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THAILAND, LAOS & CAMBODIA

A CULTURAL MOSAIC OF ASIAN MARVELS

FEBRUARY 17 TO MARCH 4, 2022
YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1~THURSDAY~FEBRUARY 17
WASHINGTON D.C./EN ROUTE
Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Bangkok. (Meals Aloft)

DAY 2~FRIDAY~FEBRUARY 18
BANGKOK
Your exciting Asian adventure begins as you arrive in Bangkok this evening where you will be welcomed by your Classic Escapes guide and escorted to your hotel.

En route you will have your first taste of this frantic and steamy tropical city that offers surprises at every turn. Gleaming skyscrapers, glittering temples, colorful street markets, sophisticated shopping malls, bustling nightlife, and vibrancy reflect the incredible economic growth of the last few years. A booming, modern capital, Bangkok still manages to retain its unique Siamese heritage in the wonderful food, culture, exotic architecture, Buddhist tolerance and Thai hospitality. The new "Skytrain," a symbol of Bangkok's rapid development, provides not only a convenient way to get around the main areas, but also some great views over a capital in constant change.

The Peninsula Hotel is located on the west bank of the Chao Phraya River with convenient access to the city center. All rooms are tastefully decorated and command panoramic views of the city and the Chao Phraya River. The unique 39-story, w-shaped building features 370 river-view guest rooms and a selection of suites including 60 one-bedroom and five themed suites. At an average of over 500 sq. ft, guest rooms are amongst the largest in Bangkok. Overnight at the PENINSULA HOTEL. (Meals Aloft) https://www.peninsula.com/en/bangkok/5-star-luxury-hotel-riverside

DAY 3~SATURDAY~FEBRUARY 19
BANGKOK
Experience a bygone era at Kukrit Pramoj House – five interconnected teak homes filled with Thai and Khmer art, furniture and stonework lovingly preserved during the lifetime of former Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj. At the Jim Thompson House & Textile Museum, view his superb collection of art and textiles.
After lunch travel by boat through the remaining klongs, or canals, that have earned Bangkok the nickname “Venice of the East.” Along the way, spot family homes built on stilts and glittering temples while observing the traditional way of life along the water. Stop to view Wat Arun (Temple of the Dawn), whose towering spire has become a symbol of the city.

Visit the Grand Palace, the most important center of Thai culture. The Palace was once the royal abode, but today is used mainly for ceremonial functions. Tourists are allowed inside to see the Emerald Buddha, the displays of royal artifacts and memorabilia, and wall decorations.

This evening, enjoy an authentic Thai welcome dinner at Sala Rim Nam, accompanied by classical Thai music and dances. Marvel the graceful movements of beautiful dancers in their glittering costumes.

*Note: You will need to wear long pants and shoes which cover the heels to enter here. You must do this to pay respect to the Thai people.*

Overnight at the PENINSULA HOTEL. (B,D)

**DAY 4~SUNDAY~FEBRUARY 20**

**BANGKOK/AYUTTHAYA**

Travel by coach to Bang Pa-In, the Royal Summer Palace dating to the reign of King Rama V. See the idiosyncratic gothic-style Buddhist temple of Wat Nivet.

Among the “must see” attractions in Thailand is a visit to Ayutthaya, the former capital of Thailand situated 56 miles north of Bangkok. This once magnificent capital of the Thais praised by foreign emissaries as the finest city they had ever seen. Surrounded by rivers and a canal, it flourished under thirty-three Siamese kings from 1350 until the Burmese destroyed it in 1767. Of Ayutthaya’s many notable ruins, Wat Na Phra Mane is one of the best preserved. As well as its beautifully carved ceiling, it has two Buddha images, one of which is reputedly 1,300 years old and from Sri Lanka.
Tonight, explore Asiatique's the Riverfront, Bangkok's first large-scale riverside project that combines shopping, dining, sightseeing, activities, and events under one roof. Overnight at the PENINSULA HOTEL. (B,L)

**DAY 5~MONDAY~FEBRUARY 21**
**BANGKOK/CHIANG MAI**
Return to the Bangkok airport for your flight to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel where you will have some time to relax.

