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# Laem Chabang AYUTTHAYA: THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF SIAM

#### Description

An excursion to learn about the fascinating history of the ancient kingdom of Siam through the amazing ruins and temples of its capital.

#### What we will see

- Ayutthaya Historical Park: ruins of the old city
- Bang Pa-In Royal Palace or Summer Palace
- Wat Mahathat
- Wat Phra Sri Sanphet
- Wihan Phra Mongkon Bophit and statue of the seated Buddha
- Wat Yai Chai Mongkon
- Buffet lunch

#### What we will do

- Our thrilling journey back in time starts with the fascinating ruins of the old city forming the so-called Ayutthaya Historical Park and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991. While exploring the area, we make out its original urban layout made up of moats, palaces and majestic temples decorated with rows of enigmatic stone Buddha statues.
- The wealth of pagodas and dwellings and the large number of navigable canals led to it being known as Venice of the East.
- We then visit the enchanting and important complex of the Bang Pa-In Royal Palace, also known as the Summer Palace, which was built in 1632. The current buildings are the result of a restoration commissioned between 1872 and 1889 by King Chulalongkorn and are eclectic examples of Thai, European and Chinese architecture.
- The palace is made up of five imposing buildings: a lovely Thai-style pavilion right in the middle of an artificial lake, a twostorey pavilion of European influence for official ceremonies, a pavilion which was once used as residence during the high tide season, a Chinese-style pavilion where the court used to live during the cool rainy season and an observatory located on an islet offering breath-taking views of the surrounding countryside.
- After a thrilling elephant ride (2 people per animal), we visit the **Wat Phra Sri Sanphet**, the most important temple in the ancient complex of the Grand Royal Palace made up of three large stupas dating back to the family of King Rama Thibodi II and his father, who both lived here in the 15th century, and which had the same function as Bangkok's Emerald Buddha Temple.
- Our excursion continues with the **Wihan Phra Mongkhon Bophit**, where one of the largest **seated Buddha** statues in the world is located together will smaller statues found in the same area.
- The vihara (hall) was destroyed in 1767 when the Burmese ransacked Ayutthaya and was rebuilt in the original style in 1956.
- Finally, we visit the **Wat Yai Chai Mongkon**, a majestic meditation pagoda built in 1357 by King U Thong and whose remains can be seen from afar.



- We end our historical excursion with a **buffet lunch** of Thai specialities in a local restaurant before heading back to the port.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- Footwear must be removed and socks must be worn to enter the temples.
- Comfortable shoes and dress code that is appropriate for the places of worship to be visited is recommended.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems. \* To enter the Summer Palace, gentlemen must wear long trousers and short sleeves and ladies should avoid mini skirts and excessively low necklines.
- The coach transfer from the port to Ayutthaya takes approximately 3 hours.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price	
6866	11 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 102.00	EUR 76.50	
Туре					
A Sightseeing	Cultural	Meal Included			

# Laem Chabang BANGKOK BY LAND AND SEA

#### Description

An excursion to discover Bangkok's main sights, including temples with towering golden spires, Buddha statues and the amazing architecture of the Grand Palace. Sail along the river crossing the city, relax with a delicious restaurant lunch and end the day with some shopping.

#### What we will see

- Golden Buddha Temple
- Emerald Buddha Temple
- Grand Palace
- Sailing along the Chao Phraya river
- Buffet lunch
- Free time for shopping

#### What we will do

• Our excursion to discover Bangkok starts with a visit to the Golden Buddha Temple, home to a fantastic solid gold statue





representing Buddha weighing over 5.5 tons.

- We cross the lively Chinatown and evocative flower market and reach the **Emerald Buddha Temple**, known to the locals as Wat Phra Kaew. We admire its exceptional architecture and frescoes as well as the numerous *stupas* (typical religious monuments).
- Inside the temple, we admire the green jade Buddha in the temple's main hall.
- Inside the 1,900 metres of walls that surround the complex, we can also observe the **Grand Palace**, commissioned in 1782 when King Rama I decided to move the capital from Thonburi to Bangkok.
- We then move towards the nearby jetty, from where we set sail on a thrilling **trip along the Chao Phraya river** (the River of Kings) a fascinating cruise that enables us to admire city life on both banks.
- Once back on dry land, we enjoy a **buffet lunch** with international dishes in a local restaurant.
- Before returning to the ship, we have some **free time** to look around for some souvenirs, Thai silks, semi-precious stones, artefacts and other local products.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- Footwear must be removed and socks must be worn to enter the temples.
- Comfortable shoes and dress code that is appropriate for the places of worship to be visited is recommended.
- The coach journey to Bangkok lasts about 2 hours.

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# Laem Chabang SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF BANGKOK

#### Description

This evocative peaceful excursion takes us to discover the capital of Thailand by coach with a sightseeing tour of the historic centre of the so-called "City of Angels" including golden spires, wonderful palaces and amazing monuments.

#### What we will see

• Maha Jessada Bodin



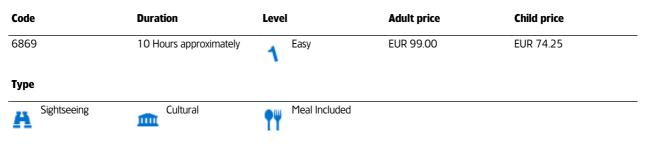
- Panoramic view of the Golden Mount temple, fort and Wat Ratchanatdaram
- Constitution Monument
- Sunday Plaza
- City Pillar Shrine
- Grand Palace
- Emerald Buddha Temple
- Ministry of Defence
- Temple of the Reclining Buddha
- Wat Suthat
- Giant Swing
- Buffet lunch
- Marble temple
- Shopping

#### What we will do

- Our excursion starts with the majestic Maha Jessada Bodin pavilion, an idea spot to take a few pictures of the old city.
- We overlook the entire area below with a panoramic view of the **Golden Mount temple**, the highest in Bangkok, the historic **fort** with the ancient **city walls** and the **Wat Ratchanatdaram**, a Buddhist temple with a pink pyramid named *Loha Pradat* (pagoda with a metal tip), 36 metres tall and the only one in the world.
- Our sightseeing coach tour continues with the **Constitution Monument**, **Sunday Plaza**, the **City Pillar Shrine**, the **Grand Palace**, the **Emerald Buddha Temple**, the **Ministry of Defence**, the **Temple of the Reclining Buddha** and **Wat Suthat**, where we can admire the enormous bronze Buddha dating back to the Sukhothai period (15th century) as well as the frescoes in the Ordination Hall.
- Right in front of Wat Suthat, we can admire the **Giant Swing**. In the past, these two teak columns were used during a Brahmanic festivity: before the ban in 1932, young Hindu monks used to swing and rotate 180° trying to catch a satchel filled with gold coins with their teeth. Even if a few managed to catch it, many died during this dangerous activity.
- After our tour, we enjoy an international **buffet lunch** at a local restaurant, after which we stop to take photos at the fabulous **Marble Temple** (Wat Benchamabophit), built in precious Carrara marble.
- Finally, before returning to the ship, we have some free time to do some shopping.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- Footwear must be removed and socks must be worn to enter the temples.
- Comfortable shoes and dress code that is appropriate for the places of worship to be visited is recommended.
- The coach transfer from the port to Bangkok takes approximately 2 hours.

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# **EVENING RELAXATION IN PATTAYA WITH THAI DINNER**

#### Description

An evening dedicated to relaxation and fun while enjoying a delicious Thai dinner by the pool and discovering the "movida" of south Pattaya.

