to Siem Reap Airport for your onward flight to Saigon. On arrival, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred for dinner before continuing to your hotel for check-in.

Destination Information

Saigon – Formally renamed Ho Chi Minh City, but still locally known by its older name of Saigon, this exuberant city is driving Vietnam forward into the modern world, but is also a treasure trove of fascinating heritage. It was a major base of the American military during the Vietnam War, and was the seat of the South Vietnam government until the events that led to the country’s reunification. Today, the old mixes seamlessly with the new and you can wander through timeless alleys to incense-infused temples before catching up with the present in designer malls beneath sleek skyscrapers.

Day 6:**Cu Chi Tunnels****Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, head out of the city through countryside that was once a Viet Cong stronghold to visit the Cu Chi Tunnels. Upon arrival, watch a short introductory video before exploring this remarkable underground network, which played an important role during the Vietnam War, serving as living quarters, supply routes, hospitals and defensive positions for guerrilla fighters.



After lunch at a local restaurant, return to your hotel in Saigon for some time at leisure.

This evening, embark on a culinary adventure through the vibrant heart of Saigon, discovering local favourite dining spots and sampling a variety of street snacks and popular dishes. Conclude the experience with a drink at a local coffee shop as the city comes alive after dark.

Destination Information

Cu Chi – The tunnels of Cu Chi are an immense network of connecting underground tunnels located in the Cu Chi district of Saigon. They are part of a much larger network of tunnels that underlie much of the country. The Cu Chi tunnels were the location of several military campaigns during the Vietnam War, and were the Viet Cong's base of operations for the Tet Offensive in 1968. The tunnels were used by Viet Cong soldiers as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, hospitals, food and weapon caches and living quarters for numerous North Vietnamese fighters. The tunnel systems were of great importance to the Viet Cong in their resistance to American forces.

Day 7:**Mekong Delta****Meals: B, L, D**

Travel into the Mekong Delta region and explore the network of canals and waterways that criss-cross this lush landscape. Pass riverside communities and local boats, gaining a glimpse into everyday life along the river.

Continue with visits to cottage industries producing coconut candy and pop rice, before meeting a local family who weave intricate products from water hyacinth. Later, take a traditional sampan through narrow canals and enjoy a lunch of local Mekong specialities at a local house. During your visit, watch a demonstration of how to prepare bánh xèo, a popular Vietnamese savoury pancake. Afterwards, return to Saigon, where dinner will be served at a local restaurant this evening.



Destination Information

Mekong Delta – Although primarily rural, the Mekong Delta is a densely populated area where life progresses around its fertile banks. The Mekong River, which feeds the delta, is one of the world's longest rivers, and people live, trade, travel and go to school along its banks.

Day 8: Fly to Hanoi**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, transfer to Saigon Airport for your onward flight to Hanoi. On arrival, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to a local restaurant for lunch before embarking on a tour of Vietnam's charming capital.

Begin your exploration at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, located in the heart of Ba Dinh Square. Continue to the Temple of Literature, a revered centre of education in Hanoi, before concluding with a visit to Ngoc Son Temple, set beside the picturesque Hoan Kiem Lake.



This evening, meet your guide at the hotel for a street food tour through the alleys of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Begin at a coffee shop for a demonstration of the preparation of one of Vietnam's most iconic drinks: egg coffee. Continue on to try some of the many flavours of northern Vietnam, such as fried nem spring rolls, pho noodle soup and banh mi Vietnamese sandwiches.

Take a break from eating to enjoy some cultural stops, first at Hang Ma Street, where locals shop for decorations, costumes, lanterns and more, then continue to the area known as the 'bamboo corner'. End with one of Vietnam's most social evening traditions: bia hoi. Pull up a stool at Bia Hoi Corner and enjoy a glass of cold local draft beer before returning to your hotel.

Destination Information

Hanoi – Hanoi is a charming and richly historic city of lakes, shaded boulevards and leafy open parks. The centre is an architectural museum piece, with ochre-coloured buildings evoking the air of French towns of the 1930s; a "Paris of the Orient", as people have called it.

Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Complex – The Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum is the resting place of Vietnam's revolutionary leader. The wider complex includes the Presidential Palace grounds and the One Pillar Pagoda, one of Hanoi's most distinctive historic landmarks.

Temple of Literature – Founded in 1070, the Temple of Literature was dedicated to Confucius and later became home to Vietnam's first national university. Its peaceful courtyards, gateways and pavilions make it one of Hanoi's most important cultural and historical sites.

Hanoi Old Quarter – A maze of streets weaving through Hanoi and dating back to the 13th century. Each street traditionally specialised in merchants and artisans selling particular wares, such as silk, silver, wood and more.

Day 9: Hanoi to Halong Bay**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, transfer approximately three hours to Halong Bay, where you will board your overnight cruise and set sail into the awe-inspiring beauty of this UNESCO-listed seascape.

