

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the local guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, experience the brilliant colors, sounds and flavors of Costa Rica and Panama, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Cover: Toucan, Costa Rica | Above: Manuel Antonio National Park

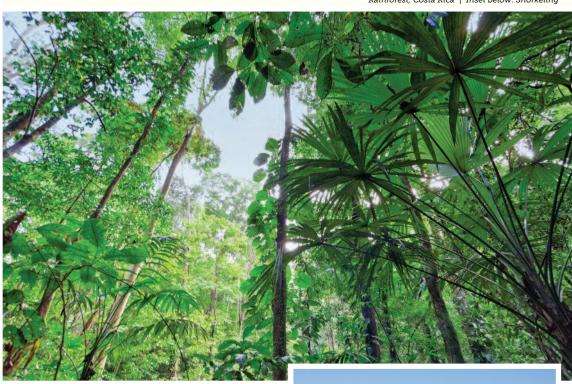
- ► Enjoy the tropical beauty of the Costa Rican and Panamanian coastlines.
- ► Journey by foot and boat through the rich ecosystems of Costa Rica, one of the world's most biodiverse regions.
- ➤ Search for exotic, storybook wildlife sloths, howler monkeys, macaws and whitefaced capuchins.
- Snorkel, paddle, kayak and beachcomb in the tropical ambience of Panama's **Granito** de **Oro islet.**
- ► Savor the glorious hues of a **Pacific sunset** from your ship's bow.
- ► Experience Coiba

 National Park and its

 Special Zone of Marine

 Protection, a UNESCO

 World Heritage site.



YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

From rainforest trails and footprints ashore to humpback whales and curious primates—immerse yourself in Earth's richest ecotreasures. Wake each morning to the melody of the ocean and an exciting menu of quests. You may stroll Eden-like sands, hike jungle trails, kayak hushed mangroves, search for porpoise, or nap on a sun-soaked beach. When evening arrives, sip cocktails on deck as a spectacular sunset blossoms and fades into a canopy of dazzling stars. And transiting the locks of the storied Panama Canal is sure to be a thrill. With this carte of appealing eco-adventures, you're bound to return home with jungle music and nature's scenic wonders teasing your dreams.

Manuel Antonio National Park | Costa Rica

Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio is the quintessence of Costa Rica. Located on the central western coast, Costa Rica's smallest national park is separated from its central valley by a mountain range. Though tiny in size, this paradise is one of Earth's most biodiverse parks, boasting an impressive mix of primary and secondary forests, lagoons, and mangrove swamps, plus 109 mammal species and over

ACTIVE TRAVEL for CULTURAL EXPLORERS

There will be options available at each anchorage for a variety of ability levels from easy skiff adventures to rigorous hikes. All adventures require wet landings and getting into and off of a skiff. Travelers should be physically fit, able to walk distances of up to three miles, and navigate stairs, hills and uneven terrain.





180 documented species of birds. Offshore, stingrays glide above vibrant beds of coral, sponges and crustaceans while inland the park's beloved residents generate a flurry of activity: lithe squirrel monkeys zip from tree to tree; three-toed sloths laze on their favorite branch; and parakeets and toucans soar above. Be sure to watch for cheeky monkeys!

Osa Conservation Area | Costa Rica

Nature seekers rejoice: Corcovado National Park's astounding biodiversity includes an estimated 500 species of trees, approximately 140 species of mammals and over 6,000 species of insects. Located on the isolated Osa Peninsula, Corcovado is Costa Rica's largest national park and its dense canopy teems with fascinating wildlife. You may spot anteaters, tapirs, jaguars, margays, ocelots, and a variety of winged brethren and slippery creatures. Overhead, look for flashes of white, scarlet, maize and indigo—the brilliant feathers of macaws. Of course, you may hear their raucous squawks long before you spy them.

Golfo Dulce | Costa Rica

Tucked between the Osa Peninsula and the mainland of Costa Rica, Golfo Dulce—or



"sweet gulf"—is a large, sheltered bay ringed by palm-studded beaches and tropical rainforests. Experience its protected waters and rich marine world while kayaking, snorkeling and enjoying skiff rides. When the conditions are right, Golfo Dulce also features one of the world's longest left-hand breaks, making this a popular destination for surfers.