#### What we will see

- Buffet dinner at the Siam Bayshore Pattaya Resort
- South Pattaya: bars, discos and pubs

#### What we will do

- We begin this excursion with a delicious **buffet dinner** served by the pool (weather permitting) near the small semi-private beach of the **Siam Bayshore Pattaya Resort**, surrounded by lush Thai vegetation.
- After dinner, we take the coach to **south Pattaya**, where we have some free time to immerse ourselves in the city's night-life in an area full of **bars, discos and pubs**. Pattaya is in fact one of Thailand's most lively and mundane tourist areas, so much so that the Italians also call it the "Rimini of South-East Asia".
- This excursion does not include a guide. A local rep will provide information in English.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- The coach transfer from the port to Pattaya takes approximately 1 hour.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6864	4 1/2 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 85.00	EUR 63.75
Туре				
A Sightseeing	Meal Included			
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# Laem Chabang PILLS OF BANGKOK

#### Description

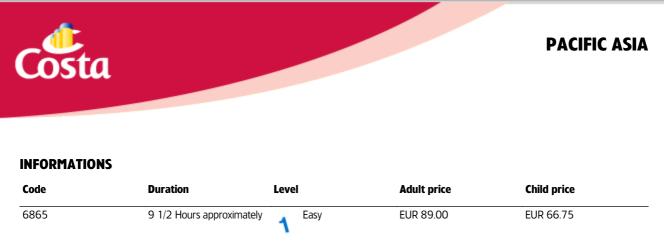
The ideal excursion for those who don't have much time to visit Bangkok, also known as the "City of Angels", but who don't want to give up on admiring its main sights and buildings.

#### What we will see

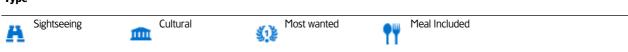
- Vimanmek Palace
- Marble Temple with Carrara marble, lacquered beams and gold
- Buffet lunch
- Photo stop at Maha Jessada Bodin
- Panoramic view of the Golden Mount temple, fort and Wat Ratchanatdaram
- Shopping

#### What we will do

- Our first stop takes us to one of the capital's most fascinating monuments: the Vimanmek Palace, the largest golden teak building in the world and residence of King Rama V between 1901 and 1906. We will also see the evocative Wat Benchamabopit or Marble Temple.
- The Temple's main building, commissioned by Rama V in the late 19th century to make up for having demolished two old temples to make room for his palace, is made of **Carrara marble**, while the interior is decorated with **gold and lacquered** beams.
- After this fascinating visit, time to eat: we therefore head to a local restaurant where we enjoy a delicious buffet lunch.
- We then **stop for photos** in front of the **Maha Jessada Bodin** pavilion, which is where the Mayor of Bangkok hands over the keys to the city to illustrious visitors.
- The entire area below is dominated by a panoramic view of the **Golden Mount temple**, the historic **fort** with the ancient city walls and the **Wat Ratchanatdaram**, a Buddhist temple with a pink pyramid named *Loha Pradat* (pagoda with a metal tip), 36 metres tall and the only one in the world.
- Finally, before returning to the ship, we have some free time to do some shopping.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- Footwear must be removed and socks must be worn to enter the temples.
- Comfortable shoes and dress code that is appropriate for the places of worship to be visited is recommended.
- To enter Vinanmek Palace, gentlemen must wear long trousers and short sleeves and ladies should avoid mini skirts and excessively low necklines.
- The coach transfer from the port to Bangkok takes approximately 2 hours.



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Laem Chabang SHOW AT SIAM NIRAMIT

#### Description

A show portraying the history and traditions of amazing Thailand complete with a delicious buffet dinner, singing and dancing.

#### What we will see

- Performance at the Siam Niramit theatre and Guinness World Record stage
- Buffet dinner
- Shopping at the night-time market

#### What we will do

- Siam Niramit is a majestic theatre organising one of the biggest shows in the world, performed on an enormous stage which is a Guinness World Record holder.
- We attend a **show** portraying the history and traditions of Thailand including colours, artistic performances, martial arts, marvellous set designs and incredible special effects with state-of-the-art technology.
- Before witnessing this wealth of singing, dancing and entertainment, we enjoy a delicious **buffet dinner**. Finally, before heading back to the ship, we stop at the **night-time market**, where we have some free time to wander around and do some **shopping**.
- This excursion does not include a guide. A local rep will provide information in English.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- The coach transfer from the port to Bangkok takes approximately 2 hours.
- It is not permitted to use cameras during the show. They must be left at the theatre entrance.

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# Laem Chabang TWO DAYS DISCOVERING BANGKOK (twin room)

#### Description

A two-day excursion to discover the many sides of Bangkok – ranging from Buddhist temples to a cruise along the Chao Phraya river to majestic colourful palaces and their magnificent architecture. Between some shopping and delicious local and international dishes, we also discover the most traditional side of Thai culture with a folklore show that will take our breath away.

#### What we will see

[Day 1] \* Temple of the Reclining Buddha \* Emerald Buddha Temple \* Grand Palace \* Restaurant lunch \* Cruise along the river \* Siam Niramit theatre: dinner and traditional show \* Shopping in a night-time market [Day 2] \* Breakfast at the hotel \* Return to the port

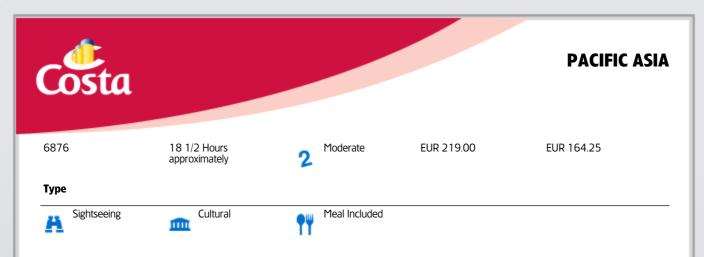
#### What we will do

DAY 1 \* Once in Bangkok, our first day starts with a visit to two of its most famous temples. The first is the Temple of the Reclining Buddha , home to the third largest reclining Buddha statue in Thailand. \* We then move on to the **Emerald Buddha Temple**, home to the most ancient Buddha statue, whose clothing is changed three times a year in conjunction with the Thai seasons during a solemn ceremony performed by the Monarch himself. \* Inside the 1,900 metres of walls that surround the complex, we can also observe the **Grand Palace**, commissioned in 1782 when King Rama I decided to move the capital from Thonburi to Bangkok. \* We start feeling peckish so a local restaurant welcomes us for a **delicious lunch** with international and Thai dishes. \* We then move towards the nearby jetty, from where we set sail on a thrilling **trip along the Chao Phraya river** - a fascinating cruise that enables us to admire city life on both banks. \* Once back on dry land, we have some **free time** to shop in a famous store. \* We then head towards the **Siam Niramit theatre** where, while waiting for the evening show, we enjoy a delightful **buffet dinner** with international dishes. \* A **unique experience** awaits us after dinner: a majestic show illustrating the history and traditions of Thailand filled with colours, surprising set designs, singing and dancing. \* After the show, we go for a stroll through an **evocative night-time market** to immerse ourselves in the authentic local atmosphere and to do a bit of shopping. \* We then reach one of the main **hotels overlooking the river** where we can rest. DAY 2 \* **An abundant breakfast** awaits us when we wake up, providing the energy we need for another pleasant day spent discovering charming Bangkok. \* We head towards **Suan Pakkard Palace Museum**, \* After our visit, we bid farewell to the fabulous city of Bangkok and head back to the port on our coach.

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# Laem Chabang TWO DAYS DISCOVERING BANGKOK (single room)

#### Description

A two-day excursion to discover the many sides of Bangkok – ranging from Buddhist temples to a cruise along the Chao Phraya river to majestic colourful palaces and their magnificent architecture. Between some shopping and delicious local and international dishes, we also discover the most traditional side of Thai culture with a folklore show that will take our breath away.