Enjoy lunch onboard as you cruise through the bay towards the Trinh Nu Area, known for its peaceful beach and limestone scenery. This afternoon, take in the views from the boat or explore further by kayak through the jade-coloured waters. Alternatively, you may wish to relax on the beach behind Trinh Nu Cave. Later, return to the boat and enjoy time at leisure as you continue sailing through Halong Bay. After dinner onboard, you may wish to try squid fishing like a local.

**Destination Information**

Halong Bay – Compared to the landscape of the limestone islets of Guilin in China and Krabi in southern Thailand, Halong Bay shares a common border with China in the north and harbours some of the most stunning scenery in Vietnam. Unique rock sculptures jut out dramatically from the clear emerald waters of the Gulf of Tonkin and numerous grottoes have created an enchanting, timeless world, looking out onto the horizon with the sails of the junks and sampans completing the picture.

Day 10: Halong Bay to Hanoi**Meals: B, L, D**

For early risers, begin the day with a refreshing Tai Chi lesson on deck as the sun rises over Halong Bay. After breakfast, you can choose to visit Sung Sot Cave, the largest and most renowned cave in the bay, or explore Titov Island, where you can swim, relax on the beach or hike up the mountain for panoramic views across Halong Bay.

Later, disembark your cruise and transfer back to Hanoi. This evening, attend The Quintessence of Tonkin show, a spectacular open-air performance celebrating the rich history, culture and traditions of northern Vietnam, followed by dinner.



Day 11: Fly to Hong Kong**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, transfer to Hanoi Airport for your onward flight to Hong Kong. On arrival, you will be met by an English-speaking guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or begin exploring this vibrant city before dinner at your hotel this evening.

**Destination Information**

Hong Kong – A dazzling metropolis nestled in the Pearl River Estuary, Hong Kong embodies a captivating fusion of cultures. With influences from both Chinese and British traditions, it has transformed from a humble fishing village into one of the world's leading financial hubs. The city's deep-water harbour, stunning mountain vistas, and vibrant urban life create a unique backdrop for an exciting mix of energy and mystery.

Day 12: Explore Hong Kong**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and journey up Victoria Peak by the impressive Peak Tram, one of the world's oldest funicular railways, offering incredible views of Hong Kong. Here, enjoy a guided walking tour before returning to Central, where you will ride the Central Escalator to Tai Kwun, Hong Kong's latest art hub.

Next, enjoy a short walking experience along Hollywood Road, before visiting Man Mo Temple. Continue to Blue House Cluster, then stop at a traditional Chinese bakery to sample a local pastry. Afterwards, enjoy a dim sum lunch before visiting the West Kowloon Cultural District, with free time to explore the area. Those who wish may choose to visit M+ or the Hong Kong Palace Museum at their own expense. Later, transfer to a local restaurant for dinner. After dinner, visit The Avenue of Stars to admire Victoria Harbour at night before returning to your hotel.

**Destination Information**

Victoria Peak – On the west side of Hong Kong Island, Victoria Peak offers stunning panoramas of the Hong Kong skyline and Victoria Harbour. With an elevation of 552 metres, it is the tallest hill on Hong Kong Island and one of the city's best-known viewpoints.

Avenue of Stars – The Avenue of Stars, modelled on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, is located along the Victoria Harbour waterfront in Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong. It honours celebrities of the Hong Kong film industry.

Day 13: Embark Cruise in Hong Kong**Meals: B, L, D**

After breakfast and check-out, you will be transferred to Hong Kong's cruise terminal to board Azamara Quest.

Once onboard, the rest of the day is at leisure to settle in and begin exploring the ship's facilities. Lunch and dinner can be enjoyed onboard your cruise ship today.

Please note: Your National Escort or local guide will accompany you to the port; however, they will not board the cruise with you. Check-in and embarkation will be completed with Azamara staff.

**Day 14: Cruising – At Sea****Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy a full day at leisure onboard Azamara Quest and discover all the ship has to offer. Relax by the pool, enjoy the ship's dining venues and lounges, or take part in the entertainment and activities available onboard.

**Day 15: Cruising – Taipei, Taiwan****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Keelung, Taiwan, the gateway to Taipei. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

Taipei - Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, is a modern metropolis with Japanese colonial lanes, busy shopping streets and contemporary buildings. The skyline is crowned by the 509m-tall, bamboo-shaped Taipei 101 skyscraper, with upscale shops at the base and a rapid elevator to an observatory near the top. Taipei is also known for its lively street-food scene and many night markets, including expansive Shilin market.

