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Singapore and Bali

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PRICE: from \$2,750.00

Start your tour by exploring Singapore, a city state at the crossroads of culture. Singapore warmly embraces the kaleidoscope of peoples that call the country home, and which you'll discover in the cultural enclaves of Chinatown, Little India and Kampong Glam (Malay district). And this melting pot has left a lasting impact on the vibrant culinary scene, one of Southeast Asia's best. In recent years, awe-inspiring, futuristic attractions like Gardens by the Bay and Marina Bay Sands have enhanced the city skyline. However, the country still retains its charming, historic neighborhoods crisscrossed by crowded side streets still teeming with traditional vendor stalls. Nicknamed, the "City in a Garden", Singapore is covered in greenery and full of impressive gardens, such as the Singapore Botanic Garden which is home to the world's largest orchid display.

Then, continue your Asian adventure in Bali. The first part of your stay is in Nusa Lembongan Island. An island that embraces the beauty of Balinese culture but without the crowds. Located just 30 minutes by boat from Bali's Sanur, this is what people say Bali was like 30 years ago. In Lembongan you'll find pristine beaches with coarse white sand, soaring cliff viewpoints, and sea views that can get very idyllic at sunset. Divers can explore vivid reefs off its southwestern coast. The island also has a mysterious underground house, lush mangrove forests, and seafood farming villages.

End your adventure with a complete change of scenery in the uplands of Bali, in artistic and wonderfully serene Ubud, the cultural epicenter of this lush and laid-back island. Hindu temples adorn the urban landscape while looming volcanoes and vibrant green rice terraces decorate the horizon. Ubud is the type of town where time takes a break, where days among the restaurants, cafes and artisan street stalls inadvertently turn to weeks. You'll have a hard time leaving Ubud, and an even harder time forgetting it!



POWERED BY



Singapore



Though physically small, Singapore is an economic giant. A truly modern metropolis, the city state of Singapore is unlike anywhere else in Southeast Asia. Founded as a trading post for the British Empire, its rapid development and western style are a counterpoint to the more visceral Asian cities of Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia.

Because of its efficient and determined government, Singapore has become a flourishing country that excels in trade and tourism and is a model to developing nations. The capital city, also called Singapore, covers about a third of the area of the main island and is a blended mix of Malay, Chinese, Arab, Indian and English cultures and religions. Its unique ethnic tapestry affords visitors a wide array of sightseeing as well as culinary opportunities from which to choose.

HOTEL:

Jen Orchard Gateway by Shangri-La

Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore by Shangri-La is the perfect springboard into The Lion City. With so much to see, eat, shop and do, explore Singapore at ease with unmatched, direct connectivity to public transport and a wide array of retail and dining options in the heart of Orchard Road.

Enthusiastic, upbeat and fuss-free service, comfortable rooms and an award-winning rooftop infinity-edged pool await after a busy day out. An urban oasis above the pulsating city, soak up panoramic views of the city skyline while lounging on the viewing platforms. Superior Room: Slick, compact and modern design with all the in-room amenities. Mobile massage services: The hotel offers a mobile massage service where you can enjoy a relaxing massage in the sunshine, a poolside cabana or the privacy of your room. Daily Aquaspin class in the beautiful rooftop pool: Offered every day, Aquaspin proudly incorporates a wide range of programs tailored to your specific needs so you can achieve your fitness goals at your own pace. Build muscle strength, increase your cardiovascular endurance, or simply maintain a healthy, fit body.



Lembongan

Nusa Lembongan is an island located southeast of Bali. It is part of a group of three islands that make up the Nusa Penida district, of which it is the most famous. Full of hidden coves, perfect sunset spots, lovely guesthouses, and boutique resorts, Nusa Lembongan is perfect for a couple of days away from it all. Scuba diving around Nusa Lembongan and its neighbors, particularly Nusa Penida, is excellent. Spotting huge manta rays, underwater buddha statues and beautiful corals and colorful fish are the highlights. Nusa Lembongan is one of the best places to visit in Bali, providing a perfect balance between raw natural beauty, relaxation, and adventure.