#### What we will see

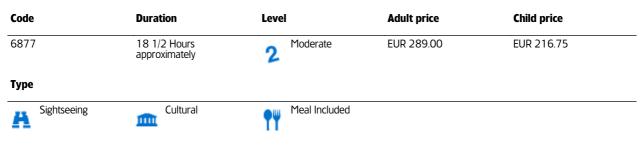
[Day 1] \* Temple of the Reclining Buddha \* Emerald Buddha Temple \* Grand Palace \* Restaurant lunch \* Cruise along the river \* Siam Niramit theatre: dinner and traditional show \* Shopping in a night-time market [Day 2] \* Breakfast at the hotel \* Vimanmek palace \* Return to the port

#### What we will do

DAY 1 \* Once in Bangkok, our first day starts with a visit to two of its most famous temples. The first is the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, home to the third largest reclining Buddha statue in Thailand. \* We then move on to the Emerald Buddha Temple, home to the most ancient Buddha statue, whose clothing is changed three times a year in conjunction with the Thai seasons during a solemn ceremony performed by the Monarch himself. \* Inside the 1,900 metres of walls that surround the complex, we can also observe the Grand Palace, commissioned in 1782 when King Rama I decided to move the capital from Thonburi to Bangkok. \* We start feeling peckish so a local restaurant welcomes us for a delicious lunch with international and Thai dishes. \* We then move towards the nearby jetty, from where we set sail on a thrilling trip along the Chao Phraya river - a fascinating cruise that enables us to admire city life on both banks. \* Once back on dry land, we have some free time to shop in a famous store. \* We then head towards the Siam Niramit theatre where, while waiting for the evening show, we enjoy a delightful buffet dinner with international dishes. \* A unique experience awaits us after dinner: a majestic show illustrating the history and traditions of Thailand filled with colours, surprising set designs, singing and dancing. \* After the show, we go for a stroll through an evocative night-time market to immerse ourselves in the authentic local atmosphere and to do a bit of shopping. \* We then reach one of the main hotels overlooking the river where we can rest. DAY 2 \* An abundant breakfast awaits us when we wake up, providing the energy we need for another pleasant day spent discovering charming Bangkok. \* We head towards Vimanmek Palace, the largest golden teak palace in the world. \* Built without using one single nail in the second half of the 19th century, it is a truly sumptuous building yet surprisingly intimate and serene. It reflects the splendour as well as the Western influence prevailing at the time. \* While visiting its countless rooms, we are fascinated by the grand architecture and by the numerous objects once owned by King Rama V.\* After our visit, we bid farewell to the fabulous city of Bangkok and head back to the port on our coach.

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# Laem Chabang Nong Nooch Tropical Garden & Folk Show

#### Description

An ideal tour for those looking for rest, peace and relaxation in Thailand: from a visit to the village of Nong Nooch, surrounded by the lush greenery of tropical crops and themed gardens, to folk dances revealing the ancient traditions of this amazing place.

#### What we will see

- Village of Nong Nooch
- Tapioca, pineapples and other tropical crops
- Lush park greenery: coconut and palm trees
- Botanical and themed gardens
- Thai Cultural Hall: folklore dances and martial arts
- Elephant show
- Shopping

#### What we will do

- We start our excursion by discovering the village of Nong Nooch along the Thai Riviera.
- Here, in addition to tapioca, pineapple and other tropical crops, we can also see local temples and paddy fields.
- The village, which is surrounded by the **lush greenery** of a **park** that also includes a placid lake, makes an excellent retreat to escape the urban chaos of Bangkok.
- The entire area covers approximately 200 hectares of extraordinary scenery with hills and valleys partly covered in **coconut** and palm trees.
- Inside the park, there are **botanical and themed gardens** boasting succulent plants and cacti, orchids and palm trees from all over the world, a zoo and an aviary.
- The property is well structured and complete with English terraced gardens and fountains.
- In the village theatre the **Thai Cultural Hall** we have the opportunity to attend a show with **folk dances** from various regions, traditional wedding ceremonies and **martial arts** exhibitions including Thai boxing and sword combat.

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- Later, after a brief stroll on uneven ground, we attend a fascinating **elephant show** where we can appreciate their unexpected talent for dance and agility with balls and hoops.
- After this unique experience surrounded by nature, we have some free time for some **shopping** before returning to the ship.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- Comfortable shoes are recommended.

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### PHU MY (VIETNAM)

### **CU CHI TUNNELS AND PANORAMIC HO CHI MINH**

#### Description

You will leave the port aboard a coach for Cu Chi district through bustling Ho Chi Minh City, with its elegant colonial architecture and shady-tree lined avenues, and along busy streets thronged with people and vehicles of all kinds. On your way you will have an opportunity to view the beautiful country landscapes with vast, peaceful rice paddies tilled by industrious peasants and their water buffaloes. Following arrival at Cu Chi Park you will see the charts and maps detailing the tunnel system. Your guide will then escort you to the section of the tunnel that once housed the headquarters of the area commander. You will be amazed to discover the size and depth of the tunnels, with their kitchens, living quarters, bunkers, field hospitals, etc., which were specially designed and constructed to protect the Viet Cong guerrillas. You will also be invited to experience a tunnel passage that has been enlarged to accommodate the larger frames of Western tourists. Lunh with typical Vietnamese food will be served at local restaurant. After leaving Cu Chi Tunnels, you will proceed to Ho Chi Minh City. Your exploration will continue with a panoramic city tour affording outside views of the Reunification Palace, the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the colonial-style Central Post Office and Opera House before returning to the ship.

Space is limited, so please reserve early. Please Note: Space is limited, so please reserve early. The order of the itinerary may vary. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility problems. The coach ride from Ho Chi Minh City to the Cu Chi tunnels takes about 2 hours. Don't forget to bring mosquitoes repellent. The visit to Chu Chi Tunnels is not recommended for children or for those who suffer from claustrophobia. There are 3 different circuits available at 4 meters depth.

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
015P	9 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 89.00	EUR 66.75
Туре				
<b>A</b> Sightseeing	Cultural	Meal Included		

# PHU MY (VIETNAM) HISTORICAL HO CHI MINH

#### Description

You will leave the port and aboard a coach to visit the War Remnants Museum, once known as the Museum of Chinese and American War Crimes. It is now the most popular museum in Ho Chi Minh City with Western tourists and illustrates many of the atrocities documented during the Vietnam War. Your next stop will be the Reunification Palace, formerly known as the Independence Palace, where on 30 April 1975 a North Vietnamese tank crashed through the front gate, symbolically liberating the country. It was rebuilt and completed in 1966 on the site of the Norodom Palace that was bombed in 1962. You will then enjoy a panoramic city tour with outside views of the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the colonial-style Central Post Office and Opera House, where your driver will stop to allow you take photographs. Then lunch with Vietnamese cuisine will be served at local restaurant. Your tour will continue with a panoramic drive in Chinatown, west of the business district. It was built from 1788 by the city's Chinese and Vietnamese inhabitants and was previously called Cho Lon (Big Market). Here you will visit the famous Thien Hau Pagoda, dating back to the eighteenth century and dedicated to Lady Thien Hau, the Chinese Goddess of the Sea. The pagoda houses beautiful ceramic figurines and a scale model of a boat, commemorating the arrival of the first Chinese from Canton. Finally you will have some free time for shopping in the downtown malls and Ben Thanh Market before returning to the ship. This is the most crowded and interesting area of Ho Chi Minh City, which caters to both the daily needs of the local people – with products such as fruit, sweets, tobacco, clothing, hats and household goods – and tourists, with souvenirs including handicrafts, wooden items and T-shirts.

Space is limited, so please reserve early. Please Note: The order of the itinerary may vary. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. Don't forget to bring mosquitos repellent. The visits to the Reunification Palace and to the War Museum are not recommended for children or for those of a nervous disposition.

