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7 -14 Day Highlights Of Asia Bangkok – Singapore – Shanghai



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Escorted Small Group Tour With Pre-Selected Dates

Tours/Hotels/Transportation/Meals:

This itinerary includes transportation to each destination, you may have already included flights in the schedule and if so, we will need to take out transportation itinerary and schedule included in this proposal that duplicates travel arrangements.

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DAY 1: BANGKOK ARRIVAL (air/ own arrangement – to be advised)

Upon arrival at the airport and after clearing the immigrations and customs, embark on your comfortable vehicle for transferring to your hotel for check in.

SALA RIM NAAM DINNER AND CLASSICAL DANCE SHOW

Sala Rim Naam is known for being the most luxurious and exclusive dinner shows in Bangkok. Located opposite the Oriental Hotel, on the opposite bank of the Chao Phraya River, Sala Rim Naam offers a wide selection of Thai cuisine that has attracted visitors and locals alike for years.

Housed in a richly decorated Thai pavilion that is reminiscent of Northern Thai architecture, the restaurant is also the setting for one of the Kingdom's unique cultural experiences—classical Thai dancing performed each night.

Enjoy a 3-course set dinner of delectable Thai cuisine - the perfect way to combine Thai cuisine and culture.

After the show, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Mandarin Oriental Bangkok Hotel/ Superior

DAY 2: Bangkok - Wat Arun - Singapore

Enjoy a half day tour visiting two of Bangkok's most notable landmarks, the Grand Palace and Wat Arun, also referred to as the Temple of Dawn. Start cruising to Wat Arun, a Buddhist temple constructed between 1809 and 1851, and wander around its peaceful grounds.

Continue by boat over the river until you reach Ta Chang Pier and walk 5 minutes to the Grand Palace. One of the most spectacular palaces in Southeast Asia, it was begun in 1782 by King Rama I, after he moved the capital from Thonburi to Bangkok.

From the 18th century onwards it has served as the residence of the early Chakri Dynasty Kings. The complex houses not only the Royal residence and throne halls, but also government

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offices and the renowned Wat Phra Kaew, containing the Emerald Buddha, the symbol of the country.

Enjoy an entertaining and informative guided visit. Return to hotel after tour. (*Ladies should wear short-sleeved top with full-length trousers or knee-length skirts. Gentlemen should wear trousers and short-sleeved shirts for religious reasons.*)

Transfer to airport for flight to Singapore

Meet & Greet service with the use of electric buggy, in-house immigrations and customs clearance, dedicated check-in counters, baggage assistance and usage of CIP Private Airport Lounge with facility. You are provided with free flow of alcoholic, beverages, hot drinks and canopies while waiting for immigration and customs clearance done by the officers. Embark the comfortable vehicle for transferring to your hotel for check-in and relax

Early evening, enjoy **candle light dinner on the Singapore Flyer**

Standing at 165 metres above the city, **the Singapore Flyer** is the height of a 42-storey building - which is some 30 metres taller than the famed London Eye. Ride on the world's tallest observation wheel to catch the breathtaking view of Singapore's iconic and historical landmarks and views from the Marina Bay to the Singapore River, Raffles Place, Merlion Park, Empress Place and the Padang. There is no other place in Singapore that offers these breathtaking, magnificent day and glittering night views.

Come and try the world's first full butler service dining experience in the sky or a limited edition Chef Collection Series Menu only at Singapore Flyer! The ultimate dining experience coupled with awe-inspiring views of Singapore. Take the first dinner departure at 1900 and have a lovely view of the sunset while enjoying a lovely candle light dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Ritz Carlton hotel / Premier Suite



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DAY 3: Singapore city tour – Singapore departure by Cruise

Morning, our guide will pick you up at the hotel's lobby at 0900am for a full day Singapore city tour. Leave the gleaming and modern island city behind and explore the older districts of Singapore where the architecture showcases the contrast between the old and new and the blend of East and West. Experience the history, culture and the lifestyle of multi-racial Singapore the exciting heart of uniquely Singapore. We will pass by the colonial district for a view of **the Padang, the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay** and the Merlion – a mythical beast, Singapore's famous tourism symbol, half lion, and half fish.