Day 16: Cruising – Ishigaki, Japan**Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will arrive at Ishigaki, in Japan's Okinawa Prefecture. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

Ishigaki – Set in the subtropical waters of Okinawa, Ishigaki is known for its beautiful coastline, white-sand beaches and vivid blue seas. One of its best-known scenic spots is Kabira Bay, where white sands, small islets and coral-rich waters create a striking island landscape.

Day 17: Cruising – Naha, Okinawa, Japan**Meals: B, L, D**

Your cruising adventure continues in Naha, the capital of Okinawa Prefecture. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

Naha – Naha is the capital of Okinawa and was once the political and commercial centre of the Ryukyu Kingdom. Today, the city offers a fascinating blend of history, local culture, distinctive cuisine and easy access to Okinawa's island scenery.

Day 18: Cruising – At Sea**Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at leisure onboard Azamara Quest as your cruise continues towards China. Relax and enjoy the ship's facilities, dining venues and entertainment.

**Day 19: Cruising – Shanghai, China****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will arrive in Shanghai, China's global metropolis, where Azamara Quest is scheduled to remain in port for two nights. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

Shanghai – Once known as the 'Paris of the East', Shanghai is now one of Asia's most influential cities. Prior to communist arrival in 1949, Shanghai was a city with European-style mansions and was the most important trading port in Asia. Today it presents a blend of cultures: the modern and the traditional, along with the European and oriental. Modern skyscrapers intermingle with 1920s 'shikumen' buildings. This combination is what attracts millions of visitors each year.

Day 20: Cruising – Shanghai, China**Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy a further day in Shanghai. Disembark the cruise ship and continue exploring at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.



Day 21: Cruising – Shanghai, China**Meals: B, L, D**

Your extended stay in Shanghai continues today. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy more time to explore this dynamic city before returning to your ship for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Day 22: Cruising – At Sea****Meals: B, L, D**

Spend today at sea as Azamara Quest continues north along the Chinese coast. Take time to relax onboard, enjoy the ship's facilities or join the activities and entertainment available throughout the day.

**Day 23: Cruising – Dalian, China****Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Dalian, a coastal city in northern China. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy a day at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

Dalian – Set on China's northeast coast, Dalian is a major port city known for its seaside setting, beaches and scenic coastline. Its coastal atmosphere gives it a more relaxed feel than many of China's larger inland cities.

Day 24: Cruising – Beijing, China**Meals: B, L, D**

Today you will dock in Tianjin, the port for Beijing, where Azamara Quest is scheduled to remain in port overnight. Disembark the cruise ship and enjoy time at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.

**Destination Information**

Beijing – Beijing is the capital of the People’s Republic of China. With its unequalled wealth of history, Beijing served as the centre for the many different empires and cultures that ruled China and has been at the heart of politics and society throughout its long history. The ancient monuments, stories of days gone by and the dynamic modern city Beijing has become today make it a destination not to be missed.

Day 25: Cruising – Beijing, China**Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy a further day in Tianjin and Beijing. Disembark the cruise ship and continue exploring at leisure before returning to your ship later in the day for your onward journey.

Here you can enjoy a range of excursions at your own expense, bookable on your cruise reservation. Please note, if you dine off the cruise ship, these meals will be at your own expense.



Day 26: Cruising – At Sea**Meals: B, L, D**

Today is your final full day at sea before arriving in South Korea. Take the opportunity to relax onboard Azamara Quest and enjoy the ship's facilities, dining venues and entertainment.

**Day 27: Disembark Cruise in Seoul****Meals: B, L, D**

Arrive at Seoul's cruise port and disembark Azamara Quest. You will be met by a National Escort or local representative and transferred to your hotel, for check-in.

The rest of the day is at leisure to relax after your cruise or begin exploring Seoul independently before your dinner this evening.

Destination Information

Seoul – Capital of South Korea, Seoul is a dynamic metropolis where modern skyscrapers, shopping malls and pop culture meet Buddhist temples, palaces and street markets. Seoul was the capital of Korea from 1394 until the formal division of the country in 1948. However, its history stretches back over two thousand years. The name itself has come to mean 'capital' in the Korean language.

Day 28: Explore Seoul**Meals: B, L, D**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before meeting your English-speaking guide for a full-day tour of Seoul.

Begin with a visit to Gwanghwamun Plaza, where you will encounter the statues of King Sejong and Admiral Yi Sun-Sin. Continue through Gwanghwamun Gate to visit Gyeongbokgung (Gyeongbok) Palace, where you will witness the ceremonial changing of the guard. Next, change into traditional clothing and visit Bukchon Hanok Village. Afterwards, head to a local restaurant for lunch.



Then, enjoy a traditional Korean kimchi cooking demonstration before taking a guided walk along the picturesque Cheonggyecheon Stream. Afterwards, visit the Myeongdong area renowned for its trendy fashion boutiques, cosmetics shops, street food stalls, and more. You'll also have a chance to visit Myeongdong Underground where you will find all the latest fashion trends and memorabilia.