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
015Q	9 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 94.00	EUR 70.50
Туре				
Meal Included				
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# PHU MY (VIETNAM) A day discovering ho chi minh

#### Description

You will leave the port by coach to Ho Chi Minh City for visit of the Museum of National History, situated at the entrance to the Botanical and Zoological Gardens. The museum was built in 1929 and houses many artifacts chronicling Vietnam's 4,000-year history. You will be able to admire its ancient ceramics, traditional costumes, and stone and bronze relics. Here you'll also enjoy a show with many interesting acts. Your next stop will be the Reunification Palace(outside visit), formerly known as the Independence Palace, where on 30 April 1975 a North Vietnamese tank crashed through the front gate, symbolically liberating the country. It was rebuilt and completed in 1966 on the site of the Norodom Palace that was bombed in 1962. You will then enjoy a panoramic city tour with outside views of the neo-Romanesque Notre Dame Cathedral, the colonial-style Central Post Office and City Square, where your driver will stop to allow you take photographs. Next you will continue to a local restaurant, where you will enjoy a lunch of delicious Vietnamese dishes. After lunch, you will visit a lacquer workshop, where you will watch the skilled craftsmen at work before having the chance to take a look at the many items for sale. Then, you will visit Chinatown, west of the business district. It built from 1788 by the city's Chinese and Vietnamese inhabitants and was previously called Cho Lon (Big Market). Here you will visit the famous Thien Hau Pagoda, dating back to the eighteenth century and dedicated to Lady Thien Hau, the Chinese Goddess of the Sea. The pagoda houses beautiful ceramic figurines and a scale model of a boat, commemorating the arrival of the first Chinese from Canton. Finally you will have some free time for shopping at B?n Thanh Market before returning to the ship. This is the most crowded and interesting area of Ho Chi Minh City, which caters to both the daily needs of the local people - with products such as fruit, sweets, tobacco, clothing, hats and household goods - and tourists, with souvenirs including handicrafts, wooden items and Tshirts.

#### What we will see

- History Museum
- External visit of Independence Palace
- Visit to a lacquer production laboratory
- Lunch in a typical restaurant
- Ancient quarter of Chinatown
- Chinese Pagoda
- Ben Thanh Market

#### What we will do

Our tour begins with the **History Museum**, found at the entry to the Botanical and Zoological Gardens. The museum, which opened in 1929, houses a collection of relics which portray the advancement of the Vietnamese population during its 4,000 year history: ancient ceramics,traditional costumes, stone and bronze relics which tell the history of this population. After our visit, we will watch a short and lovely local folklore show.

• We will then visit the **Independence Palace** from outside, reconstructed and completed in 1966 at the place where the Norodom Palace stood and which was bombarded in 1962. On 30 April 1975, a North Vietnamese armed tank burst through the main entrance, symbolising liberation of the country.



- The next stage is the **lacquer production laboratory**, where we will see expert craftspersons working and we will have the possibility to purchase the objects being sold.
- We will finish up the morning with lunch in a local restaurant, where we can taste the delights of Vietnamese cuisine.
- After lunch, our tour continues with a visit to the quarter of Chinatown, to the west of the city centre. In this ancient quarter, once called Cho Lon (Large Market) which was built by the Vietnamese and Chinese in 1788, we will visit the famous Chinese Pagoda or Thien Hau Pagoda, dedicated to Thien Hau, the Chinese Sea Goddess. The pagoda, built in the 18th Century, houses a marvellous collection of ceramic statuettes and a scale model of a vessel used by the first Chinese people originating from Canton. At the end of the tour, we will have some free time for shopping in the centre's shops and in the Ben Thanh Market\*\*, where we can find the most varied of items such as clothing, hats, foodstuffs and homeware, as well as evidently, many locally produced souvenirs.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- Comfortable shoes and sportswear are recommended.
- We recommend bringing insect repellent.

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# PHU MY (VIETNAM) THE MEKONG RIVER DELTA BY BOAT

#### Description

You may first leave from the ship by coach which takes you to Ho Chi Minh city. Your tour will begin by driving through the bustling streets of Ho Chi Minh City, thronged with people and vehicles of all kinds, to the Mekong Delta. You will drive along the national highway before arriving at My Tho City, where you will board a local boat and take a 30-minute cruise along the Mekong River to Tan Thach Commune. Here you will leave the boat and walk around, visiting a coconut candy workshop, where you will see how this local speciality is made. Your exploration will continue with a cruise aboard a motor sampan along the Tan Thach Canal to one of the well-known bee farms of the area, where you will have the opportunity to taste fresh honey tea and local tropical fruits, before going to have lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch, you will return to the coach to travel back to the ship.



#### What we will see

- Crossing of Mekong river delta
- Visit to a coconut sweet factory
- Canals of Tan Tach
- Visit to a famous bee breeding farm with honey tea and local tropical fruit tasting

#### What we will do

- We will depart by coach along the national motorway to My Tho, where our boat awaits to cross the Mekong river delta, in the direction of the region of Tan Thach.
- Once we leave the boat, we will have the opportunity to visit a coconut sweet factory, which produces typical sweets of the area. We will set off on-board a motorised sampan along \*\_the canals of Tan Tach\_until we get to one of the most famous bee breeding farms in the area, where we can taste the fragrant honey tea and local tropical fruit.
- Once we leave the bee breeding farm, we will return to terra firma for lunch, after which, by coach, we will return to Ho Chi Minh to board our ship.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides.
- We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- Comfortable shoes and sportswear are recommended.
- This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- The coach transfer from Ho Chi Minh to the River delta takes approximately 3 hours.
- We recommend that you wear a sun hat.
- We recommend bringing insect repellent.

#### **INFORMATIONS**

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
015U	11 1/2 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 94.00	EUR 70.50
Туре				
A Sightseeing	Eco Natural Trail	Meal Included	3	
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#### Description

A leisurely drive to Hoa Long commune, a glimpse into rural Vietnamese lifestyle with your first stop at Phuoc Le temple, an outstanding example of unique folk architecture and sculpture in Viet Nam. This is where Holy Father Hoang blessed the local village. Another attraction is Hoa Long market, not only for local residents but also for visitors from far away. The market is like a complex picture, really illustrating the daily life of residents in town. It's time for your exploration of how local people make rice wine and rice paper pancakes. Local liquor, traditional tonic or medicinal wine can be a concoction of awk rice, corn, herbs, cassava or fruit while rice paper pancakes are made from a special material in particular areas of Vietnam. It is very suitable as the wrapper skin for spring rolls is of a very high quality, one of the most well-known dishes in Viet Nam. Last but not least, you'll get to pay a visit to a typical Vietnamese farmer's home to observe household customs, interact with the family and watch the preparation of traditional rice wine and rice cakes. Before returning to the ship, drop by the local supermarket for local products, souvenirs. Note: The order of the itinerary may vary. Space is limited, so please reserve early.

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
015V	4 1/2 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 59.00	EUR 44.25

# Da-Nang THE CHARMING MANGROVE COCO FOREST (CH & EU)

#### Description

"Hoi An one of the city have three major rivers that is Thu Bon river, Truong Giang river and e Vong river and with a mangrove forest of coconut water is a wonderful destination.

The mangrove coco forests Bay Mau located 5 km to the East of Hoi An city (2 and 3 village, Cam Thanh commune) is surrounded by water. It was a revolutionary base in the resistance and is one of the core zone of biosphere reserves world Hoi An – Cham Island. Bay Mau coconut forest is not only a monument has special historical value, it is also a unique ecological area with water flooded forests c-harming landscapes. Nowaday it have been narrowed to only 58ha of forest, but coconut is still a rare feature in wetland. In here, with seagrass ecosystems. This is also a place of many marine species of value, especially shrimp, crab and molluscs. Last year, UNESCO has recognized Hoi An– Cham Island is a biosphere reserve in the world. Including this area.

Your day will start with a scenic drive from port to Hoi An. After 2 hours driving, you will arrive at Cam Thanh commune. Take a walk to explore a daily life of local people, some house made by only coconut tree products. Arrive at local boat station, a wooden boat will take you cruising along Thu Bon river, lets enjoy a fresh air and peaceful view of local fishing village on river banks.

You can take bamboo basket boat ride to explore Bay Mau coconut mangrove forest. You will have a chance to see how a local fisherman catching fish by throwing fishing net. A basket boat dance in water will make your day unforgettable.

Continue exploring a mangrove forest and then return to a local station, where your bus is waiting to bring you to visit the small Hoi An Museum of History and Culture.