Next stop, a visit to **Little India, Chinatown** and drop by a **Chinese tea house** and gain a greater insight into the traditional art of Chinese tea, understand its benefits and get to taste some yourself. Take a visit to the **Chinatown Heritage** Center, where the colorful past of Chinatown comes alive within the walls of these three beautifully-restored shop houses along **Pagoda Street**, comfortably nestled in the midst of Singapore's bustling Chinatown district. Proceed for a **dim sum lunch (no drinks at meal)**

After lunch, visit **the fine art of calligraphy** is demonstrated by **the Master Calligrapher** who converts your name or a creative expression into auspicious Chinese characters on a red fan which is yours to keep as a souvenir. Then, experience a **trishaw ride** that takes you through the alleyways of Chinatown and down to Clarke Quay

We end the trip at **Raffles** where you start an exclusive Raffles tour, conducted by the hotel's very own historian and relax in the long bar with Singapore's very own concoction Singapore Sling the other starts As the saying goes, "If you have not been to Raffles, you have not been to Singapore". **One glass of Singapore Sling per person would be reserved**

After the trip, drive straight to the ship cruise dock for embarkation the ship cruise sailing to next destination

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight on cruise/ at own arrangement

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DAY 4: SHANGHAI (BAOSHAN PIER) BY VOYAGER OF THE SEAS AT 07:00

Meet at the pier then proceed the tour of Zhujiajiao tour incl. Chinese lunch at local restaurant

Located in a suburb of Shanghai city, Zhujiajiao is an ancient water town well-known throughout the country with a history of more than 1,700 years. Endowed with another elegant name – “Pearl Stream” – the little town is the best preserved among all four ancient towns in Shanghai.

Unique with old bridges across bubbling streams, small rivers shaded by willow trees, and houses with courtyard attached all transport people who have been living amidst the hustle and bustle of the modern big city to a new world full of antiquity, leisure and tranquility.

There is an ancient street filled with ancient buildings from the Ming & Qing dynasties...you will stroll this ancient thoroughfare and appreciate the historic buildings, long established stores and old bridges as well as the many narrow lanes.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Dinner is on your own – Payment at time of Service.

Accommodation: Peninsula/ Deluxe room

DAY 5: SHANGHAI

Yu Garden

Yuyuan Garden is the only fully restored classical Chinese garden in Shanghai. It was inaugurated in the Ming dynasty and has a total area of 20,000 square meter. Although the

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Garden occupies less than five acres, demonstrates perfectly the sophisticated art of combining several different elements to create a world in miniature – ingeniously mingling pavilions and corridors, small hills and carefully selected and well-placed rocks, lotus ponds, bridges, winding paths, and trees and shrubs.

To the south of Yuyuan stands the City God Temple; while to the west is the Yuyuan Bazaar.

The architectures, as fine examples of those of ancient towns in south China, still remain as classic and elegant-looking as ever.

Jade Buddha Temple

The temple is an active one, with 70 resident monks at last count. It was built between 1911 and 1918. The exterior is readily identifiable by the bright saffron walls. Inside, the centerpiece is a 1.9-metre-high white jade Buddha, which was installed here after a monk has brought it from Burma to Zhejiang Province in 1882. The seated Buddha, encrusted with jewels, is said to weigh 1,000 kg. A smaller, reclining Buddha from the same shipment lies on a redwood bed. In the large hall are three gold-plated Buddha's, and other halls house ferocious-looking deities. Artifacts abound, not all on display, and some 7,000 Buddhist sutras line the walls. Also in the precincts is a branch of the Antiques & Curio Store that sells miniature sandalwood drums and gongs, replicas of the large ones used in ceremonies. No photography of the Jade Buddha is permitted, but postcards are available.

Shanghai Xintiandi

With a site area of 30,000 square meters and a gross floor area of 60,000 square metres, Shanghai Xintiandi features a multitude of specialist F&B, retail, entertainment, cultural, recreational, commercial and residential facilities in restored "Shikumen" houses - a special old form of building architecture only found in Shanghai - as well as state-of-the-art new buildings, catering for both residents and visitors.

The northern part of the site, featuring mostly "Shikumen" houses, consists mainly of specialist food and beverages and retail facilities. Southern part of the site consists mainly of a multi-purpose entertainment and retail complex, serviced apartments and a clubhouse, in new buildings of contemporary architecture.

Adjacent to the project is the famous "First Congress Hall", located on Xingye Road which will be transformed into a pedestrian area.

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The central piazza running from north to south will feature landscaped open areas, out-door cafes and show areas, bringing actions and vitality to the project and linking up various functional zones on the site.

An underground carpark with 220 parking spaces will be constructed at the southern part of the site.

Shanghai Xintiandi is designed by Wood and Zapata Inc., a Boston-based architectural firm specialised in adaptive re-use of old buildings, and the Singapore office of Nikken Sekkei International Ltd. The Shanghai Tongji University Urban Planning, Design and Research Institute serves as the architectural consultant.