Chiang Mai is Thailand's principal northern city and provincial capital of the largely mountainous province. Founded in 1296, it was the capital of Lanna Thai (Kingdom of One Million Rice Fields,) the first independent Thai kingdom within the fabled Golden Triangle. Chiang Mai flourished as a major religious, cultural, and trading center until 1556 when a Burmese invasion reduced it to a vassal state of Burma. The area once again became part of the Thai kingdom when the Burmese were expelled in 1785. Many lowland Thais regard Chiang Mai city and province as being something of a national Shangri-la, thanks to its beautiful women, distinctive festivals, historic temples dating from the 1300's, arresting scenic beauty, temperate fruits such as apples, peaches and strawberries, and the crisp, invigorating cool climate (November through February).

Following lunch drive up the serpentine road to the magnificently situated Wat Doi Suthep. Perched atop a forested mountain with sweeping views of the city below, this most sacred of Chiang Mai's temples (3,280 ft.) houses a wealth of Buddha images, murals, and Buddhist art. Climb the 306 stepped Naga staircases to reach the temple. Afterward, visit the City Pillar, whose animist origins predate the structure. A visit to the Cultural Center will give you a dynamic overview of this area’s long and colorful history and culture.

Continue with your visit to Wat Phra Singh, one of the highlights of Chiang Mai. The grounds and buildings are beautiful and so spiritual, the colors and the decorations are perfectly great. The Temple dates to the 14th century when Chiang Mai was the capital of the Lanna Kingdom, and it is one of the finest examples of classic Lanna style temple architecture in Northern Thailand. It is known as “The Monastery of the Lion Buddha” or “The temple of the Lion Buddha”.

In the evening, enjoy a superb Northern Thai dinner with folk dances and hill tribes’ presentations at Old Chiang Mai Cultural Center.
Located Wat Ket, just far enough from the city center to escape the hustle and bustle, Siripanna Villa Resort and Spa Chiang Mai is just a five-minute tuk-tuk ride away from all the exciting sights and sounds of the night market and other attractions. All 104 air-conditioned rooms feature balconies, 42-inch LCD TVs come with cable channels, and guests can stay connected with free Wi-Fi. Pillowtop beds grant a restful night's sleep, and bathrooms offer hair dryers and bathrobes. Minibars, coffee makers, and free bottled water are also available. You will have access to a full-service spa and two outdoor pools.

Overnight at the SIRIPANNA VILLA RESORT & SPA in deluxe rooms. (B,L,D)  \( \text{https://www.siripanna.com/} \)

**DAY 6~TUESDAY~FEBRUARY 22**

**CHIANG MAI**

Visit Studio Naenna “Natural dye demonstration and introduction to Lao-Tai textiles”. You will start with an introduction to natural dyes of the region and a natural dye demonstration in the front garden by Patricia or Lamorna Cheesman.

Enjoy a coffee break (provided; including a snack with tea and coffee, hot and cold drinking water) and then continue with a Karen back-strap loom weaving demonstration by Saeng followed by an introduction to Lao-Tai textiles by Patricia covering the different community styles and historical background. The sessions may go for longer if customers are interested. The remaining time is left for you to visit wo galleries, one where there is a large variety of high-quality silk and cotton garments in western sizes for sale and another displaying exquisite interior design textiles or antiques from Patricia’s private collection, depending on the display at the time.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Before returning to your hotel visit the Sankampaeng district of Chiang Mai which has long been the heart of the handicraft industry. It is famous for pure silk and Chiang Mai produces some of the very finest. Here you can find hand-woven silk, ethnic textiles, umbrella making, silverware, wood carving and products made by skilled craftsmen who produce standards of excellence in decorative items.

Overnight at the SIRIPANNA VILLA RESORT & SPA (B,L)
DAY 7—WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 23
CHIANG MAI/ELEPHANT ECO VALLEY/CHIANG RAI/GOLDEN TRIANGLE

Your day starts with a picturesque drive through rural countryside to Elephant Eco Valley, established in 2016, a unique project set in Chiang Mai province, Northern Thailand. Now you can experience elephants up-close and personal. Visit the Elephant Culture Museum and feed the elephants herb ball and fruit. Afterward, comes a fantastic half hour glide down the tranquil and lovely Tang River by bamboo raft.

Lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, transfer to Mae Kachan and Chiang Rai. Proceed to the Golden Triangle, known for centuries as the center of the opium trade. Here, the illicit crops have long since been replaced by the small tourist village of Sob Ruak and the only opium found is in the Golden Triangle Museums. Strategically located at the point where Thailand meets Laos and Myanmar, your luxury hotel is set among majestic mountains and the Mekong and Ruak Rivers.

With commanding views over the surrounding countryside, the stunning Imperial Golden Triangle Resort is situated in the heart of the Golden Triangle region. Comfortable rooms are richly decorated with teak wood and offer amenities including private balcony, coffee/tea making facilities, hair dryer, flat screen TV, minibar, refrigerator, and in-room safe.

Overnight at the IMPERIAL GOLDEN TRIANGLE RESORT CHIANG RAI. (B,L)
https://www.imperialgoldentriangleresort.com/

DAY 8—THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 24
RIVERBOAT ON THE MEKONG RIVER/LAOS

Early this morning clear Lao customs at Chiang Kong Pier. You will feel as though you have stepped back into an old French movie on your short ride to the Huaeixay pier through this colourful town. Soon you are aboard your Mekong Riverboat on a private two-day journey down the Mekong to Luang Prabang, Laos. The broad river is punctuated by jagged granite rocks that jut just above the surface. Mountains covered with thick forest create a mesmerizing and ever-changing vista. En-route, several stops are made to discover villages of tribal minorities (Yao or Lue). Relax and observe rural life as you cruise along the Mekong River.

You will spend the night at Luang Say Lodge and experience the fiery and romantic sunset from your luxury teak and rosewood bungalow along the river. The sounds of the jungle lull you to sleep after a delicious Thai dinner.

Overnight at the LUANG SAY LODGE. (B,L,D)
DAY 9~FRIDAY~FEBRUARY 25
PAKEBENG/PAK OU BUDDHA CAVES/LUANG PRABANG

Return to the boat and continue your cruise stopping at Ban Baw to observe the processing of traditional rice alcohol. A buffet lunch will be served on board before you arrive at the mouth of the Nam Ou River to visit the Pak Ou caves. A place of pilgrimage for more than a thousand years, Tham Ting (lower cave) and Tham Phoum (upper cave) are home to thousands of statues in the likeness of Buddha. Some statues are small and rustically carved while others are elaborate green and gold resin cast.

The boat arrives in Luang Prabang (a UNESCO world heritage city) before sunset at Wat Xieng Thong pier.

The small and elegant Maison Souvannaphoum Hotel is your home for the next two nights. The hotel is a collection of splendid royal chambers of different sizes and character furnished in modern décor. There is also a touch of contemporary to the ancestral glory of the décor. The 24 rooms and three suites overlook a garden that brings refreshing serenity to your stay. Elephant Blanc, the restaurant by the pool, reflects the cultures of the region in its cuisine - French, Laotian (a derivation of Thai) and Indochinese. This evening you may wish to explore the colorful and bustling local market. Overnight at MAISON SOUVANNAPHOUM HOTEL in a garden wing room. (B,L,D)

www.coloursofangsana.com/souvannaphoum/index.htm

DAY 10~SATURDAY~FEBRUARY 26
LUANG PRABANG

Enjoy a full day at Luang Prabang, a World Heritage site and an exceptional example of the fusion of traditional architecture and Lao urban structures with those built by the European colonial authorities in the 19th and 20th centuries. The energetic can brave the humidity to climb the Phousi hill’s 300-plus steps for a spectacular view of the city and its surroundings. A small 200-year-old stupa, or temple, sits atop the summit.
Drive west of Luang Prabang and visit Kuang Si waterfall the biggest waterfall in the Luang Prabang area with three tiers leading to 164 feet drop into spectacular azure pools before flowing downstream. The pools also make great swimming holes where both tourists and locals can enjoy a refreshing dip.

You will have lunch at Carpe Diem Restaurant.

Visit the 16th century royal temple, Wat Xieng Thong which further emphasizes and characterizes the uniqueness of Luang Prabang with its several roofs sweeping low to the ground. Visit the impressive "tree of life" mosaic there. The embellished panel on the exterior of the chapel depicts semi-erotic episodes from the Ramayana. At the Museum, once a king's palace, you will see a lovely collection of personal artifacts of the royal family including photographs, musical instruments and many gifts received from the dignitaries of foreign countries.

