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Trails of Indochina is an established full-service destination management company and inbound tour operator in Southeast Asia. Headquartered in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Trails of Indochina has been operating for more than 24 years with 200+ employees throughout the region.

We make each journey unique and personalised with our tailor-made itineraries and a range of exclusive experiences to fully immerse guests in the destinations. With a driving passion to create memorable and authentic experiences through connecting travellers with the people and cultures of destinations across Asia, especially in Southeast Asia, Trails of Indochina strive to remain at the forefront of innovation through continuous research and developing exciting new experiences for our discerning clientele.

We invite you to experience our part of the world where you will uncover the hidden gems and see Southeast Asia and beyond through a different lens.

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At Trails of Indochina, our Collection of Tailored Experiences delivers authentic, immersive journeys built around what matters most to each traveller. Rather than offering standardised itineraries, we craft bespoke trips shaped by deep local knowledge and a genuine understanding of individual interests, so every journey feels personal from the first day to the last.

The collection spans ten themes: Culture and History, Art and Craft, Culinary, Photography, Philanthropy, Romance, Wellness, Family, Active, and Slow Journey. Each is designed to place guests inside local life rather than alongside it, with access to experts and hands-on time with masters in their fields, whether that's a chef, an artisan, or a historian. The goal in every case is the same: an experience specific enough to be unforgettable and grounded enough to feel real.

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Vietnam

Vietnam captivates with its contrasts: majestic mountains standing watch over pristine beaches, the historic gravitas of Hanoi meeting the manic energy of Ho Chi Minh City, and world-class coastal retreats in Nha Trang, Danang, and Phu Quoc. Between these landmarks, the country reveals its quieter poetry: farmers working the Mekong Delta at first light, wooden junks gliding through the limestone towers of Halong Bay, rural towns where time moves at its own gentle pace. It is a country of vivid contrasts and, above all, the enduring warmth of its people, leaving every traveller with memories that linger long after departure.

THE WONDERS OF THE MUONG ETHNIC VILLAGE

Destination: Ninh Binh, Vietnam

Duration: 6 hours

A journey by bicycle into a Muong ethnic village, where time slows beneath towering limestone peaks and verdant valleys. Trails wind past rippling rice paddies and lotus ponds toward hamlets resting quietly along winding rivers. Guests pause to admire a modest village church, the craftsmanship of a traditional carpentry workshop, and a family home where generations have lived in harmony with the land, exchanging glimpses of daily life with villagers cultivating rice and mushrooms, raising livestock, and tending fish ponds. The journey concludes on the water, aboard a hand-rowed sampan through the Tràng An Scenic Landscape Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gliding along meandering waterways and into limestone caves, guests encounter glittering stalactites and a naturally sculpted reclining Buddha, hushed in beauty. A journey of cultural discovery and natural wonder, deep in rural Vietnam.









TRANQUIL HIDEAWAY IN NINH BINH

Destination: Ninh Binh, Vietnam

Duration: 4 hours

A secluded escape into the remote valleys of Tam Coc, far from the crowds, where wildlife and natural wonder reveal themselves in quiet beauty. The journey begins at Bird Valley, a lush sanctuary alive with birdsong and biodiversity, before continuing to Sunny Valley, where rolling hills and winding trails open onto a serene retreat into nature. Accompanied by a local ranger, guests discover the hidden stories of the forest's thriving ecosystem while wandering through untouched landscapes. A gentle boat ride carries guests past towering limestone formations to verdant fields, where a private picnic awaits, a moment of stillness to close the day. A journey into the heart of nature's splendour and the timeless discoveries of Ninh Binh's hidden corners.





EXPERIENCE DÓ PAPER-MAKING IN A DAO TIEN VILLAGE

Destination: Hoa Binh, Vietnam

Duration: 12 hours

Experience the ancient art of Dó paper-making with the the Dao Tiền, a sub-group of Northern Vietnam's Dao (Yao) community, are among the few who still preserve the centuries-old art of Dó paper making. For them, it is more than a livelihood; it is a form of cultural expression and a spiritual connection to the land. Crafted from the inner bark of the Dó tree, this handmade paper is prized for its durability, softness, and natural beauty, and has long played a vital role in Vietnam's cultural, artistic, and spiritual life. Guests visit a local household where the paper is made by hand, guided by artisans through each step, from harvesting bark in the forest to creating and decorating a sheet of their own with flowers and leaves. An enriching experience that deepens a guest's connection to one of Vietnam's most treasured traditional handicrafts.