The museum was built on the former site of a Quan Cong temple and houses many exhibits documenting the foundation, development and decline of the ancient town of Hoi An. Your next stop will be the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation, founded in 1697 by the Fujian Chinese merchants of Hoi An as a venue for community meetings. This temple is

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architecturally unique and boasts artistic decorations and beautiful statues. Your tour will continue with a visit to the Japanese Covered Bridge, built in 1593 by the Japanese Community of Hoi An to link their neighborhood to the Chinese quarter across the river. The bridge was roofed so that it would shelter pedestrians from both rain and sun. Over the centuries the ornamentation of the bridge has remained faithful to the original Japanese design. Your next stop will be one of the old houses in Hoi An, Phung Hung Ancient House or Tan Ky House. This particular house was built almost two centuries ago as the home of a Vietnamese merchant and its design illustrates how the local architecture was influenced by Chinese and Japanese styles.

You will then head to a Hoi An craft workshop, where you will have the opportunity to see various traditional local handicrafts, such as carpentry, ceramics, mat weaving, embroidery, paper lanterns, conical palm hats, etc. Finally, your coach will follow the same route back to Chan May port for embarkation.

Please Note: The order of the itinerary may vary. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. Space is limited, so please reserve early. A sunhat, sunglasses and bottled water are recommended

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
02A9	8 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 65.00	EUR 48.75
Туре				
A Sightseeing	Meal Included			

# Da-Nang HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN E

#### Description

You will leave the port aboard a coach for the one-hour drive along Provincial Route 603 to Ho An. On your way you will be able to admire the typical countryside of central Vietnam. Following arrival in Hoi An you will visit the Thanh Ha pottery village, three kilometres west of the town. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries this village was renowned for its earthenware, and its products, such as bricks, roof and floor tiles, are featured in the old buildings of Hoi An. You will then take a boat cruise down the Thu Bon River to visit the Hoi An Museum of History and Culture. The museum was built on the former site of a Quan Cong temple and houses many exhibits documenting the foundation, development and decline of the ancient town of Hoi An. You will also be able to admire the Quan Cong shrine inside the museum. Your next stop will be the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation, founded in 1697 by the Fujian Chinese merchants of Hoi An as a venue for community meetings. This temple is architecturally unique and boasts artistic decorations and beautiful statues. Your tour will continue with a visit to the Japanese Covered Bridge, built in 1593 by the Japanese Community of Hoi An to link their neighbourhood to the Chinese quarter across the river. The bridge was roofed so that it would shelter pedestrians from both rain and sun. Over the centuries the ornamentation of the bridge has remained faithful to the original Japanese design. Your next stop will be one of the old houses in Hoi An, Nguyen Tran Ancient House or Ky House. This particular house was built almost two centuries ago as the home of a Vietnamese merchant and its design illustrates how the local architecture was influenced by Chinese and Japanese styles. You will then head to a Hoi An craft workshop, where you will have the opportunity to see various traditional local handicrafts, such as carpentry, ceramics, mat weaving, embroidery, paper

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lanterns, conical palm hats, etc. Finally, your coach will follow the same route back to Da Nang City. Please Note: Space is limited, so please reserve early. The order of the itinerary may vary. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. Don't forget to bring mosquitoes repellent. Sunhats are recommended. This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.

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Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6982	8 1/2 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 79.00	EUR 59.25
Туре				
Sightseeing	Cultural	Good for shopping	Meal Included	

# Da-Nang DEEP VIETNAM, HOI AN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN & SHOPPING

#### Description

You will leave the port aboard a coach for an hour and a half drive along Provincial Route 603 to Marble Mountain where you can have a chance of overview Da Nang city from the top of mountain. Here, Non Nuoc Stone-Carving Village at the foot of the Marble Mountain, where you can find firsthand skilled carvers chisel out a great variety of fine marble products of all sizes and designs. Next will be the exploration of Hoi An, an ancient town of Quang Nam Province, is located on the banks of Thu Bon river. Strolling around the town through its narrow streets, you will find a fascinating blend of European, Chinese, Vietnamese and Japanese temples, community houses, shrines, clan houses, shop houses and homes. Upon arrival in Hoi An, you will visit the Hoi An Museum of History and Culture. The museum was constructed at a place where once was a temple of "Quan Cong". In here, you will see many exhibits on the foundation, development and depression of Hoi An Ancient Town. Your next stop is the Assembly Hall of the Fujian Chinese Congregation. The assembly was founded in 1697 by Fujian Chinese merchants of Hoi An as a place to hold community meetings. Later on, it was transformed into a temple for the worship of Thien Hau, the Goddess of the sea and Protector of Fishermen and Sailors. This temple is architecturally unique with its artistic ornament and beautiful statues. Now you are heading to a workshop. In here, you will explorer different traditional handicrafts such as wood sculture, mat weaving, embroidery, silkworm breeding, silkworm unravelling etc...Your tour program will continue with a visit of the Japanese Covered Bridge Pagoda. The pagoda was built in 1593 by the Japanese Community of Hoi An to link their neighbourhood with the Chinese Quarters. The bridge was provided with the roof so it could be used as a shelter from both the rain and the sun. On the Northern side of the bridge is a Japanese Pagoda to protect sailors.. Leaving the bridge pagoda, you are now proceeding to one of the old houses in Hoi An town. The old house was constructed almost two centuries ago as the house of a Vietnamese merchant. The design of the house shows how local architecture followed Japanese and Chinese influences. Your last stop is in Hoi An market. Located on Thu Bon river's bank, the market is considered one of the most convoluted sites of Hoi An Ancient Town. Unlike any market places in the world, Hoi An Market includes different types of commodity such as fish, vegetables, meat, fruits, handicrafts, cloths, jewelry etc... Last before returning the ship, you will have lunch in a typical Vietnamese restaurant. Finally, your coach will follow the same route back to Da Nang City, where you will enjoy a 30minute sightseeing tour. Da Nang is located on the west bank of Han river. Formerly known as Tourane under French rule, it had

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grown from a small fishing village into an important port in central Vietnam. It was also the landing point of the Americans during the Vietnam Wars. Today, Da Nang is the fourth largest city in Vietnam offering many fascinating cultural and historical places of interest. Reboard your coach, you will return the port for re-embarkation.

Please Note: Space is limited, so please reserve early. The order of the itinerary may vary. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. To reach the top of Marble Mountain you will climb about 150 steps. This is a walking tour, not recommended for people with mobility problems. Don't forget to bring mosquitoes repellent

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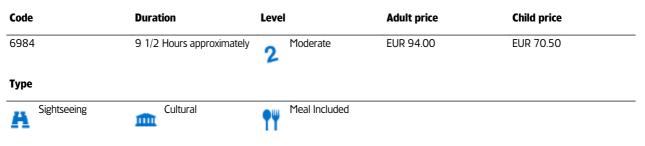
You will leave the port aboard a coach for a two-hour drive along the scenic National Route 1. Upon arrival in Hue, you will visit King Tu Duc's Mausoleum, one of the most majestic of the royal tombs. Located in a narrow valley in Duong Xuan Thuong Village, 8km from Hue City, Tu Duc Tomb is considered as one of the most beautiful and picturesque and largest works of architecture of Nguyen Dynasty's royal palaces and tombs. People say that Tu Duc Tomb is a must in every tour to Hue City. The tomb was constructed between 1864 and 1867. The construction of Tu Duc's tomb requires an incredible amount of money and labour, thus resulted in a rebellion of workers. Therefore, the tomb was renamed as Khiem Lang, in comparison with the former name: Van Nien Co (expresses the wish to be permanent). In addition, all the constructions' names were changed to bear the word Khiem (Modesty) in their names, as the king wanted to express his humility.. After visiting the mausoleum you'll stop at Thien Mu (Heavenly Lady) Pagoda for an inside visit. The pagoda was built during the seventeenth century, on Ha Khe Hill on the left bank of the Perfume River, and was rebuilt several times. It now covers an area of 4 hectares and features several noteworthy works and valuable objects: Phuoc Duyen Tower with seven tiers, each of which was dedicated to the worship of one of the reincarnations of Buddha; the Dai Hong Chung Bell, which was cast during the eighteenth century and weighs 2,052 kilogrammes; and a marble stele 2.3 metres high and 1.2 metres wide, which was carved in 1715 and is mounted on a marble tortoise. Boarding the local boat and cruise on Perfume River towards to the restaurant. Perfume River (Huong River), Hue derives from Truong Son Mountain. The two springs namely Ta Trach (Left Tributary) and Huu Trach (Right Tributary) meet at the junction of Bang Lang fork and create the Perfume River. Perfume River is truly a priceless godsend to Hue City. The Perfume River Cruise is 30km long and that is from Bang Lang to Thuan An estuary. In this region the stream runs very slowly. Beautifully as well as mysteriously the color of the Perfume River becomes darker when it runs along the foot of Ngoc Tran Mount - the Jade Cup Temple. Upon arrival of local restaurant, you will enjoy an Imperial Court-style lunch with delicious Vietnamese specialties. Your tour will then continue with a visit to the Imperial Citadel,