Destination Information

Gwanghwamun Plaza – Located in the heart of Seoul, Gwanghwamun Plaza is a cultural and historical landmark featuring statues of two of Korea's most revered figures—King Sejong, the creator of the Korean alphabet, and Admiral Yi Sun-Sin, a naval hero known for his victories against Japanese invasions.

Gyeongbokgung Palace – The largest of Seoul's five grand palaces, Gyeongbokgung was built in 1395 as the main royal residence of the Joseon Dynasty. Despite suffering destruction during various periods of history, the palace has been restored to its former grandeur. The ceremonial Changing of the Guard, performed in traditional dress, is a highlight of any visit.

Bukchon Hanok Village – Nestled between Gyeongbokgung and Changdeokgung Palaces, Bukchon Hanok Village is a historic district home to well-preserved hanok (traditional Korean houses). Once an exclusive residential area for aristocrats, the village retains its old-world charm with its narrow alleyways and tiled rooftops.

Cheonggyecheon Stream – Once buried beneath roads, Cheonggyecheon Stream was restored as part of an urban renewal project in 2005. Flowing through the heart of Seoul, the 11-kilometre-long waterway is lined with walkways, bridges, and public art, offering a tranquil escape from the city's bustle.

Myeongdong – Seoul's premier shopping and entertainment district, Myeongdong is a bustling area known for its high-end fashion boutiques, cosmetics shops, and vibrant street food stalls. It is also home to Myeongdong Underground Shopping Center, a popular spot for affordable fashion, accessories, and souvenirs.

Days 29-30:**Depart Seoul****Meals: B**

This morning is free at leisure before transferring to the airport for your return flight home, arriving home the same or the following day.

Please note: Only breakfast is included today. Late check-out is not included. If you wish to book a late check-out for your final day, please contact our reservations department, who can confirm additional pricing and make this arrangement for you, subject to availability at the hotel.



**PLEASE INFORM US OF ANY ALLERGIES AND/OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
AT TIME OF BOOKING.**

TRAVEL INFORMATION

VISAS

Cambodia & Vietnam

Entry visas are required for New Zealand passport holders to visit Vietnam & Cambodia. Wendy Wu Tours Visa Department can assist you with the process of obtaining a visa and it is included in your tour cost.

All guests travelling to Cambodia must complete a mandatory online e-immigration application within seven days prior to their arrival. You may complete the form via the mobile phone app called Cambodia e-Arrival (CeA), or the form can be completed online at <https://arrival.gov.kh/>. The app and the registration process are free of charge.

From April 2026, all foreign nationals entering Vietnam via Saigon Tan Son Nhat Airport (SGN) are strongly encouraged by the Vietnamese government to complete a digital arrival card online before arrival. The digital arrival card system is not currently mandatory for entry into Vietnam via Tan Son Nhat Airport, but this may change or be extended to other airports in Vietnam with limited notice. If you are flying to Saigon, please complete the form within 72 hours prior to arrival at: <https://prearrival.immigration.gov.vn/>

Hong Kong

A visa is not required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into Hong Kong, Japan & Taiwan for stays up to 90 days.

Taiwan

A visa is not required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into Hong Kong, Japan & Taiwan for stays up to 90 days.

You must complete a Taiwan Arrival Card (TWAC) online within 3 days before your arrival in Taiwan.

Japan

A visa is not required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into Japan for stays up to 90 days. You will need a blank page for your visa stamp.

China

A visa is not required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into China for stays up to 30 days.

South Korea

A visa is not currently required for New Zealand passport holders for entry into South Korea for stays up to 90 days.

This is until 31 December 2026. As this tour travels in 2027, the applicable requirement will be confirmed closer to departure.

All travellers are required to complete an entry declaration form (arrival card) when travelling to South Korea. This can be completed online, up to 72 hours before arrival in South Korea. For more information on the e-Arrival card, please visit the following website: <https://www.e-arrivalcard.go.kr/portal/main/index.do>

Please be advised that your passport must have at least six months validity left on it when you arrive back into New Zealand.

Please note, the visa procedures and requirements may change at any time. These changes are often made by the relevant embassy or consulate, Wendy Wu Tours acts as a third party and has no influence on the process of a visa.

Wendy Wu Tours does not accept responsibility for lost or undelivered items.

All information with regards to visas will be updated regularly on our website as we find visa processes are changing on regular basis.

For the latest information on visa procedures, processing times and requirements, please kindly refer to our website <https://www.wendywutours.co.nz/help-and-advice/passports-and-visas/>

INSURANCE

It is a condition of your booking that you are insured for the duration of your trip. We recommend comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, medical requirements, luggage, repatriations and additional expenses. At a minimum, the policy is required to cover medical requirements including medical evacuations / repatriations. The choice of insurer is yours. We strongly suggest you purchase insurance at the time you pay your deposit. This is because cancellation fees and charges are payable from that time.