This evening, we recommend taking a stroll through the night market. Down the street from the former palace, dozens of sellers display there both authentic Laotian crafts, such as woven silk, embroidered textiles, and silver jewelry, as well as made-in-China offerings of Beer Lao T-shirts and knockoff cotton scarves. The serene atmosphere and beautiful goods make it one of the best places to buy souvenirs.

Enjoy dinner at Bamboo Tree restaurant.
Overnight at MAISON SAVANNAPHOUM. (B,L,D)
DAY 11--SUNDAY--FEBRUARY 27
LUANG PRABANG ~DAY AT LEISURE

Begin the day with a contribution of rice to some of the hundreds of saffron clothed priests who parade through the town at the light of dawn. After breakfast, choices of:

Option 1: Visit Orphanage School - $29 per person based on a minimum of 6 travelers
Drive to Orphanage school, situated 1.8 miles from the city center in Luang Prabang at Ban Nadou village, this orphanage is the school and home of 457 orphan students.

Option 2: Frangipani Spa Treatment - $29 per person based on a minimum of 6 travelers, plus treatment options
Several choices of 2-hour Spa treatments.

Option 3: Bamboo Experience & Cooking Class - $64 per person based on a minimum of 6 travelers
Transfer from your hotel to the Bamboo Experience venue where you will meet with the rest of your group for an explanation of the bamboo works in Laos and its meanings to Lao people.

Your guide will show you the technique and/or the usage of each product as such fishing tools, music instruments etc. Start your simple bamboo weaving class with an expert (but patient!) teacher, try your hand at the knife sharpening, bamboo cutting (into pieces) and then try the traditional bamboo weaving for about one hour to complete your own mat to take home with, as a souvenir. Then, proceed to the bamboo cooking demonstration (you are free to assist) as such bamboo shoot soup, bamboo shoot steamed in banana leaf, fermented bamboo shoot dipping and sticky rice and more.

Savor your creations at the end of the session in traditional Lao house (Pavilion style) overlooking the wonderful scenery and rice fields. The emphasis is to have fun and learn a little about bamboo work and bamboo dishes.

Option 4: Evening Aperitif talk - $200 per person based on a minimum of 6 travelers
One-hour free cultural discussion with guests at the hotel lounge or at any comfortable place to enjoy a drink. After sunset and before dinner, guests are free and have many unanswered questions after their day of visits. Francis will answer in a re-laxed way to all questions about architecture, heritage, culture, traditions, Buddhism, botany in Luang Prabang… and prepare or complement, the standard information provided by the official guides. The talk would be appreciated as well at the beginning of the guests' stay in Luang

Spend the rest of the day at leisure. By now you will have many ideas for restaurants you’d like to try at lunch and in the evening and you will savour the time to explore markets and absorb the culture of this unique city.

Overnight at MAISON SAVANNAPHOUM. (B)
www.coloursofangsana.com/souvannaphoum/index.htm
DAY 12~MONDAY~FEBRUARY 28
LUANG PRABANG/SIEM REAP
This morning you are picked up at dawn from your hotel and you are transferred to a street where a single-file line of silent, saffron-clad Buddhist monks walk with their alms bowls each morning.

Luang Prabang’s many monastic communities are sustained by the local Buddhists who place sticky rice in the monks’ bowls during the daily ritual. Take the opportunity to make a rice offering with the help of your guide, or simply watch in awe as dozens of monks emerge to stroll past laypeople offering flowers and incense in reverence for this sacred observance. After the monks have passed through, visit a market that pops up each morning near Luang Prabang’s main thoroughfare. If you would like, try regional snacks like dried buffalo skin and rice-flour chips. Return to your hotel for breakfast.

In the afternoon fly to Siem Reap where upon arrival, you will be met and escorted to your boutique hotel.