whose design was based on that of Beijing's Forbidden City. It is made up of three separate walled enclosures: the Exterior Enclosure, the Imperial Enclosure and the Forbidden Purple City. Unfortunately, the Royal Citadel sustained heavy damage during the war and many of its majestic buildings were destroyed. However, since being recognized as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, considerable restoration has been carried out to recover its overall magnificence, and you will find it a fascinating place to explore. The Five Phoenix Watch Tower, where the king used to sit during grand royal rituals, is especially interesting. Please Note: The order of the itinerary may vary. Space is limited, so please reserve early. This tour is not recommended for guests with mobility problems. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing. The coach ride between Da Nang and Hue takes about 3 hours. Don't forget to bring mosquitoes repellent.

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# Hong Kong (China)

# **BUDDHIST TRADITION AND MARKETS OF NEW KOWLOON**

#### Description

With this journey we immerse ourselves in the streets of New Kowloon, where the frenetic pace of Hong Kong gives way to a more relaxed atmosphere. After visiting a Buddhist monastery, we will be in the right frame of mind to enjoy the smells, colours and all the curiosities of three of the most interesting markets in the small city-state, to discover the local traditions and rituals.

#### What we will see

- New Kowloon
- Museum of Chi Lin Nunnery
- Flower Market
- Jade Market
- Wet Market

#### What we will do

- Stepping ashore we are welcomed by a comfortable coach that takes us to **Chi Lin Nunnery**, a Buddhist monastic complex, opened as a museum, which includes not only the monastery, but also temple rooms dedicated to the Buddha, Chinese gardens and even a vegetarian restaurant and hostel to accommodate visitors.
- Countless statues in gold, stone, clay and wood are on display in the temple halls. The entire construction is based on





traditional Chinese architecture dating from the Tang Dynasty that uses special interlocking systems and not nails to fasten the wooden beams.

- Changing scene, our next stop is the colourful **Flower Market** in the heart of Hong Kong. A small oasis of scents in the midst of dense high-rise buildings of the city, where as well as plants and flowers we find a wide range of useful accessories such as baskets, plant stands, and dried flower arrangements.
- Here we come upon the famous **Good Luck Plants** such as the *Lucky Bamboo* and other original flower arrangements that are so much part of ancient Chinese tradition.
- We continue our tour visiting another famous market, the **Jade Market**. In Hong Kong, jade is considered a symbol of wealth. The various and artistic accessories made with this stone are worn both for celebrations and in ceremonies to ward off evil spirits.
- The market offers different qualities of this valuable stone, in its various colours and in different shapes, each of which has a different meaning, as deer (wealth), tiger (good luck), dragon (power).
- We can hardly return to the ship without having popped into one final market among the many in this bustling and extraordinary city. In the **wet market**, a lively place frequented daily by locals and tourists, we can find items of all kinds.
- Space is limited, so be sure to book early.
- It is best not to buy expensive jade stones without the presence and advice of a trusted expert.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
OOLC	4 1/2 Hours approximately	Easy	EUR 49.00	EUR 36.75
Туре				
Cultural				

# Hong Kong (China) AN UNMISSABLE VISIT TO HONG KONG

#### Description

The magic of Hong Kong in its unique blend of ancient and modern, typical of Chinese culture, is a must for anyone travelling all the way to the Far East. Breathtaking views, the lively atmosphere of a market, fine pieces of jewellery and a historic port where time seems to stand still: we see a little of everything, but especially the most typical and picturesque aspects of the place.

#### What we will see

- Victoria Peak
- Stanley Market



- Jewellery factory
- Aberdeen
- Boat ride aboard a sampan

#### What we will do

- Our first stop is Victoria Peak, the highest summit of the island of Hong Kong. Its name in Chinese is Tai Ping Shan meaning "Peace Hill"
- Offering a panoramic view of the whole **Bay of Hong Kong** it is a big attraction for tourists from all over the world. If weather conditions permit we can enjoy a unique view, assisted also by the many telescopes conveniently dotted around at various points.
- Returning to the city, we head to the famous **Stanley Market**, one of the main markets where we can find Chinese works of art, collectors items in silk and many other original and interesting curiosities.
- Our tour then stops off at **one of the largest of jewellery factories** in Hong Kong, where specialist designers create new models and artistic productions of special beauty, embellished with multiple varieties of semiprecious stones.
- Then we head to the island's southern coast to visit the **Aberdeen**, area, which comprises a port, the town and an island, all bearing the same name. Much of the population, especially immigrants from China, live and work on junks anchored in the harbour.
- We too, **climb aboard a sampan**, a typical small wooden boat, and sail through the narrow waterways to admire the town and its frenetic activity from this perspective.
- Space is limited, so be sure to book early.
- There are a limited number of Italian speaking guides; in their absence, the excursion will be conducted in English.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- It is best to wear comfortable shoes.
- The excursion is for guests not disembarking in Hong Kong.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6141	5 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 59.00	EUR 44.25
Туре				
<b>A</b> Sightseeing	Good for shopping	Recommended families	d to	
		Hong Kong (C	hina)	
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#### Description

This electrifying Asian metropolis holds many attractions for the tourists from all over the world. We will explore the city's most typical and attractive places to discover the colours, streets, temples, shops, oldest corners and the most modern public works.

#### What we will see

- Man Mo Temple
- Soho district
- Hollywood Road
- Pottinger Street
- The Lanes

#### What we will do

- There are a limited number of Italian speaking guides; in their absence, the excursion will be conducted in English.
- Space is limited, so be sure to book early.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- It is best to wear comfortable shoes and casual clothes.
- It is best to wear a hat to protect yourself from the sun.
- The excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- The excursion is for guests not disembarking in Hong Kong.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6142	4 1/2 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 45.00	EUR 33.75
Туре				
Cultural	Good for shopping			

### Hong Kong (China)

# FASCINATING LANTAU ISLAND AND THE COLOURFUL PO LIN MONASTERY

#### Description

A completely different atmosphere from that of the centre of Hong Kong, surrounded by enormous skyscrapers and a hive of activity: we will explore the island of Lantau, where the beautiful, lush greenery, the silence of the monasteries and the traditional rural environment of ancient Chinese culture take us back in time.