We may request you to provide evidence that you have taken out and paid for a policy to comply with this condition. If you fail to provide a certificate of currency of insurance within a reasonable time after our request, then this will be deemed a cancellation by you and standard cancellation fees will apply.

LUGGAGE

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: one 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.

On your cruise: While luggage allowance on your cruise may permit further capacity, we ask you to adhere to the above restrictions due to airline and touring allowances. Luggage tags will be available to download through your personal Azamara cruise account. For your convenience, we recommend that your luggage tags are placed on your bags prior to arrival at the port.

It may take a few hours after embarkation for your luggage to be delivered to your stateroom. Suitcases are usually collected on the final night of your cruise, so please bring a small bag, such as a backpack, for any necessary medication, valuables, important documents and essential overnight items.

PORTERAGE

Pre & Post Cruise: Please be aware that portorage is not included throughout the land arrangements on this tour unless otherwise stated. You will therefore need to be able to handle your own luggage within hotels and when using transport such as coaches, airport transfers and regional flights.

Cruise: Porterage is included onboard Azamara. When embarking, your luggage will usually be delivered to your cabin from the check-in area at the port. When disembarking, you may be asked to leave your luggage outside your cabin door on the final night of your cruise. Cruise staff will then make arrangements for your luggage, ready for disembarkation the following morning. Please also note, it is customary to tip for portorage services where these are provided, and this tipping is not included in your Wendy Wu Tours cost.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

As we offer our customers a variety of airlines to suit your needs, passengers will arrive and depart at various times during the day. Depending on the number of customers arriving or departing on the same flight as yourself, the type of transfer to your hotel or airport will vary.

On arrival in Siem Reap, you will always be met by English-speaking staff and transferred to your hotel either by:

- Direct shared bus, shared with other passengers and not just Wendy Wu Tours clients
- Shared bus plus taxi from the nearest bus stop to the hotel, with a maximum 5-minute walk
- Chartered coach, if there are more than 8 Wendy Wu Tours passengers arriving at the same time

You will meet your National Escort at dinner or, if arriving late, the following morning after breakfast at the welcome meeting.

Please ensure your Wendy Wu Tours luggage tag is visible on your suitcase or hand luggage, as this may also assist your guide in identifying you. If at any stage you are unable to locate your representative, please contact our local ground operator on the number included in your final documents.

GROUP SIZE

For pre and post cruise touring, most of our groups consist of 10 travellers or more and will be accompanied by a different National Escort in each country. On this tour, there will be no more than 28 travellers in each group, although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling.

Your Azamara cruise is aboard Azamara Quest, which carries approximately 700 guests, most of whom will not be part of your Wendy Wu tour group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 10 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.

TRANSPORT

Coaches: Coaches with air conditioning are used for city sightseeing, airport transfers, excursions and longer road journeys where necessary. Roads in Southeast and East Asia vary considerably by destination. Traffic congestion in major cities and local road conditions may extend journey times, so the timings listed in the itinerary should be treated as approximate. It may not always be possible to return to your hotel after sightseeing to freshen up before dinner, particularly on busy touring days or where evening experiences are included. Flexibility is therefore advised.

Flights: This itinerary includes regional flights between Siem Reap and Saigon, Saigon and Hanoi and Hanoi and Hong Kong. Flight timings and arrangements are subject to airline schedules and operational requirements. Internal and regional flights are based on economy class.

Boats: This tour includes several boat-based experiences, including cruising on Tonle Sap Lake, exploring the Mekong Delta by boat and the overnight cruise in Halong Bay. You will need to be able to board and disembark boats without assistance. Water levels, weather and local operating conditions may affect timings or arrangements.

ACCOMMODATION PRE & POST CRUISE

Your accommodation has been selected for convenience of location, comfort and suitability for the itinerary. During the land sections of your tour, accommodation will include city hotels in Cambodia, Vietnam, Hong Kong and South Korea, as well as an overnight cruise in Halong Bay.

Hotels are generally rated as local four-star standard, but please note that there is no international classification system for hotels and differences in facilities, room size and overall style may exist between New Zealand and the countries visited on this tour.

All group tour hotels will have private western bathroom facilities. Facilities and service standards can vary between destinations and may differ from those you are used to at home. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escorts, local guides or hotel reception.

Rest assured that all accommodation used by Wendy Wu Tours is regularly inspected by our staff and partners to ensure that standards are met.

TIPPING / GRATUITIES

Tipping while on holiday is common in most parts of the world and the destinations visited on this tour are 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. In order 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.

When you arrive in Hong Kong, likewise you will give the stated tipping amount to your guide on the first day who will distribute to local guides and drivers throughout your tour in Hong Kong.