Granito de Oro, Coiba National Park | Panama

Coiba National Park encompasses Granito de Oro islet as well as 38 smaller islands and the surrounding waters in the Gulf of Chiriquí. This UNESCO World Heritage site supports many animals and plants that are endemic to this region. Three-forths of the island is covered in unspoiled, primitive forest, home to rare, indigenous plants and wildlife, including turtles and crested eagles. The pristine islet, one of Panama's most beautiful beaches, is a true aquaphile's playground, and an offshore swim or snorkel will reveal a bounty of marine life.



Squirrel monkey



Up close with a sloth



Isla Iguana | Panama

Nestled off the Azuero Peninsula sits this spectacular wildlife haven, home to many delightful species including a large colony of frigate birds and, at various periods of the year, nesting sea turtles. The island's namesake—both black and green iguanas—claim their domain by sliding and scuttling across the brush and sand. A mature reef teeming with crackling coral and a kaleidoscope of marine life offers spectacular snorkeling opportunities—over 200 species of fish live here! Or stretch your body and mind during a trail hike while your guide shares tales of the island's military, homestead and refuge. Of course, we don't mind if you simply wish to relax under a palm with a paperback!

Gulf of Panama Islands | Panama

Discovered by Spanish explorers, the volcanic islands in the Gulf of Panama are remnants of ancient activity along the Pacific Ocean's ring of fire. Today, it's your captain's choice as you cruise among them. Isla Flamenco is nicknamed Deadman's Island due to its large number of old cemeteries. Nearby, Isla Bona buzzes with pelicans, sea gulls and petrels, and little Isla Otoque is home to fewer than 150 people. Isla Tobago, discovered by Vasco Balboa in the 1500s,



features Panama's oldest colonial church and infinite sweet-smelling, vivid blossoms—flora captured so brilliantly by resident artist Paul Gauguin. Finally, Isla Urabá, part of Tobago's wildlife reserve, offers impressive birding, including brown pelicans.

Panama Canal | Panama

Embark on a once-in-a-lifetime transit through the Panama Canal, one of the world's greatest engineering feats. Connecting the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, this marvel provides passage to vessels through Central America, allowing them to avoid traveling several thousand extra miles around the dangerous southern tip of South America's Cape Horn. Enter the canal in the late afternoon or early evening. All three locks are fully illuminated to allow you to see and appreciate the close-up views and sheer volume of the canal. During transit, toast to your voyage as you pass under the Bridge of the Americas and enter the Miraflores Locks. You'll be amazed at the enormity of the chambers and how the simple forces of gravity produce the equalization of the water levels. Transit Miraflores Lake and the Pedro Miguel Locks; then sail across curvy Lake Gatún. Finally, pass through the three Gatún Locks, which lower the ship safely into Limon Bay. Congratulations on checking off another box on your bucket list of adventures!



Red-eyed tree frog





This yacht-like ship, designed for expedition cruising, features 32 welcoming cabins and suites, accommodating a maximum of 62 travelers with all the conveniences of a modern ocean-going cruise liner. Enjoy the ship's nautical-themed lounge and sun deck, where wildlife and star-filled skies await, and kayaks, paddle boards, inflatable skiffs, hiking poles, fitness equipment and snorkel gear are available. Each day, dine on regional and international specialities, including fresh, local seafood and meats, and round out your meal with made-from-scratch desserts and a convivial cocktail hour, which features a selection of hors d'oeuvres. Wherever possible, ingredients are sourced locally for freshness and regional authenticity, as well as to support the local communities. The UnCruise team is committed to protecting and preserving our oceans and the environment, and all aspects of the cruise are scrutinized keeping the environment in clear focus.

EXPLORE ON LAND AND SEA

Throughout your journey there will be options available at each port for a variety of ability levels from easy skiff adventures to rigorous hikes. Each evening prior, select the journey that interests you most! Then hop aboard the ship's tender for a ride to shore. Most excursions have wet landings, which require you to get your feet wet as you walk onto the beach. Once onshore, join an expert naturalist for walks through lush rainforests and national parks where outstanding scenery and wildlife abound. Or you may wish to explore the beach, where you'll have plenty of time to search for hidden coves and seashells.

Prime anchorages in secluded bays offer excellent opportunities for swimming, and you're always welcome to enjoy the colorful fish, turtles and coral reefs from below the water with a mask or from above in a kayak, paddleboard or skiff (gear is provided).