HOTEL:

Mahagiri Lembongan Beach Resort

Set in Lembongan, Mahagiri Resort Nusa Lembongan is a beachfront resort with an outdoor pool and a direct access to Mahagiri Beach. It boasts views of Mount Agung, and the island's best spots for sunrises and sunsets.

Beach-front Room: All rooms have a flat-screen TV and a safety deposit box. Certain rooms have a seating area to relax in after a busy day. Every room is fitted with a private bathroom, stocked with slippers and toiletries as well as AC.

Water sports facilities, bike hire and car hire are available in the surrounding areas. You can engage in various activities, such as snorkeling and windsurfing.



Ubud

Ubud is, in many ways, the cultural hub of Bali. Home to one of Bali's royal families, this traditional country town has royal palaces and ancient temples. The town is also where some of the world's notable artisans and collectors have visited and worked in. Along the main street are dozens of art studios and galleries, along with an excellent local crafts market selling antiques, woodcarvings, crafts, textiles, paintings, and jewelry. A short drive outside Ubud will take you to Tegenungan Waterfall, Ubud Monkey Forest, and the photogenic Tegallalang rice terrace. Join a day trip to local villages like Campuhan, Penestanan, Peliatan and Batuan, where you can see locals making and selling authentic Balinese crafts.



HOTEL:

Komaneka Bisma Ubud Hotel

This five-hectare property built in 2008 was the first luxury boutique resort in the up-and-coming area on Bisma Lane near the center of Ubud. Set on a slope overlooking the Campuhan river valley, the suites and villas have splendid views of a tropical forest valley and the resort's own rice fields. A sophisticated Ubud getaway near the center of town. Located 3,100 feet from Monkey Forest, the resort features 2 outdoor pools, a restaurant, and a spa.

Bisma Suite: Spacious one-bedroom suite of 88 sqm with private balcony for a sophisticated Ubud getaway. Interiors feature extensive use of wood and fine Indonesian textiles and art, lending an understated elegance to the space.

Wana Jiwa Spa, a luxurious sanctuary with a villa concept. Professional staff provide healing and beauty treatments such as facials, traditional massage, and body scrubs, drawing on ancient Indonesian herbal recipes. Wana Jiwa Spa offers a variety of natural products, including luxurious Babor spa products, augmented by the peaceful ambience of the Campuhan River.



Magestic Gardens in Lion City Singapore

One of the top places to visit in Asia, Gardens by the Bay spans over 100 hectares and is a highlight for any visitor to Singapore. Built at a cost of over one billion dollars, the gardens opened June 2012 and have already been billed as an unmissable attraction. The gardens house two domes or conservatories, Cloud Forest and Flower Dome, which are climate-controlled indoor glasshouses. The Flower Dome (the larger of the two) replicates the cool-dry climate of the Mediterranean and South Africa, whilst the Cloud Forest replicates a cool-moist climate found in Tropical Montane regions such as Mount Kinabalu in Sabah and high elevation areas in South America. Within the gardens, there are also 18 impressive-looking Supertrees (tree-like structures), which are vertical gardens up to 50 metres tall and perform a multitude of functions. Along with providing a bird's eye view of the entire gardens, they also collect rainwater, generate solar power and act as vending ducts for the park's conservatory. During our visit to Gardens by the Bay, we shall visit the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest, as well as an elevated walkway situated between two of the larger Supertrees. Here we can enjoy an impressive aerial view of the gardens.



Devil's Tears - Lembongan Island, Bali

Offering panorama views of the coast line and some of the craziest waves you will ever seen, Devil's Tears is definitely one of the coolest spots on Lembongan island. An impressive show of Mother Nature's power, to remind you why you don't want to mess with her! After the crash of the waves against the rocks, you see a huge spray and then what looks like dozens of mini waterfalls cascading down back into the water. The water is a beautiful color of blue and a spectacular natural sight for both tourist and photographers alike.