South Korea: Tipping is not compulsory during the post-cruise touring in South Korea. However, if you feel that your local guide and driver have provided a good service, a gratuity is greatly appreciated.

Cruise: Onboard gratuities are included in your trip cost.

If you are travelling in a smaller group with local guides only, then tipping is paid in 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.

FOOD, MEALS & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

On this tour, you will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of dining options, reflecting the diverse cuisines of the destinations you will visit. Meals will vary between hotel restaurants, local restaurants, included cultural dining experiences, street food tours, onboard dining during your Halong Bay cruise and dining aboard Azamara Quest.

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, fish sauce and soy sauce are used in many local dishes. Whilst Southeast Asian food has a reputation for being hot and spicy, each region actually has its own distinct characteristics. Vietnam, for example, is perhaps best known for its fresh and aromatic dishes, relying heavily on flavours from fresh herbs such as mint, basil and dill.

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, appetisers and main courses might be served when they are ready instead of following a particular order.

Determining when it is appropriate to use chopsticks, forks or spoons can be challenging for some travellers, as each country has different customs. In Vietnam, dishes are normally placed in the centre and people serve food for themselves with their own chopsticks and bowl. Usually, chopsticks or other utensils are provided to scoop the food into your bowl to prevent your own 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.

This itinerary also includes several distinctive dining experiences, including a home-cooked lunch with local villagers in Cambodia, culinary experiences in Saigon and Hanoi, a traditional Cambodian dinner with an Apsara dance performance and a dim sum lunch in Hong Kong. During the post-cruise touring in Seoul, meals will continue to be arranged as part of your included itinerary.

Cruise dining: During your cruise, you will dine independently onboard Azamara Quest, choosing from the restaurants and dining venues included in your cruise package. Speciality restaurants and onshore dining are payable locally unless included in your cruise package. If you choose to dine off the ship while in port, these meals will be at your own expense and no refund will be given for meals missed onboard. Your cruise package also includes the basic beverage package which includes selected drinks whilst onboard your cruise.

Dietary Requirements: Please advise our reservation team of any dietary requirements at time of booking. Our guides will make every effort to accommodate requests such as gluten-free or vegetarian meals. However, some dietary requirements may be more challenging to meet, particularly during street food experiences, in local restaurants, during cruise port days or due to differences in food preparation styles.

While on the cruise, the ship's restaurants are generally well-equipped to cater to a wide range of dietary requirements, though it is still recommended to notify the cruise line of any specific needs in advance. During shore excursions, land touring and travel days, dining options may vary and local food establishments may have limited capacity to meet special dietary request.

For travellers with food intolerances or specific dietary needs, it is highly recommended to bring additional snacks or food items, especially when travelling further from major cities. This ensures that you are well prepared in case certain dietary requests cannot be met.

Your patience and understanding are appreciated, as local suppliers may not always be able to provide exactly what you would expect from Western cuisine. The aim is to provide you with an authentic experience while being mindful of your dietary preferences.

CRUISE – AZAMARA QUEST

Welcoming and refined, Azamara Quest offers a relaxed and elegant experience at sea. Designed for intimate small-ship cruising, this elegant vessel can reach ports beyond the reach of larger ships, while Azamara's destination immersion philosophy ensures extended stays and overnight calls in port, giving more time to explore and connect with each destination.

Onboard, you will find a selection of restaurants, cafés, bars and lounges, along with a pool area, sun decks, spa and fitness facilities. Entertainment is also offered throughout the cruise, providing plenty to enjoy between ports of call.

CRUISE ACCOMMODATION AND CABINS

At the time of booking, subject to availability, you may have the choice of booking an outside cabin or balcony cabin. Should you wish to upgrade to a suite or have a special request regarding cabin location, please speak to our reservations department, who may be able to assist.

Outside cabins offer natural light and ocean views from the window, providing a comfortable space to relax between days ashore. Balcony cabins offer the added benefit of a private veranda, allowing you to step outside and enjoy the sea air and surrounding views from your own cabin. Cabin availability, location and layout will vary by category and are subject to confirmation at the time of booking.

CRUISE EMBARKATION & DISEMBARKATION

Embarkation time is when you should arrive at the cruise terminal. Departure time is when your ship sets sail.

Boarding Procedures: Boarding times may vary and will be shown in your travel documents. Please allow plenty of time to get to the port on the day of boarding. Government regulations require Azamara to submit final departure manifests, and guests must check in at least 90 minutes before the scheduled departure time. If you fail to check in at least 90 minutes before the scheduled departure, this may constitute a “no-show” and result in automatic cancellation of your cruise booking.

Boarding Time in Ports of Call: In all ports of call, it is the guest’s responsibility to be back onboard the ship by the time advised by Azamara and the ship’s crew. Please be aware that shipboard time may differ from the time in the port of call, and it is the guest’s responsibility to follow shipboard time. In the event a guest misses the ship, it will be the guest’s responsibility to pay all expenses incurred to rejoin the ship.