Right top: Enjoying coffee on deck

Right center: Master cabin

Right: Wet landing

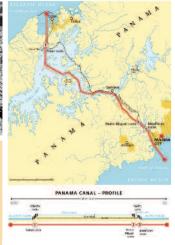


THE PANAMA CANAL - A Bridge Between The Oceans





Sixteenth-century Spanish explorers hoped to find a shortcut between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans via a canal at the Isthmus of Panama. Balboa conceived the possibility in 1513, but the daunting prospect was eventually forgotten. Finally, 350 years later, Ferdinand de Lesseps unsuccessfully attempted to build a canal as he had done at Suez. Disease, scandal, rain,



corruption and the jungle took their toll, and an estimated 16,000-20,000 workers died.

In 1900, the United States took over the huge task, and Theodore Roosevelt began construction in 1902, testing the strength and intelligence of more than 35,000 men. Working conditions were devastating; tropical diseases threatened lives and temperatures often rose to 130°F.

The work continued and the world's largest artificial lake at that time, Gatún, was created. A winding, eight-mile channel called the "Gaillard Cut" was hewed through the Continental Divide. Six locks were built to raise and lower ships to a height of 85 feet.

In the 1970s, the United States and Panama agreed that the canal ownership would revert to Panama on December 31, 1999.

Traversing the canal—feeling the ship rise and descend as the locks are opened and shut—is an unforgettable experience!

PRE-CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Real InterContinental Costa Rica | San José, Costa Rica

Located in the exclusive suburb of Escazú, the Real InterContinental Costa Rica is just steps from San Jose's nightlife, a variety of classy restaurants and the

Multiplaza shopping center. This luxury property offers a

poolside bar and four upscale eateries featuring local and international cuisine—The Market, Factory Steak & Lobster, NAU Sushi Lounge and Pimento. Three swimming pools and beautiful tropical gardens treat guests to an oasis of relaxation and serenity, and the spa offers a sauna, steam bath and a variety of body treatments. Guest rooms feature soundproof windows, Egyptian cotton sheets, feather pillows and LCD televisions. Wi-fi is available.

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History | Architecture | Local Traditions | Natural Beauty



Inspiring Moments

- Glide past rolling farmland and dramatic landscapes along the Mississippi River, sights that have long inspired artists, writers and steamboat passengers.
- Experience a melting pot of French, African and American cultures in the French
 Quarter of New Orleans, a vibrant city brimming with art and music.
- Gain an insider's perspective while touring classic antebellum homes and renowned plantations.
- ► Join a Civil War historian for an exclusive tour and a captivating lecture of Vicksburg National Military Park.
- ➤ Walk in the footsteps of Elvis amid the rich culture of **Memphis**, home of legendary musical artists, blues and barbecue.

Day 1

In Transit | New Orleans, Louisiana

Depart gateway city for New Orleans, Louisiana. ★

Arrive and transfer ★ to the InterContinental New Orleans, located in proximity to the French Quarter and scenic riverfront.

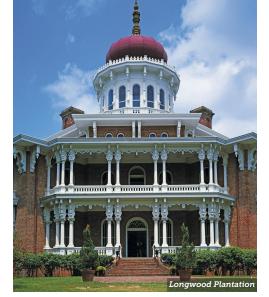
Set out to explore this iconic city steeped in history. Later, gather for a Welcome Reception.

Day 2

New Orleans

Excursion: *New Orleans.* Explore the Vieux Carré, the French Quarter, and note its blend of Spanish, French, Creole and American architectural styles. During a walking tour, see Jackson Square and St. Louis Cathedral, stroll along lively Bourbon Street, and learn about the area's authors, artists, writers and pirates.

Free Time: The afternoon is at leisure to craft your own itinerary in the "Big Easy." While exploring, stop to sample flavours that define New Orleans: battered seafood, andouille, gumbo, jambalaya and soft-shell crab.





New Orleans | Oak Alley

Following breakfast, transfer and embark your river ship. Enjoy a buffet lunch and become familiar with the ship's amenities. As your sailing adventure begins, pull up a chair on deck and revel in views along the historic Mississippi River, a testament to the ingenuity of the pioneers who first travelled these waters.