ORIENTAL TV TOWER

The Oriental Pearl TV Tower is located in Pudong Park in Lujiazui, Shanghai. The tower, surrounded by the Yangpu Bridge in the northeast and the Nanpu Bridge in the southwest, creates a picture of 'twin dragons playing with pearls'. The entire scene is a photographic jewel that excites the imagination and attracts thousands of visitors year-round. This 468 meters (1,536 feet) high tower is the world's third tallest TV and radio tower surpassed in height only by towers in Toronto, Canada and Moscow, Russia. However, even more alluring than its height is the tower's unique architectural design that makes the Oriental Pearl TV Tower one of the most attractive places anywhere. The base of the tower is supported by three seven-meter wide slanting stanchions. Surrounding the eleven steel spheres that are 'strung' vertically through the center of the tower are three nine-meter wide columns. There are three large spheres including the top sphere, known as the space module. Then there are five smaller spheres and three decorative spheres on the tower base. The entire structure rests on rich green grassland and gives the appearance of pearls shining on a jade plate.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Peninsula/ Deluxe room

DAY 6: SU ZHOU

Humble Administrator Garden

The Humble Administrator Garden (Zhuozheng Yuan) is the largest garden in Suzhou, with an area of around 12 acres. Besides its beauty, the garden also has an interesting history.

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The garden was originally the residence of a Tang Dynasty scholar. During the Ming Dynasty it was appropriated by an Imperial Envoy and poet Wang Xiancheng. Wang's son was an avid gambler and not very bright. He eventually used the garden to settle his gambling debts. It was said that a few of Wang Xiancheng's closest friends actually envied the beauty of the garden, and conspired to win it from the son. The garden was then divided into several parts among the conspirators.

Grand Canal

China Grand Canal, namely Beijing - Hangzhou Grand Canal, is one of the greatest projects constructed in ancient China. It has a history of more than 1400 years. It's famous for its oldest and longest canal in the world, begins from Beijing and ends at Hangzhou, hence the name. With its own 1795 Km long and 24 locks and more than 60 bridges, the Beijing - Hangzhou Grand Canal connecting Yangtze River, Yellow River, Huaihe River, Haihe River and Qiantang River, flows through Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shandong, Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces. In ancient China, the Grand Canal played a very important role to connect river systems for grain transportation between the north and south in China, promoted the economic and cultural exchange and strengthening the unification of the country.

Nowadays, almost in each city lying alongside the Grand Canal, people developed its own city river boat cruise, such as in Hangzhou, Suzhou, Wuxi, Changzhou, Zhenjiang etc.

Canal Cruise, as part of the Grand Canal, encircles the beautiful ancient Suzhou city. On the way, you can view and appreciate the ancient Suzhou city, well-designed Ouyuan, hundred-year-old Suzhou University, Baodai Bridge which is the longest linking-arch age-old bridge existing in China and other famous sceneries. The dimple of the river would give you the smell of water, the essence of Wu culture and the extraordinary charm of oriental water city.

Guan Qian Street

This street has existed since 1930 and has been renovated many times since then. On June 1982, the street was designated by the municipal authority as a walking street and a new night market was established. The street has been honored as the one of the Four Most Famous Walking Streets in China

Lying in the downtown core of Suzhou, the main theme of the street involves eating, shopping and entertaining. There are hundreds of shops, restaurants, bars, stores and clubs in old fashioned structures surrounded by colorful signs and neon lights along the street.

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Silk Factory

A city with a long history of silk culture, Suzhou has a tradition of mulberry planting, silk worm raising, silk reeling and weaving. Suzhou's silk was an imperial tribute and enjoyed a worldwide reputation from as early as the Tang and Song dynasties (a.d.618-1279). During the rule of the Wanli Emperor of the Ming Dynasty (1573-1620), Suzhou was surrounded by mulberry fields and formed a prosperous silk market. Suzhou city also abounds in natural gifts, abundant sunshine, plentiful rainfall and rich soils, which offer a pleasant environment for rich cocoons and high qualities of silk. It has become the main producing area and the center of collecting & distributing silk raw materials in China.

The No.1 Silk Factory was established in Suzhou in 1926. It is divided into three parts: the exhibition hall which shows the history of Suzhou silk and some ancient collections; the working spot, where you can see how the silk is made; and the product exhibition hall, exhibiting the main products of this factory, the silk wadding quilts.

The factory gains a good reputation in the silk industry for its complete technical process of silkworm raising, cocoon sorting, cocoon boiling, and silk reeling, rewinding and packing. There are more than 300 workers, one cocoon sorting machine, one cocoon boiling machine, two silk rewinding machines and one silk rewinding.

In this factory you can not only see how the silk is processed from worm to the final product, but also learn some histories of silk in China.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Peninsula/ Deluxe room

DAY 7: SHANGHAI – DEPARTURE (air/ own arrangement – to be advised)

Check out hotel, transfer to airport for flight back home

Meals: Breakfast

End of services.

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**** It is recommended that you consider adding additional days to your custom itinerary, in order to have a more comprehensive visit in each of the destinations contained within the itinerary. This short 7-day trip is a highlights trip and will only give you a brief overview of each destination.**

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