SHORE EXCURSIONS

Your itinerary combines two different styles of touring, each offering a distinct experience. The land portion pre- or post-cruise is more in-depth and fast-paced, with full days of sightseeing, cultural highlights, and detailed commentary from local guides. This allows for a comprehensive understanding of each destination, although the pace can feel busy and information-rich.

During the cruise, the touring style becomes more relaxed. Shore excursions still provide opportunities to explore each port, but they are typically less intensive, with a slower pace, lighter commentary, and more free time. This contrast is designed to offer a balance between structured, guided touring and more flexible exploration.

At ports of call, optional shore excursions will be available through the cruise line. These are subject to availability and may be amended or cancelled due to weather or operational reasons at their discretion. Unless otherwise stated, excursions are at your own expense and can be booked in advance through your Holland America reservation, onboard the ship, or independently with a third-party provider. If you choose independently or through a third-party provider, it is your responsibility to ensure the excursion timing allows sufficient return time before the ship’s all-aboard deadline.

If you opt to book through the cruise line, we recommend booking early, as availability is limited and operates on a first-come, first-served basis. A shore excursions desk is available onboard for last-

minute arrangements although this does not always guarantee availability. Excursions can be pre-booked online via your Guest Account. Please note that any add-ons must be paid within 72 hours of being added to your reservation to avoid automatic removal. To secure your selections, payment should be completed at the time of booking. Shore excursions are not always available online straight away, and sometimes appear closer to the departure date. If you cannot see them, it is worth checking back at a later date.

APPROPRIATE DRESS / WHAT TO PACK

When travelling on this tour, it is advisable to pack for a mixture of hot, warm and milder spring conditions. Lightweight, breathable clothing will be useful for Cambodia and southern Vietnam, while layers are recommended for Hong Kong, China, South Korea and cooler evenings during the cruise. A lightweight waterproof jacket is also advisable in case of rain or drizzle.

Comfortable walking shoes are essential throughout the tour, particularly for temple visits, city touring, markets, heritage districts and longer sightseeing days. For sun protection, pack a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Insect repellent may also be useful during the Cambodia and Vietnam sections of the itinerary. Swimwear may be useful for the cruise and hotel facilities.

Please remember to dress modestly when visiting religious or cultural sites and follow the advice of your National Escorts or local guides. Clothing that covers shoulders and knees will be required.

Onboard Dress Code: In keeping with Azamara's friendly yet sophisticated atmosphere, the dress code onboard is resort casual. Guests are asked to avoid bare feet, tank tops, caps, bathing suits, casual shorts and torn jeans in the main dining room and speciality restaurants. At casual dining venues, appropriate cover-ups and footwear are required.

Formal evening wear is not expected or required onboard Azamara Quest, though guests who enjoy dressing up are welcome to do so. A highlight of the cruise is White Night, a festive evening held once per voyage, weather permitting, where guests are encouraged to wear smart white attire and enjoy alfresco dining and entertainment on deck.

TERRAIN CONSIDERATIONS (STEPS, SLOPES & UNEVEN SURFACES)

Sightseeing on this tour may involve walking over uneven ground, temple complexes, steps, narrow paths, market areas, pavements, heritage districts and cruise terminals. Comfortable, sturdy footwear is essential.

In Cambodia, temple sightseeing at Angkor, Beng Mealea and surrounding heritage sites may involve uneven stone surfaces, steps and extended periods on foot. The rural village experience may also involve unpaved or uneven ground. In Vietnam, the Cu Chi Tunnels visit and Mekong Delta touring may involve uneven surfaces and boarding or disembarking smaller boats.

During the Halong Bay cruise, access to caves, islands or shore activities may involve steps, slopes or uneven surfaces, depending on the cruise programme and local operating conditions. During the Azamara cruise, embarking and disembarking at ports may involve gangways, ramps, steps or tender

arrangements, depending on the port and conditions on the day. Optional shore excursions may also involve extended periods on foot.

Those with knee or hip difficulties, balance issues or reduced mobility should carefully consider the physical requirements of this itinerary. Guests must be able to complete the included activities independently.

MONEY, CASH PERSONAL EXPENSES

This tour visits several countries, so different currencies may be useful during your journey. It is important to plan ahead and ensure you have access to suitable funds for locally payable costs, tipping, smaller purchases and personal expenses.

For the destinations visited on this tour, you may wish to have access to local currency for personal spending during the land touring sections and cruise port calls. Card acceptance is generally strong in major cities, but cash may still be useful for smaller shops, markets, street stalls, tips and some independent purchases ashore.