B | L | D

Day 4 B|L|D

Oak Alley

Enrichment: Join a Cambridge/Oxford lecturer for an engaging discussion.

Excursion: Oak Alley Plantation. Step ashore and stroll along a path bordered by 300-year-old towering oak trees toward the Greek Revival-style antebellum mansion. Enjoy a guided tour through the stately house. After, gather on the west lawn for refreshing mint juleps, a tasty mix of bourbon, mint and sugar.

Day 5 B | L | D

Baton Rouge

Excursion: *Historic Baton Rouge.* This thriving city is home to Louisiana State University. Learn about the diverse aspects





of Louisiana history, industry and culture while witnessing famous attractions and important sites, including the Old and New State Capitals and the interactive Louisiana State Museum.

Day 6 B|L|D

Natchez, Mississippi

Enrichment: A Cambridge/Oxford lecturer presents an engaging lecture this morning.

Excursion: Longwood Plantation. Settled in 1716, Natchez is rich in history and southern hospitality. Visit the landmark Longwood Plantation, which stands as a testament to the impact of the Civil War and the rise and fall of the South. Although construction of the octagonal house commenced in the mid-1800s, the building of Longwood came to a halt due to the onset of the war and the house was never completed.







Day 7 B|L|D

Vicksburg

Enrichment: A Cambridge/Oxford lecturer presents an engaging lecture this morning.

Excursion: *Battle of Vicksburg.* Founded in 1811, Vicksburg offers visitors a medley of fascinating history and relaxed urban energy. An informative Civil War historian leads a tour of the acclaimed National Military Park. This large battlefield, once the site of the American Civil War Battle of Vicksburg, commemorates the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg. See the battlefields, the restored *U.S.S. Cairo* gunboat and other significant and historic sites. Explore exhibits and artifacts from the Siege of Vicksburg at the visitors centre, followed by a tour of downtown Vicksburg.

Day 8 B|L|D

Mississippi River Cruising

Delight in a day at leisure while cruising to Memphis. Listen to the gentle sounds of the paddlewheel churning along placid waters, and relish the picturesque, ever-changing scenery. As day turns to dusk, settle into a rocking chair on the sun deck and watch a glorious sunset, revelling in its palette of gold, green and red. Join a Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 9 B|L|D

Memphis, Tennessee

Excursion: Welcome to Memphis! Home to blues, barbecue, Beale Street and Elvis Presley, Memphis boasts a deep-rooted history spanning many aspects of American culture. Following a delicious, traditional barbecue on board, visit the St. Judes Children's Research Hospital and the Peabody Hotel - home of the legendary Peabody ducks. Drive by the National Civil Rights Museum, the site where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated, and visit Sun Studios, the birthplace of Rock n' Roll. From Elvis and B.B. King to Roy Orbison and Bonnie Raitt, many legends recorded hits in this modest two-story brick building. While exploring the city, listen for the musical rhythms of up-and-coming artists echoing through the streets.





Memphis

After breakfast, disembark the ship.

Excursion: *Musical Heritage.* Uncover Memphis' musical heritage at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum. Learn about the birth of rock and soul music and its impact on cultures, generations and nationalities, plus gain insight into the racial and socio-economic challenges faced by many musical pioneers. Check in to the Westin Memphis Beale Street.

Free Time: Craft your own itinerary during your final afternoon. Consider digging into a po-boy or pulled pork sandwich. Music aficionados can enjoy a variety of venues featuring blues, bluegrass, soul and jazz.

Day 11 B

In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ★

Day 12

In Transit

Arrive in your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

★Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

BILID denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



Exciting Elective Excursions

Along with the included excursions featured in your itinerary, we've planned special elective excursions to help you personalise your trip. Elective excursions come in two categories:

Premium | These excursions cost between £15 and £52 per person. You can sign up and pay for these excursions on board.

Signature | Signature excursions are limitedavailability tours and require reservations prior to sailing, along with pre-payment.

Note: Excursion options are subject to change.

Natchez

Premium | Frogmore Plantation. Explore this 728-hectare cotton plantation. Learn insightful history, and listen to live gospel music.

Premium | *J.N. Stone House and Concert.*Join Joseph Stone for an informative tour of his family's unique antebellum-style home.