Just ten-minutes away from the famed monuments of Angkor Wat, French colonial elegance sits amidst the lush gardens of the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf & Spa Resort. A luxurious collection of rooms, reflecting French sophistication and yesteryear refinement, come equipped with Sofitel's My Bed, internet access, scenic garden, lake or pool views and sophisticated amenities. Surrounded by lush gardens, you will find a swimming pool beloved by guests while restaurant options offer French and Asian options. Overnight at SOFITEL ANGKOR PHOKEETHRA in Superior Rooms. (B,L) https://www.sofitel-angkor-phokeethra.com/

DAY 13~TUESDAY~MARCH 1
SIEM REAP/ANGKOR THOM & ANGKOR WAT
Begin your exploration of the Angkor complex with the magnificent and monumental Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmers, surrounded by a quadrangle of defensive walls totaling over seven miles. Awaiting within, you will find the stunning Bayon temple – a 12th century masterpiece with over 200 bas-relief ‘faces’ peering out from its walls.
This afternoon visit Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world conceived by Suryavarman II and generally believed to have been his funeral temple. The temple is the epitome of the high classical style of Khmer architecture. It has become a symbol of Cambodia, appearing on its national flag, and it is the country's prime attraction for visitors. Angkor Wat combines two basic plans of Khmer temple architecture: the temple mountain and the later galleried temples. It is designed to represent Mount Meru, home of the gods in Hindu mythology. Within a moat and an outer wall 2.2 miles long are three rectangular galleries, each raised above the next. At the center of the temple stands a quincunx of towers. Unlike most Angkorian temples, Angkor Wat is orientated to the west; scholars are divided as to the significance of this. As well as for the grandeur and harmony of the architecture, the temple is admired for its extensive bas-reliefs and for the numerous devas adorning its walls. Since the decline of the Khmer Watch the exotic colors of the sun set over its galleries this evening.
Tonight, get set to discover Siem Reap on a most intriguing Vespa tour. The jazzy modern Vespas cruise through the busy streets of this ancient heritage town and introduce you to the many aspects of Khmer cuisine – from street markets to food stalls, from exotic fruits to fried bugs. This is a unique tour that embraces the local hustle and bustle of street markets and vendors and the accompanying sights, smells, and sounds. It is a fun and varied tour that embodies the fun-loving nature of the wonderful people of Cambodia!

Overnight at SOFITEL ANGKOR PHOKEETHRA. (B,L,D)

DAY 14~WEDNESDAY~MARCH 2
SIEM REAP/ BANTEAY SREI & BANTEAY SAMRE TEMPLE
Following breakfast, you will visit Banteay Srei, the citadel of women. Built of red sandstone and dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva, this tiny, enchanting temple features male and female figures carved within its niches. This is the most Indian of all the temples in Angkor. The final temple of the day is Banteay Samre, built by Suryavarman II and Yasovarman II in the early 12th century. It is another Hindu temple but is built in the Angkor Wat Style. Banteay Samre is named for the Samré, an ancient people of Indochina, and uses the same materials as Banteay Srei.

On the way back to Siem Reap, stop at a village to observe how to do the rice field and how to collect sugar palm (depend on season, best period October to April) with a fresh coconut drink.

After lunch at a local restaurant, visit Theam's House: A Unique Atelier and Artist' Studio in Siem Reap set up in a very nice Khmer traditional house with its lush tropical garden. Behind each object, there is a new generation of young artists and artisans who are discovering an ancestral savoir-faire that they can be proud of.
Your last stop for the day, is at a development project teaching young adults, stone carving, wood carving, lacquer application, Les Artisans d’Angkor is a heartwarming reminder that progress in Cambodia can go hand in hand with traditional crafts.

Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant for a last opportunity to feast on traditional Khmer cuisine and reminisce with your fellow travelers about the wonderful sites you experienced on your trip.
Overnight at SOFITEL ANGKOR PHOKEETHRA. (B,L,D)

**DAYS 15/16~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~MARCH 3/4**
**SIEM REAP/HONG KONG/WASHINGTON D.C.**
This afternoon, return to Siem Reap’s airport and board your international flight (1:25 pm, currently subject to change) back to the United States via Dubai, arriving next day. (B; Meals Aloft)

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INCLUSIONS

• Superior accommodations throughout at hotels and lodges listed in the itinerary, or similar.
• Breakfasts daily, all other meals as indicated in itinerary.
• Lecture and workshop at studio Naenna.
• Cruise on the Mekong River.
• Meeting with Pat Cheesman, expert on antique Lao and Thai textiles.
• Enrichment lecturer from the Washington & Lee University will escort the tour with 15 travelers.
• All touring via air-conditioned motorcoach.
• All applicable hotel gratuities and taxes.
• All park, reserves, and attractions entry fees.
• Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
• Complimentary evacuation insurance.