Snorkel with giant manta rays

Located on Nusa Penida, Manta Bay is famous for being a regular feeding spot for these beautiful creatures. Our interaction with the Manta Rays is passive. Unlike turtles or fish, which often swim away at the sight of humans, the manta rays will often head straight for you and then dart off to the side at the last minute in a playful manner. They are not aggressive in any way but they could seem intimidating!



Monkey Forest Sanctuary

The Ubud Monkey Forest lies within the village of Padangtegal, which owns it. The village's residents view the Monkey Forest as an important spiritual, economic, educational, and conservation center for the village. There are many of point of interest that you can see here. Other than around 700 monkeys, you also can see 186 species of trees in 12.5 hectares of forest, where will allowing you to get an abundant of fresh air.

Ubud Palace

This palace and its temple, Puri Saren Agung, share a compound in the heart of Ubud. Most of its structures were built after the 1917 earthquake and the local royal family still lives here. You can wander around most of the compound and explore the many traditional, though not excessively ornate, buildings.



Legong Dance

The Legong Dance is one of Bali's most visually alluring royal court performances. The dance is also considered one of the island's most revered classical pieces, known for its physically demanding postures and fast-paced movements which require a significant level of flexibility among its generally young female performers. Choreographed to a set pattern with the finest detail, the dance has been well-preserved through generations.





Balinese Cooking Class

Transfer from your hotel to a local restaurant or guesthouse, where you will be greeted by your chef and staff. Take a short walk to the vegetable market where you will browse the stalls with your guide—learning about the fresh spices, herbs and vegetables on sale. After your tour of the market, walk to the restaurant to commence the cooking. You'll then meet in the kitchen, wearing aprons, and begin your cooking. Not only will you discover the herbs, spices and techniques of Balinese cooking but you will also learn about the ceremonial and cultural significance of food in Balinese society. The menu changes daily and after preparing the lavish feast, sit down to enjoy the meal together with a glass or two of local rice wine or homemade hibiscus tea. This tour is offered on a join-in basis and may include other participants.



Eat, Pray, Love Tour

Pray: Receive a blessing by a pedanda, a traditional Balinese priest, meet an astrologer who uses ancient methods handed down from generation to generation to read your fortune. **Eat:** You will experience the family techniques and learn more about the fresh produce, herbs, spices and local Balinese cooking methods at the Kayun house, a neighborhood natural organic restaurant, it is named after a Balinese word “Kayun” which means, “Heart”. While the locals are preparing your dish, take a walk around the village compound to learn about the local architecture and layout of rural villages. Return to the house to dine on your tasty cuisine. **Love:** After lunch, complete your experience with a relaxing 1-hour Balinese massage.

Included:

- 3 nights' accommodation in Hotel Jen Orchardgateway 4* in Superior Room
- 2 nights' accommodation in Mahagiri Lembongan 4* in Beach Front room
- 3 nights' accommodation in Komaneka Bisma 4* in Bisma Suite room
- All transfers with assistant
- Meals as per itinerary
- Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- Entrance fees
- English speaking guide assistance throughout the program (except at Lembongan)
- Mineral water and wet tissue during transfer and tours
- Dedicated tour manager throughout program

Not Included:

- Domestic and International airfare throughout the program
- Airport porter and/or extra baggage
- Meals or beverages that are not mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Telephone
- Laundry service
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal travel insurance
- All expenses incurred due to flight cancellations/delays or due to other causes beyond our control ("force majeure")



Itinerary

MAY 04, 2020 - Welcome to Singapore!

Morning arrival in Singapore, airport pick up and hotel check-in. Day at leisure to relax or explore the surroundings. Delight in the hotel's own famous buffet dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