Baton Rouge

Signature | Atchafalaya Basin. Delight in the basin's diverse natural beauty and eco-systems. During your cruise, learn about the area's abundant plant and wildlife, and enjoy a delicious lunch of southern favourites.

Memphis

Signature | *Graceland.* Walk in the footsteps of Elvis Presley at his beloved estate. Explore the house, view fascinating memorabilia and visit the graves of Elvis and his family.

Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History | Natural Beauty



Days 1 & 2

In Transit

Depart gateway city for Singapore. Cross the international date line.

Day 3

Singapore

Upon arrival, transfer ★ and check in to the Shangri-La Hotel.

Gather for a Welcome Reception tonight.

Day 4 B

Singapore

Enrichment: Contemporary Singapore.

Discovery: *Singapore.* Explore Singapore's sights on a panoramic tour. Pass by the towering Marina Bay Sands resort, Merlion Park and the mythical Merlion, a statue that has a head of a lion and the body of a fish. Drive through the Civic District by the Padang, Cricket Club, Parliament House, Supreme Court, City Hall and more. Then visit the Thian Hock Keng Temple, the oldest Chinese temple in Singapore.

Discovery: *Multicultural Singapore.* Marvel at the breadth of Singapore's diverse cultures and rich history. Begin with an excursion through Kampong Glam, a Malay enclave that originated as a fishing village at the mouth of the Rochor



Above: Singapore skyline | Inset: Traditional Thai costume,
Bangkok

River. This area of Singapore was famed for its thriving gelam trees that were used for building ships. Explore Chinatown's shophouses and Little India's exotic flower and spice market.

Day 5 B|L|D

Singapore | Eastern & Oriental Express

Discovery: *Peranakan Heritage.* The region's Peranakan community arrived in Peninsular Malaysia and Singapore between the 15-17th

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. You may like to linger in a cozy café or stay on the go. That's why we design itineraries that allow you to craft an individual travel experience.



ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES | At an additional cost Further your experience by immersing yourself in specially designed activities.

Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



centuries and settled in port towns. Come face-to-face with Singapore's rich, multicultural heritage as you visit a Peranakan enclave. Meet a family who shares secrets of Chinese dumplings and enjoy a taste of this regional favorite. Then visit a local home to learn about traditional beadwork and embroidery. This type of needlework is an important aspect of Peranakan heritage.

Gather for a lunch of local favorites.

This afternoon, board the opulent Eastern & Oriental Express and begin your rail journey. Cross into Malaysia and watch the cityscape fade into a lush rural tapestry.

Tonight, stop briefly at Kuala Lumpur's colonial train station, a Moorish-style building.

Day 6 B|L|D

Kuala Kangsar, Malaysia

PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- Traditional Village Experience. Immerse yourself in traditional Malaysian culture during a visit to a rural village. See a dance performance, taste regional flavors and browse locally produced handicrafts. Learn about planting and harvesting rice, and enjoy a visit to a plantation that grows banana and durian fruits.
- •Countryside Hill Trek. Begin your excursion at a banana and durian fruit plantation and sample freshly made chips. Stretch your legs during an uphill walk with a guide. Nature lovers will delight in the surrounding scenery while learning about the region's local wildlife and ecological treasures. Take in stunning panoramic views from atop the hill! (Active)

Back on the train, enjoy a full afternoon of leisure

to lounge and converse. Relax with a cocktail in the open-air Observation Car and revel in the passing landscape of rice paddies and colorful countryside.

Bangkok's canals

Day 7 B | L

Kanchanaburi, Thailand | Bangkok PYJ | Choose one of these excursions:

- Kanchanaburi and Kwai Yai River. Cruise on the Kwai Yai River under the historic Bridge over the River Kwai. Along the way, learn about the Thailand-Burma railway from a historian. Then continue to the North Temple and Chinese Cemetery, and visit the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre to browse exhibits and photographs.
- Cycle Tour. Journey to an agricultural village to begin an hour-long bicycle tour. Ride by rice fields before stopping at a local farm for refreshments and a demonstration. Then step into an ancient-style wooden house for a relaxing herbal infusion. (Active)
- Culinary Tour. Join a guide for a visit to a colorful wet market and tour a rice noodle house. Board a riverboat at Wat Nue Pier and sail along the River Kwai. Delight in a Thai cooking class on board. Later, you may choose to visit the Chong Kai War cemetery.