EXCLUSIONS

• International airfare from Washington D.C. (quoted separately).
• U.S. and foreign airport taxes.
• Air within Thailand, Laos and Cambodia (quoted separately).
• All tips to driver/guides and naturalist. Gratuities should only be given as a reward for exceptional service and is at your discretion. We estimate $10 per person/per day for the specialist guide. $5 per person/per day for the driver. $5 per person/per day for the local guide where applicable; $5 per person/per day for the lodge staff. $3 per person for each arrival and departure transfer from the airport / hotel. These are daily per service estimates and an exact tipping chart will be detailed on your final itinerary.
• Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. U.S. citizens DO require a visa for Laos and Cambodia. Travelers are encouraged to obtain visas in advance, however in some cases may obtain upon arrival. No visas are required for Thailand.
• Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
• Meals and beverages, other than specified.
• Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
• Personal and baggage insurance.
• Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
• Optional insurance coverage is available for Baggage, Accident and Trip Cancellation/Interruption at special low-cost group rates.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing, But Is Subject To Change.

CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included environmental education efforts in India and Bhutan, wild dog and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya and Namibia, and global Earth Day education via school internet programs. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THAILAND, LAOS & CAMBODIA

Participants:
• Must be able to climb in and out of, as well as move around in confined quarters within minibuses, boats, and motor coaches unassisted. People need to be willing to rotate seats.
• Must be able to tolerate nature walks at an easy pace on uneven terrain, sometimes uphill, for three or four hours at a time. Archaeological sites have uneven steps and ground and may present a challenge for travelers.
• Should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

In general, this trip requires:
• Flexibility and good humor – unexpected changes and/or glitches will occur. True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations.
• A spirit of adventure, curiosity, and flexibility
• Interest in and willingness to appreciate a destination with overall good infrastructure but with at times rustic accommodations and adventure activities. That being said, some locations are nested in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm.

Air Schedules
Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings, and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the “land only” rate for this program. The start city for the land only program Bangkok, Thailand and the end city Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.
**YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE**

**DESTINATION:** Bangkok, Bang Sai, Bang Pa In, Ayutthaya, Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai - In Thailand
Mekong River & Luang Prabang - In Laos, Siem Reap, Angkor Thom, Angkor Wat, Ta Phrom - In Cambodia

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** Washington & Lee University

**ESCORTED BY:** An Enrichment Lecturer From The Washington & Lee University

**DATES:** February 17 To March 4, 2022

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**DEPARTURE CITY:** Washington D.C.

(Other Departure Cities Available Upon Request)

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*All International Airfares Are Subject To Change And Based On Minimum Number Of Travelers. Taxes Are Subject To Change Until Ticketed.*
CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

REGISTRATION

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450 together with a deposit of $1,300 per person. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT: A deposit of $1,300 per person must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due 95 days before departure (November 14, 2021) – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

NOT INCLUDED: Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

GRATUITIES AND TAXES: Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are included.

CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to August 21, 2021, we will happily refund all.
- August 22 to October 20, 2021, $300 handling fee, plus $250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- October 21 to November 14, 2021, deposit is forfeited.
- November 15, 2021 to December 4, 2021, less 75% of tour cost.
- After December 4, 2021, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

CHANGE FEES: Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a cost of $150 per person subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of $150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.
DOCUMENTS

PASSPORT & VISAS: The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State (travel.state.gov) or by the passport holder’s country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

FINAL DOCUMENTS: Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

TRANSPORTATION

OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION: Roundtrip, economy-class flights via EMIRATES and/or other IATAN carriers are between WASHINGTON, D.C., and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

AIRLINE SEATING: For Emirates, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Classic Escapes cannot provide the Comfort Seating Service as this is available on specific flights subject to availability and commercial laws as determined by each airline and at their own discretion. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE: This program is based on traveling via EMIRATES. For a list of the airline’s partners, visit http://www.emirates.com/us/english/. Become a member of the mileage program for any of these airlines and present your frequent flyer card at all flight check-ins to obtain credit for your flights. Remember to keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit.