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# **PACIFIC ASIA**

#### What we will see

- Lantau Island
- Po Lin Monastery
- Ngong Ping Village
- Tai O Village

#### What we will do

- Thung Chung Station is the start and end point of our tour is, where we arrive straight off the ship. From here, we take a comfortable coach first to visit the fascinating **Po Lin Monastery**, which it is often called "the Buddhist world in the south".
- In front of the monastery stands the giant 34-metre high statue of the **Giant Buddha Tian Tan**. A 100-step stairway leads us to the foot of the statue overlooking the rolling green hills of the island.
- Following our visit to this intensely mystical place, we go to Ngong Ping village below, specially created for tourists who arrive each year from around the world. Here we find many souvenir shops and local handicraft items, fun attractions for original photos and selfies, and a variety of dining options offering local and international products.
- We then head straight to another village, this time the small timeless traditional fishing village of **Ngong Ping**. Among its various curiosities we can admire and photograph the colourful houses on stilts, the fish market and, with a little luck, perhaps we can also capture images of passing **white dolphins** which are often spotted in these waters.
- At the end of our tour of the village we climb back on the coach to return to Tung Chung and the ship.
- The itinerary may be subject to change.
- The excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems.
- Space is limited, so be sure to book early.
- The excursion is only for guests not disembarking in Hong Kong.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6155	5 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 70.00	EUR 52.50
Туре				
A Sightseeing	Cultural	Recommended to families	Meal not included	

### Hong Kong (China)

# HONG KONG FULL DAY ORIENTATION TOUR

#### Description

You will leave the ship and travel by coach through The Cross-Harbour Tunnel to Victoria Peak. The Chinese name for Victoria Peak

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is Tai Ping Shang which means the mountain of Great Peace. Today the Peak is visited by millions of tourist and locals every year, mainly for the unforgettable views of the city (weather permitting). Next stop, your tour will take you to Aberdeen Village to see the many fishing boats and floating restaurants moored there and to board a sampan for a short tour of the Inner Harbour, before continuing with a visit to Hong Kong's largest jewellery factory, whose artists create some of the best prize-winning designs using the famous semiprecious stones. You will then savour a light lunch, one of Hong Kong's most outstanding landmarks. After lunch you will then visit the Repulse Bay – One of Hong Kong most popular and beautiful beaches. Overlooking Repulse Bay is the former Repulse Bay Hotel which has long been a landmark of the southern side of the island. Huge statues of Tin Hau, Goddess of the Sea and Kwum Yum, Goddess of Mercy now overlook the beach. Your tour will then continue with a visit to The Man Mo Temple and the shopping at Hollywood Road. This is Hong Kong's oldest and most famous temple and is named after the god of war and the god of literature. Traditionally parents bring their children here at the beginning of the school year to pray for blessings and Hollywood Road is famous for the wide array of antiques and curios shops where one can find all kinds of trinkets and knick-knacks including the rare treasure. Afterwards, you will be transferred back to the port.

#### What we will see

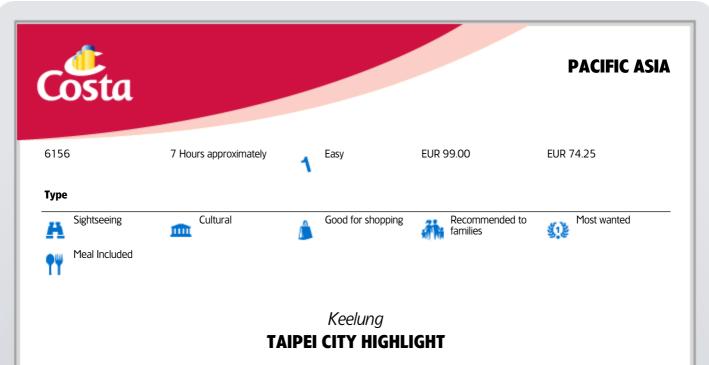
You will leave the ship and travel by coach through the Cross-Harbour Tunnel to the opposite side of the world-famous Victoria Harbour. Your tour will then take you to Aberdeen Village to see the many fishing junks and floating restaurants moored there, before continuing with a visit to Hong Kong's largest jewellery factory, whose artists create some of the best prize-winning designs using the famous semiprecious stones. You will then savour a light lunch, one of Hong Kong's most outstanding landmarks. After lunch you will then visit the Repulse Bay – One of Hong Kong most popular and beautiful beaches. Overlooking Repulse Bay is the former Repulse Bay Hotel which has long been a landmark of the southern side of the island. Huge statues of Tin Hau, Goddess of the Sea and Kwum Yum, Goddess of Mercy now overlook the beach. Next stop, you will have the opportunity to enjoy one of the greatest local attractions – shopping at incredible prices at Stanley Market. This market is situated at the southernmost point of Hong Kong Island and was once a fishing village.

It has a reputation for offering great buys at low prices, accompanied by beautiful scenery. It is a Mecca for bargain hunters, and its narrow lanes are lined with small shops selling the very latest in fashion and clothing, such as overruns of designer jeans and sportswear, and leather and silk clothing in Western sizes, as well as household goods, porcelain, brass and many other items. After shopping, your tour will continue with a visit to the Man Mo Temple and shopping at the Hollywood Road. This is Hong Kong's oldest and most famous temple and is named after the god of war and the god of literature. Traditionally parents bring their children here at the beginning of the school year to pray for blessings and Hollywood Road is famous for the wide array of antiques and curios shops where one can find all kinds of trinkets and knick-knacks including the rare treasure. You will continue by coach to Victoria Peak. The Chinese name for Victoria Peak is Tai Ping Shan which means the mountain of Great Peace. Today the Peak is visited by millions of tourist and locals every year, mainly for the unforgettable views of the city (weather permitting) .During the last stop you will see the spectacular Tsing Ma Bridge linking the new Hong Kong Airport, and it is presently the longest suspension bridge capable of carrying both vehicles and trains in the world.

Please Note: Space is limited, so please reserve early. The order of the itinerary may vary.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price



#### Description

Please note. This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems. The order of the itinerary may vary. A sunhat, sunglasses and bottled water are recommended. Suitable clothing is recommended for entrance to places of worship. There is limited availability of English-language guides.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6530	4 1/2 Hours approximately	2 Moderate	EUR 79.00	EUR 59.25
Туре				
Cultural	Most wanted	Meal not included		

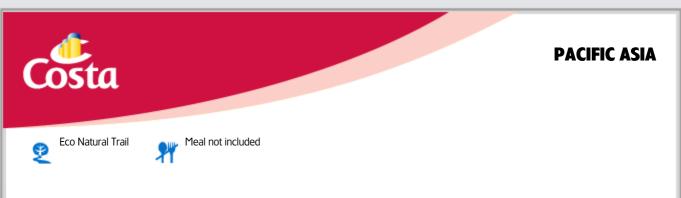
## Keelung KEELUNG AND THE NATURAL WONDERS OF YELIU

#### Description

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#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6531	4 1/2 Hours approximate	ly Easy	EUR 69.00	EUR 51.75
Туре				
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# Keelung BEST OF TAIPEI

#### Description

Please note. This excursion is not recommended for guests with mobility problems. When visiting the temple shoes should be removed and socks should be worn. The order of the itinerary may vary. A sunhat, sunglasses and bottled water are recommended. Space is limited, so please reserve early. Suitable clothing is recommended for entrance to places of worship There is limited availability of English-language guides.

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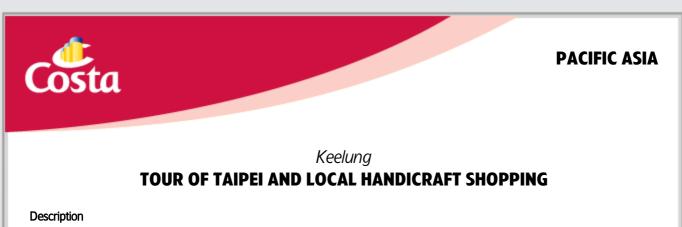
Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price	
6532	6 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 149.00	EUR 111.75	
Туре					
Cultural	Most wanted	Meal Included			
		Keelung			
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#### Description

We will leave the port and head towards Taipei. We will be dropped off at the Taipei 101 building, which is within walking distance of some of the city's other main shopping precincts and complexes, as well as points of interest. We will have free time to enjoy on our own here. Please note: the coach ride between the port and Taipei will take about 1 hour. The transfer does not include a guide. Please note: The coach ride between Port and Taipei will take about 1 hour. The transfer does not provide a guide. There is limited availability of English-language guides.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
6533	5 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 39.00	EUR 29.25
Туре				
A Sightseeing	Meal not included			
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• Itinerary sequence may vary.