Conclude your rail journey in Bangkok and transfer to the Peninsula Bangkok Hotel.

Day 8 B | L

Bangkok

Enrichment: Thailand's History and

Discovery: *Vibrant Bangkok.* Discover river life as you cruise the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi canals. Bangkok merchants still use the canals for travel and to transport their merchandise. Disembark and visit the Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha Temple. Take a tuktuk ride to Wat Pho to see the Reclining Buddha. This temple that sprawls over eight hectares is also considered the country's first university. Delight in the culinary pleasures of Thai cuisine during lunch at the Blue Elephant, a prestigious restaurant housed in a century-old building along the historical Sathorn Road.

Free Time: The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Bangkok. Browse for souvenirs or delight in a Thai iced coffee.

ELECTIVE | Sala Rim Naam. Immerse yourself in Thai culture during a Thai dance show and a savory dinner of mouthwatering cuisine.

Day 9 B | L

Nonthaburi | Ayutthaya

Discovery: Ayutthaya. Cruise along the Chao Phraya River toward Nonthaburi. Along the way, see temples, bustling markets and shops on the banks. Visit the Dhevaraj Kuchon Temple's Golden Teak Museum before gathering with your fellow travelers for lunch on board. Tour the European-style Bang Pa-In Palace, a summer residence for the kings of Thailand.

Continue to Ayutthaya, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Thailand's ancient capital city. See brick ruins, lion guardian statues, Buddha figures and other artifacts. Return to Bangkok via motor coach and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Day 10 B | L

Siem Reap, Cambodia

After breakfast, fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia. Upon arrival, transfer to the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort.

Discovery: *Discover Siem Reap.* Discover this quaint provincial capital as you tour Siem Reap in a tuk-tuk. The city offers a bounty of well-preserved colonial buildings, small cafes, souvenir shops, art galleries and more. Visit an arts and dance center to see demonstrations.

Day 11

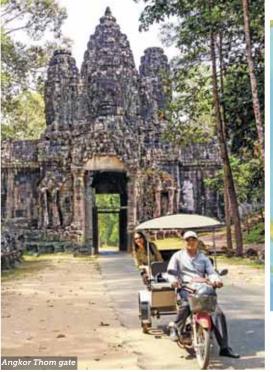
Siem Reap

Discovery: Angkor Wat. Discover the storied wonders of Angkor Wat. Built in the 12th century, it is the largest temple in the world and the crown jewel of the Angkor Archaeological Park. Originally dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu, the temple eventually became filled with Buddhist elements as the new religion spread through the empire. See the gallery of bas-relief murals, one of the highlights of the temple.

CAHI Connects: *Local Life.* Uncover culinary traditions with a local family who shows you how to make rice noodles, a local specialty.

Free Time: You may enjoy visiting the Old Market during free time today.

Discovery: Cambodian Circus. Enjoy a show of lively dance, music and acrobatics, combined with stories of Khmer culture.





Gather for a Farewell Dinner and a lively event featuring Khmer classical dance and music.

Free Time: Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

Day 13 B

Siem Reap

Day 12

Discovery: Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm and Thommanon. Explore Angkor Thom, a great walled city that once was home to 1 million people, and see the imposing temple of Bayon. Witness Ta Prohm, swathed by the roots of massive kapok trees and visit the recently restored Thommanon temple.

In Transit

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Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ★

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B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



State Cabin



Eastern & Oriental Express

Board the green-and-gold carriages of the Eastern & Oriental Express, and experience the Golden Age of travel as you wind through some of the most exotic, untouched countrysides on Earth. The E&O offers a luxurious experience complemented by an unparalleled encounter with Southeast Asia's far-flung landscapes. Elegance and attention to detail make riding the E&O an unforgettable treat. Orchids and frangipani flowers perfume the air. Stewards deliver freshly baked croissants and delicately carved local fruits at sunrise. Feel like you are dining in one of the world's top restaurants when you take your seat in one of the lavishly decorated dining cars. Enveloped in rosewood paneling, you will enjoy refined service and gourmet meals prepared with the freshest ingredients. As the sun sets, listen to the sounds of the forest as you relax in the open-air Observation Car and sip a Shanghai Express while the pianist plays your old favorites in the piano bar.