MAY 05, 2020 - Explore Singapore with Bumboat Tour

Today, your tour will begin with a leisurely bumboat ride along the Singapore River. The Singapore River is a small river with great historical importance. It is the place where Sir Stamford Raffles made as the 1st trading port in Singapore. The ride will end at Merlion Park at Esplanade Bridge. At the Merlion Park, come face to face with Singapore's very own tourism mascot, the Merlion, standing in the foreground, whilst the structural masterpiece of visionary architect Moshe Safdie, the Marina Bay Sands Hotel stands majestically in its awesome grandeur. Your tour continues with a drive around the Civic District past the Padang, Cricket Club, Parliament House, Supreme Court and City Hall. Next stop will be one of the oldest and most important Hokkien temples in Singapore, Thian Hock Keng Temple. The temple was built in traditional southern Chinese architectural masterpiece of stone, tiles, dragons and phoenixes, amazing carvings, intricate sculptures and imposing columns. Last stop is the National Orchid Garden, within the Singapore Botanic Gardens, which boasts a colorful display of 60,000 orchid plants and over 400 species. Evening at leisure.

MAY 06, 2020 - Singapore - Optional Tour: Majestic Gardens

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MAY 07, 2020 - Arrive Bali – Transfer to Nusa Lembongan Island + Optional Activity

Breakfast and hotel check out. Flight to Bali. To the uninitiated, Bali might seem just like another popular tourist destination, but for anyone who visits its shores, it is impossible not to be touched by certain magic from the 'Island of the Gods'. The predominantly Hindu island, gives visitors the chance to have a unique and fascinating cultural experience, while still being able to partake in any number of exciting or relaxing activities, like surfing, golfing, diving or just getting a spa or massage treatment beachside. Arrival in Bali 11:00AM Upon arrival at Denpasar airport, our guide will take you to Sanur port to take your boat to Nusa Lembongan Island (less than an hour ride). Remaining day at leisure to relax by the hotel's pool, beach or bar (or all three) or a chance to explore the island of Lembongan and its neighbor Nusa Ceningan on a guided adventure tour which will include several view points and jumping cliffs such as Devil's Tears and its wonderful tide pools. A stop at Mushroom Beach for some authentic Balinese local food before returning to the hotel to relax for the evening.

MAY 08, 2020 - Nusa Lembongan Island - Free Leisure Day or Optional Activity

Day at leisure to relax or participate in an optional morning tour: Nusa Penida by boat. The optional activity will take you around several of the secluded beaches by boat as well as a chance to snorkel with the giant manta rays at the Nusa Penida island. We will be stopping a long the way to have a delicious lunch at a beach front local eatery where you can savor some delicious fresh fish or seafood (of course other options also available for those with food allergies/intolerance).

MAY 09, 2020 - Transfer from Lembongan to Ubud, Bali

Morning at leisure to relax and enjoy your last morning on the beach. Check out and early afternoon departure by boat to Sanur Port. Upon arrival, transfer to Ubud (40 minute drive). Relax in your hotel for the rest of the afternoon. Suggestions for those looking for activities: Afternoon: sacred monkey forest visit, evening: Ubud Palace And Legong Dance show.

MAY 10, 2020 - Ubud, Bali

Your excursion begins with a drive into Central Bali and small town of Mengwi. Long associated with the Balinese Royal Family, Mengwi is home to the superb temple complex at Taman Ayun. Translating as 'beautiful garden' Taman Ayun is considered by many to be one of the island's most attractive temples and is still used today by people from all over Bali for special ceremonies and events. Drive further north to Bedugul Regency (district), renowned for its stunning beauty and three caldera lakes (Beratan, Buyan and Tamblingan). First stop is the market at Candi Kuning. Bali is famous for fresh fruits and exotic spices and there are plenty of seasonal varieties to discover at the market, together with stalls selling beautiful scented flowers used for ceremonies and offerings. The iconic Ulun Danu Temple is the next destination. This important Hindu Shivaite water temple is located on a small jut of land within the calm waters of Lake Beratan. If the water level is high (normally only during the rainy season) it gives the illusion that this 17th century temple is 'floating' on the lake. After a break for lunch, return south stopping to view the rice terraces at Jatiluwih en route. Recognised by UNESCO, these seemingly endless rice paddies offer superb vistas in all directions and are a marvel to behold. There will be an option to walk along some of the terraces before returning to your vehicle and heading back to your hotel.