TRANSFERS: Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

TRIP DETAILS

ACCOMMODATIONS: You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

MEALS: All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

INOCULATIONS: When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov/travel) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

WATER: It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

BAGGAGE: On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, not exceeding 50 pounds, plus a carry-on piece not exceeding 15 pounds; however, we always recommend that you check your airline’s policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change.
TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESPONSIBILITIES: Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition, the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest’s booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

CHANGES TO SCHEDULES: Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

REFUNDS: While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

AIRLINE CLAUSE: The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers’ tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

DELAYS: We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

CONSENT: The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed, or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest’s dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above-mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

PLEASE NOTE INSURANCE PREMIUMS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE SHOULD TOUR BE CANCELED BY PARTICIPANT.

INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE: For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during this trip through Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to $100,000.
- Up to $25,000 medical expense and up to $500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.
RESERVATION FORM: WASHINGTON & LEE—THAILAND, LAOS & CAMBODIA

Enclosed is my deposit for $__________ ($1,300 per person) to hold ________ place(s) on the Cultural Adventure to Thailand, Laos & Cambodia departing on February 17, 2022. Cost is $6,395 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air, from Washington, D.C. is $2,980 including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (As of June 22, 2020, subject to change)

Final payment due date is November 14, 2021

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to Office of Lifelong Learning, Washington and Lee University, 204 W. Washington St., Lexington, VA 24450 OR
Charge deposit to: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and must have four consecutive blank pages in the visa section.

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _______________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) __________/________/________
Passport No. __________________ Green Card No. __________________ Expiration Date __________________ Nationality __________________

2) NAME (As appears on passport): ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. _______________________________ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) __________/________/________
Passport No. __________________ Green Card No. __________________ Expiration Date __________________ Nationality __________________

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) ___________________________________________ 2) ___________________________________________

STREET ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________

CITY: __________________________________ STATE: __________________ ZIP: __________

PHONES: HOME: ( ) ______________________ OFFICE: ( ) ______________________ MOBILE: ( ) ________________

E-MAIL ADDRESS: ________________________________ FAX: ( ) ________________

☐ I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

☐ The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with: ☐ ONE ☐ TWO Beds (Make one selection only)

☐ I am sharing with ___________________________________________ (form sent separately)

☐ I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Organization or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. ☐ I prefer to share with: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-smoker

☐ I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of $1,995

I wish to participate in the following optional activity on Day 11 in Luang Prabang: All costs are based on a minimum of 6 travelers
☐ Orphanage School Visit - $29 per person ☐ Bamboo Experience & Cooking Class - $64 per person
☐ Frangipani Spa Treatment - $29 per person ☐ Evening Aperitif Talk - $200 per person

☐ Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from Washington, D.C. via Emirates.
☐ Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: ___________________________ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.

☐ Please send me information on air upgrades for: ☐ Business/First Class (only one class – business/first – exists)
☐ Airline Seating Preference ☐ Aisle ☐ Window ☐ Frequent Flier # __________________

"We can request a seating preference on your behalf; however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradeable."

☐ I/we will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure. I understand we will be billed for the internal flights in Asia at a cost of $580 per person.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 22, 2020 and are subject to change. Refund of deposit is made less any cancellation charges levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. If/WE HAVE READ THE GENERAL INFORMATION SECTION OF THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: __________________________________________________________________________ DATE: _______________________________

SIGNATURE: __________________________________________________________________________ DATE: _______________________________

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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

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*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:

(Visa, MasterCard, Discover: Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3-digit number which follows the credit card number. American Express: Enter the 4-digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I’m making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of June 22, 2020, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to August 21, 2021, we will happily refund all.
- August 22 to October 20, 2021, $300 handling fee, plus $250 non-refundable deposits given to overseas suppliers.
- October 21 to November 14, 2021, deposit is forfeited.
- November 15, 2021 to December 4, 2021, less 75% of tour cost.
- After December 4, 2021, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver’s license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.