• ?There is limited availability of English-language guides.

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
023G <b>Type</b>	4 1/2 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 69.00	EUR 51.75
Sightseeing	Good for shopping			

#### Tokyo

# Tokyo between history and present (return to Narita or Haneda airport)

#### Description

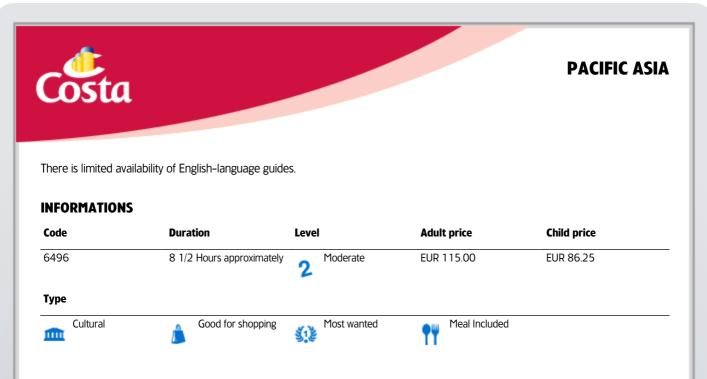
In this tour, you will visit destinations that you can learn about past and present of Tokyo The Tokyo National Museum is one of the oldest and largest of Japan's top-level national museums. It was originally established in 1972 at Yushima Seido Shrine and moved to its current location in Ueno Park a few years later. The Tokyo National Museum features one of the largest and best collections of art and archeological artifacts in Japan, made up of over 110,000 individual items including nearly a hundred national treasures. The Kaminarimon ("Thunder Gate") is the outer of two large entrance gates that ultimately leads to the Senso-ji in Asakusa, Tokyo. The gate, with its lantern and statues, is popular with tourists. The length of the street is approximately 250 meters and contains around 89shops. Tokyo Tower is a communications and observation tower located in the Shiba-koen district of Minato, Tokyo, Japan. At 333 metres (1,093 ft), it is the second-tallest structure in Japan. The structure is an Eiffel Tower-inspired lattice tower that is painted white and international orange to comply with air safety regulations. You will enjoy Japanese style lunch during this tour.

#### What we will see

\*Edo-Tokyo Museum \* Kaminarimon: statues and red lantern \* Senso-ji temple in Asakusa \* Nakamise-dori street for souvenirs and Japanese specialities \* Tokyo Tower \* Japanese lunch

#### What we will do

• The order of the visits may vary and the coach transfer depends on the itinerary. \* We recommend that you book early because only a limited number of places are available. \* Heavy traffic jams to be expected due to it being travelling season in Japan. \* We recommend having Japanese Yens available as there will be no time nor exchange offices. \*Clear views subject to weather conditions. \* Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



# *Tokyo* **City tour of Tokyo (return to Narita or Haneda airport)**

#### Description

- The order of the visits may vary and the coach transfer depends on the itinerary. \* We recommend that you book early
  because only a limited number of places are available. \* Heavy traffic jams to be expected due to it being travelling season in
  Japan. \* We recommend having Japanese Yens available as there are no exchange offices in the port. \*Clear views subject to
  weather conditions. \* Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- There is limited availability of English-language guides. ?

#### INFORMATIONS

Code	Duration	Level	Adult price	Child price
0220	5 1/2 Hours approximately	1 Easy	EUR 85.00	EUR 63.75
Туре				
Cultural	Good for shopping	M Fun		
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# Costa

# Legenda

ICONE	DESCRIZIONE
1	Easy tour with this designation involve walking over relatively lever terrain. Comfortable shoes are recommended.
2	Moderate Tours with this designation can involve a considerable amount of physical activity such as walking over cobblestones or uneven surface, climbing stairs or steep terrain, swimming in a light current, or bicycle riding. They are not recommended for guest with walking difficulties. Comfortable sturdy shoes are recommended.
3	Hard Tour with this designation involve high physical exertion for extended periods of time. The terrain may be uneven or steep. They are recommended only for physically fit and adventurous traveller.
A	Sightseeing these are primarily motor coach excursions with an emphasis on sight-seeing and very little activity.
۶	Water Activity Involves the opportunity to swim or the possibility of getting wet.
2	Fun dedicated to a young public keen on entertainment.
Q	Eco Natural Trail dedicated to nature lovers.
	Tasting a light snack will be provided on this excursion.
<b>?</b>	Meal not included during excursions free time is given to organise lunch individually.
<u>.</u>	Most wanted Guest surveys indicate a high degree of satisfaction with these tours.
<b>æ</b>	Basket Lunch a packed meal is provided from the ship.
<u>k</u>	Good for shopping specially dedicated to shopping lovers.
<b>m</b>	Cultural dedicated to history, culture and local traditions lovers.
ė	<b>Disable friendly</b> Excursions with the handicap sign are for guests with mobility difficulties however should be able to move around independently. Guests in wheelchair out on excursion need to be accompanied by a third party as assistance by the ship will not be provided. The majority of our agencies require that the wheelchairs be retractable because sometimes the necessary space needed for a wheelchair is not available. We kindly ask you to contact the Excursion Office as soon as possible, upon embarkation, to ensure that we find the best possible solution and to reserve the appropriate seat in the required bus before the departure of the excursions.For further information and for a solution that best fits your need please contact the Excursion Office.
2	Sports Lovers for the adventurous, there are our most active shore excursions.
<b>ATTA</b>	Recommended to families includes activities that are appropriate for families travelling with children.
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U.	<b>Meal on board</b> back on board for lunch/dinner, your guide will be ready to continue the excursion at the end of it.
<b>۲</b> Ψ	Meal Included a meal will be provided on this excursion.

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Refreshments included Refreshments included.

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### **Information Notes**

#### PRACTICAL GUIDE TO EXCURSIONS

#### **Booking excursions**

You can book your excursions before departure at www.mycosta it by registering and filling in the online form or, on board, by using the interactive TV system from the comfort of your own cabin or by visiting the Excursions Totem (services only available on board selected ships), or at any stage during your holiday by dropping off a completed Tour Order Form in the drop box located in the main hall of the ship. Excursions Office staff will be happy to offer you advice and assistance.

#### **Number of participants**

Some excursions require a minimum number of bookings and/or a maximum number of participants. These excursions are available on a first come first served basis, so it is advisable to book them well in advance.

#### Duration

The stated duration of excursions is subject to change without prior notice and can vary due to unforeseen circumstances, such as adverse weather conditions and/or transport delays. The order of certain visits may also be changed for the abovementioned reasons. You are therefore kindly asked to respect the times announced by the tour guides (stops for food, stops to take photographs, etc.).

#### Description

The descriptions of excursions are correct at time of publication of this document. In an effort to offer you the highest quality excursions program, in some cases the descriptions may vary slightly from the excursions themselves.

#### Guests with limited mobility

Please contact our onboard staff the day before your cruise. They will advise you and try to obtain the necessary equipment for your on-shore excursion.

#### **Personalised programs**

Private cars, limousines or exclusive visits can be arranged upon request on day of departure by contacting the Excursions Office.

#### Prices

The prices of excursions include transport available on site, which might include coach, limousine, taxi, funicular railways or boats. Meals and/or drinks are included only when specified in the itinerary of the excursion. Costa Cruises reserves the right to change the prices and itineraries of excursions without prior notice.

#### **Children and kids**

Children between the ages of 3 and 13 are entitled to a 30% discount for excursions on cruises in the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, 25% for cruises in South America and Transatlantic cruises from/to South America, and 10% for cruises to the Caribbean and Transatlantic cruises from/to the Caribbean.

There is no charge for children up to the age of 3 provided that parents carry them during transportation.

#### Squok Club

Children between the ages of 3 and 12 can have fun at the Squok Club while their parents enjoy their excursion. The service is free, but must be requested in advance.