MAY 11, 2020 - Ubud, Bali - Free Leisure or Optional Activities

Tours options :

Option 1 : Eat, Pray and Love Duration : Approximately 6 hours Pick up times : 09.30am

Today you will get a true taste of the local culture, traditions and lifestyles with this immersive Balinese experience. Pray: Receive a blessing by a pedanda, a traditional Balinese priest, meet an astrologer who uses ancient methods handed down from generation to generation to read your fortune. Eat: You will experience the family techniques and learn more about the fresh produce, herbs spices and local Balinese cooking methods at the Kayun house, a neighborhood natural organic restaurant, it is named after a Balinese word “Kayun” which means, “Heart”. While the locals are preparing your dish, take a walk around the village compound to learn about the local architecture and layout of rural villages. Return to the house to dine on your tasty cuisine. Love: After lunch, complete your experience with a relaxing 1-hour Balinese massage.

Option 2 : Balinese Cooking Class Duration : Approximately 4 hours Pick up times : 07.30am Transfer from your hotel to a local restaurant or guesthouse, where you will be greeted by your chef and staff. Take a short walk to the vegetable market where you will browse the stalls with your guide- learning about the fresh spices, herbs and vegetables on sale. After your tour of the market, walk to the restaurant to commence the cooking. You'll then meet in the kitchen, wearing aprons, and begin your cooking. Not only will you discover the herbs, spices and techniques of Balinese cooking but you will also learn about the ceremonial and cultural significance of food in Balinese society. The menu changes daily and after preparing the lavish feast, sit down to enjoy the meal together with a glass or two of local rice wine or homemade hibiscus tea. This tour is offered on a join-in basis and may include other participants. Evening farewell dinner with your fellow group members.

MAY 12, 2020 - Transfer to Airport Back to US

Enjoy the day at own and late afternoon transfer to airport for your flight home. Arrival in the US May 13.

Group Flights on Singapore Airlines

Voted Best Airline in the world in 2018 and second best in 2019!

Group flights have been set up from JFK as the most direct route to Singapore and Bali;

02 MAY 20 - SATURDAY SINGAPORE # 25

LV: NYC/KENNEDY 855P (ONE STOP ON THE WAY)

AR: SINGAPORE 650A ELAPSED TIME-21:55

ARVL DATE-04 MAY (STOP-FRANKFURT)

07 MAY 20 - THURSDAY SINGAPORE # 938

LV: SINGAPORE 820A

AR: DENPASAR 1100A

ELAPSED TIME- 2:40

12 MAY 20 - TUESDAY SINGAPORE # 947

DEPART TERMINAL- INTERNATIONAL

LV: DENPASAR 800P

AR: SINGAPORE 1040P

ELAPSED TIME- 2:40 SINGAPORE # 26

LV: SINGAPORE 1155P (ONE STOP)

AR: NYC/KENNEDY 1110A

ELAPSED TIME-23:15

ARVL DATE-13 MAY (STOP-FRANKFURT)





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Payments:

\$700.00 Deposit required now to hold your reservation

\$1,000.00 Second Deposit: November 01, 2020

Final Payment: March 01, 2020

Prices apply with minimum/maximum 20 participants per option. If there are less than 20 people on this trip, there will be a \$275.00 surcharge. If under 10 participants, trip might not operate.

NOTE: PLEASE WAIT TO PURCHASE THE NON-REFUNDABLE TRAVEL INSURANCE UNTIL THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF GROUP PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED. YOUR TOUR MANAGER WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN YOU CAN ADD IT.

Cancellation:

Please send us cancellations in writing and enclose all travel documents including air tickets and vouchers. The date of receipt in our office determines the effective date of cancellation. Cancelling the air will incur a \$100 fee at any time. Airfare is completely nonrefundable once tickets have been issued. For any changes to dates or itinerary once tickets have been issued, a \$75 service fee plus any applicable airline imposed fees will apply (\$200-\$400).

Cancellation policy:

Cancellation 20% of deposit nonrefundable inside 7 days; Cancellation after 7 days of booking and outside 60 days 50% of deposit paid to date; Cancellation inside 60 days: nonrefundable

No refunds will be given for unused portions of your package.