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EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS: VOYAGE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Journey from Singapore to Bangkok through the most enchanting parts of Asia on this exclusive adventure limited to just 60 guests.

Luxury Rail Journeys



Thailand, The Orient



6 days, from AU\$11,538



Private

Journey Overview

Experience the majesty and splendour of the Eastern & Oriental Express as you journey through the heart of Southeast Asia. This luxurious train recreates the golden age of rail travel: elegant lounges and cabins, afternoon tea and cocktails, delicious cuisine and superb service. Let the train become your platform for discovery as you venture deep into the mesmerising landscapes of Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia. Take a front row seat in your private cabin or in the Observation Car to watch the astonishing landscapes shift and change. Then, step off the train to discover the secrets held within.

FABLES OF THE PENINSULA | 6 DAYS

Journey from Singapore to Bangkok through the most enchanting parts of Asia on this exclusive adventure limited to just 60 guests. Experience the legendary Raffles Hotel in Singapore, before being whisked away into the heart of Malaysia through the Janda Baik Rainforest. Marvel at fabulously varied architecture of Georgetown on the island of Penang. Enjoy a cruise on a catamaran as you island hop through the Ang Thong National Park of Thailand.

Departs:

11 October 2020

Price:

Depending on your preferred travel dates and cabin availability, pricing will vary. Please contact your A&K Travel Specialist for further information and any promotional offers that may apply.



Itinerary

Day 1: Singapore – Malaysia

On arrival at Raffles Singapore you are greeted by the Eastern & Oriental Express team, who assist with your luggage and check-in formalities. You will be escorted to Woodlands Railway Station, where the gleaming green carriages of the Eastern & Oriental Express await.

Be welcomed by stewards in exquisite Thai uniforms, their hands pressed together in a gracious wai. A cool drink is served as you settle into your luxurious cabin. The whistle blows and the journey begins as the train crosses the Causeway into Malaysia.

Make your way to the Bar Car for a cocktail reception hosted by the Train Manager. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other guests and the onboard speaker. After cocktails, an exquisite dinner of eastern and western specialities is served in the opulent dining cars. Before retiring, relax with a nightcap in the Bar Car and listen to our resident pianist play nostalgic melodies.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: D

Day 2: Malacca

After breakfast, the Eastern & Oriental Express arrives at Taiping Station, where you transfer by coach to Malacca for your pre-selected morning excursion. There are three tours to choose from. Board a trishaw for a tour of historical landmarks, including Cheng Hoon Teng Temple and the Baba & Nyonya Heritage Museum. Embark on a culinary tour of the city, visiting a local market, joining a cooking demonstration and sampling the locally renowned chicken rice balls. Or, if you prefer a more active excursion, pedal off on a bicycle tour, stopping at fascinating sites such as a tea house and shoemaker's, where you can immerse yourself in local traditions.

After your excursion, return to the train and linger over lunch on board as we travel towards Tiarasa Escapes. Disembark for a night at this luxurious glamping resort in the Janda Baik rainforest. Beautiful safari-style tents and treetop villas are surrounded by seven acres of pristine nature, filled with majestic trees and fruit-laden orchards, rare birds and vivid butterflies.

On arrival, you are shown to your charming tented villa. This evening, enjoy a relaxed barbecue dinner in the open air, followed by a performance from local musicians around the campfire. We recommend wearing a light jacket for the cooler evening air. Later, sit back under the moonlight and enjoy a screening of an old classic movie.

Tiarasa Escapes Resort | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Malacca – Penang

After breakfast, soak up your surroundings on a ranger-led nature trail through the jungle, or feel free to explore independently at your leisure. After lunch, return to your room to pack up your belongings ready to check out.

Reboard the train as we continue our journey north towards Penang. In the afternoon, unwind in the Observation Car and admire the passing landscapes, or participate in the afternoon's onboard entertainment. Afternoon tea will be served in your cabin.

Come evening, relax with an aperitif in the Bar Car before enjoying a sumptuous dinner as the train glides on to our next destination.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Penang

Arriving early morning at Bukit Mertajam Station, transfer to the island of Penang. Again, you will already have chosen your preferred excursion. The three options are: George Town Living Heritage Hunt, where you witness some of the city's vanishing arts, such as joss stick making, batik painting and rattan basket weaving; Taste of Penang, a market tour and cooking workshop with celebrated local food enthusiast Nazlina; and George Town's Colonial Legacy, which takes you back in time to 19th-century Penang, discovering the melting pot of cultures and architectural styles that makes this UNESCO World Heritage city so beguiling.

After your excursion, return to the train for a late lunch. Mingle with your fellow guests in the Bar Car, discussing the morning's highlights as the train travels towards Thailand.

This evening, traditional Thai dancers come on board to give a mesmerising performance, before you sit down to dinner in one of the restaurant cars.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Island Hopping

Disembark after breakfast for a full-day's island cruise. Board a catamaran and glide through the Gulf of Thailand, hopping from island to idyllic island. Step ashore to stretch out on white-sand beaches, wade into the water to watch the marine life, or at low tide stroll along the cliffs to spot birds.

A barbecue lunch is served on board the catamaran before you disembark to explore another of Thailand's beautiful islands. Bliss out under the palms, swim in the crystalline turquoise waters, or perhaps enjoy a relaxing beachfront massage.

In the late afternoon, transfer back to the railway station to rejoin the Eastern & Oriental Express for your last night on board. Gather for a farewell cocktail party hosted by the Train Manager, before sitting down to a final exquisite dinner on the train. Enjoy local entertainment, including a saxophonist and a traditional puppet show.

Eastern & Oriental Express | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Bangkok

Your journey draws to a close as the train pulls into Bangkok this morning. The onboard team waves you goodbye and wishes you a pleasant onward journey.

Meals: B

Accommodation

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THE CABINS On board the Eastern & Oriental Express there are a selection of cabins – all with cherry wood and elm burr panelled walls, inlaid woodwork, antique brass fittings and crisp white linen. There are three cabin categories: Pullman, State and Presidential, with full air-conditioning, large picture windows, en suite bathrooms, 24-hour steward, safe and hairdryer. Guests in Presidential Cabins enjoy a complimentary bar in their cabin. Attentive and discreet, the well-trained staff look after you every step of the way, making sure your journey is smooth, indulgent and relaxing.

DINING Dining is one of the highlights of the journey. There are two Restaurant Cars and internationally renowned chefs create a tantalising variety of Eastern and European specialities. Breakfast is delivered to your cabin.

ENTERTAINMENT Belmond has mastered the art of luxury train travel and the Eastern & Oriental Express provides the perfect balance between leisure on board and inspiring excursions in the field. Relax in the Saloon Car with a book or magazine or choose from a selection of games. The Saloon Car also features a boutique selling delightful mementos of your train journey.

The Bar Car is open from early morning until late at night and is the perfect place to order an aperitif or cocktail and share the day's tales with fellow passengers, while the resident pianist plays in the background. After dinner, enjoy local performances.

OBSERVATION CAR Located at the rear of the train, the colonial style, teakwood

Observation Car is another wonderful place to observe the sights and sounds of South East Asia by day, and cocktails and entertainment after dark.

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