We recommend having access to more than one payment method while travelling, such as a combination of cash and cards. During time in mainland China, mobile payment platforms are widely used, and international cards or cash may not always be accepted as readily in some settings. Wendy Wu Tours' separate Paying in China guidance should be consulted before travel.

ATMs are available in major cities, although access may be more limited during sightseeing days, travel days and cruise port calls. We recommend consulting your bank about withdrawal fees, overseas card charges and daily limits before travelling. Your National Escorts or local guides will advise you locally where possible.

Personal expenses: You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks not included in your package, laundry, souvenirs, optional shore excursions, additional sightseeing and any other personal expenses. During the cruise, most onboard purchases will be charged to your shipboard account and settled at the end of your voyage.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES - PRE AND POST CRUISE

Our fully-inclusive Classic tours, while on land, feature full days of sightseeing to ensure you experience all the must-see sights and unforgettable moments. Occasionally, when time allows, we offer optional extras for those seeking extra exploration. These excursions will be communicated and paid for locally through your guide.

SOUVENIRS

We want to give you the opportunity to buy souvenirs, so your itinerary may include stops at markets, workshops, cultural venues or local shops which showcase a craft or product unique to the 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. On this tour, you may find locally made crafts, textiles, artwork, lacquerware, wood carvings, tea, coffee, local snacks and other regional products. We trust you will

enjoy these opportunities to learn about local arts, crafts and culture, and understand their historical or regional importance.

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

The countries visited on this itinerary are culturally diverse, with a wide range of religious traditions, customs, languages and social etiquette across Southeast and East Asia. Local customs, service styles and standards may differ from those in New Zealand, and showing respect for local traditions will help you get the most from your journey.

In some places, particularly at temples, shrines and other religious or heritage sites, modest dress may be expected. You should always follow the advice of your National Escorts or local guides, ask permission before photographing local people and behave respectfully in places of worship or cultural importance.

DEVELOPMENT

Although Southeast Asia is developing quickly, it still lacks the international standards of civil infrastructure and tourist facilities found in New Zealand. Concepts of personal responsibility are also different. 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 of 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 National Escorts or local guides.

This tour also visits major cities and ports across East Asia, including Hong Kong, Taipei, Shanghai, Beijing and Seoul, where infrastructure and tourist facilities are generally more developed. However, local standards, accessibility, transport systems, public facilities and service levels may still differ from those in New Zealand. Traffic, weather, port operations and local conditions can affect touring arrangements and journey times throughout the itinerary.

We recommend travelling with patience, flexibility and an open mind, particularly when moving between countries with differing local customs, infrastructure and ways of operating.

WEATHER

This itinerary travels from late March into mid-April, and weather conditions will vary considerably between the destinations visited.

In Cambodia, late March is generally hot and dry, with daytime temperatures rising as the country approaches the hottest part of the year. Saigon is also usually warm at this time. In northern Vietnam, including Hanoi and Halong Bay, conditions can be milder and more changeable, with some cloud, mist or light rain possible.

In Hong Kong, March and April are generally milder months, though periods of high humidity, drizzle or fog can occur. During the cruise, early April conditions in Okinawa are typically pleasantly warm, although evenings can feel cooler.

In mainland China, Shanghai generally experiences spring conditions in April, with mild but changeable weather and occasional rain. Further north in Dalian and Beijing, conditions may feel cooler, particularly in the mornings and evenings. By the time the tour reaches Seoul, spring conditions are generally mild, with cooler mornings and evenings still possible.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please note that the cruise call to Taipei, Taiwan, currently scheduled for 4 April 2027, falls during the Children's Day / Tomb Sweeping Day holiday period in Taiwan.

Public holidays can affect local services, shops, transport, traffic levels and visitor numbers at tourist sites.

Cruise schedules and shore excursion arrangements may also be affected by local operational requirements during holiday periods.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The destinations visited on this tour are popular with international travellers, but as with any holiday, it is important to take sensible precautions and remain aware of your surroundings. Your National Escorts and local guides will advise you locally where necessary.

To help keep your belongings safe:

- avoid carrying large sums of cash with you
- keep passports, spare cash and valuables in the hotel safe where available
- do not leave luggage, bags, phones or cameras unattended
- avoid displaying expensive jewellery, watches, cameras or other valuables in public
- take care in busy areas such as markets, ports, airports, tourist sites and city centres
- use ATMs inside banks, hotels or shopping centres where possible
- if you need a taxi during time at leisure, ask your hotel or local guide to arrange one for you
- avoid walking alone at night, particularly in unfamiliar or quiet areas
- keep your hotel room locked and check who is at the door before opening it

VACCINATIONS AND YOUR HEALTH:

We recommend that you contact either your doctor or Health centre for advice on vaccinations and travel health. Safetravel 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 an email with your confirmation invoice, along with a link to our website where you can find your visa information and other important information. Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks prior to departure.

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