VIETNAM'S RURAL CHARM & TIMELESS CRAFT VILLAGES

Destination: Hanoi, Vietnam

Duration: 8 hours

A journey into the peaceful countryside surrounding Hanoi, where centuries-old craft villages and ancient architecture reveal the soul of rural Vietnam. In Quang Phu Cau, an incense-making village, courtyards burst with colour as bundles of red and yellow incense sticks dry beneath the sun, a tradition passed down through generations that artisans share with pride. Nearby, the graceful nón lá, Vietnam's iconic conical hat, is still woven entirely by hand; guided by local artisans, guests try their hand at weaving their own, gaining a deeper appreciation for the patience behind every strand. The journey continues to Uoc Le, an ancient village with more than 500 years of history, where guests cycle past moss-covered gates and step into traditional homes that reflect quiet resilience and architectural charm. The day concludes with a heartwarming lunch in a farmer's home, a home-cooked meal of fresh, local ingredients shared with genuine Vietnamese hospitality.













FARM TO TABLE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

Destination: Ninh Binh, Vietnam

Duration: 2.5 hours

A visit to a local farmhouse offers full immersion in the rural life of Northern Vietnam's countryside. Guests glide along a serene river flanked by lush rice fields, learning the traditional art of shrimp catching alongside local farmers, before wandering through a flourishing garden to hand-pick fresh produce for the day's meal. Amid warm conversation and cultural exchange with a local family, guests then join a hands-on cooking class with a local chef, preparing authentic Vietnamese dishes using time-honoured methods. The fruits of the day's labour are savoured in the peaceful setting of the Vietnamese countryside, a heartfelt experience of connection, tradition, and culinary delight.

EXPLORE THE ORGANIC FARM FOR WELLNESS CUISINE

Destination: Hoi An, Vietnam

Duration: 3 hours

A leisurely bike ride through lush water coconut forests, prawn and red snapper farms, and the rustic rice fields of Hoi An's countryside leads to an organic farmhouse in Thanh Dong Village. Here, a local host welcomes guests into a vibrant garden to discover local vegetables and the distinctive flavours born of Hoi An's rich soil, along with the healing properties of herbs long used in Vietnamese cuisine to support health and wellness. Guests harvest select vegetables and herbs by hand, then join their host in a cooking class to prepare traditional dishes from the freshly gathered ingredients. The experience closes with a delicious, family-style meal in the serene countryside setting, a warm and flavourful encounter to round off a memorable day.








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DARKNESS

SAIGON FLAVOUR JOURNEY

Destination: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Duration: 4 hours

As the workday winds down, Saigon comes alive in a different register: dynamic, hungry, and rich with flavour. This journey traces the city's after-hours rhythm, beginning at a local bánh mì stall for a taste of Vietnam's beloved baguette sandwich, a street food institution. From there, guests join the locals at a lively seafood restaurant for freshly prepared dishes paired with an ice-cold beer, before continuing to a buzzing craft beer bar to sample Vietnam's growing brewing scene alongside a spread of local snacks. As the night deepens, guests choose their final stop: a hidden speakeasy tucked into a back alley, or a rooftop bar with sweeping views across the skyline, cocktail in hand as Saigon glows beneath them. An evening built entirely on flavour, culture, and local charm.





SAIGON SCAVENGER HUNT

Destination: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Duration: 4 hours

Saigon's rich history and hidden gems come to life through a fun interactive game for friends and family. The adventure begins in the city's bustling markets, where teams race against the clock to track down specific items and complete playful challenges along the way. Clever clues lead guests to iconic landmarks, each revealing a fragment of the city's story, with surprises waiting at every turn. The hunt concludes at a cozy local café, where the final riddles decide the winning team.







HANOI SUNRISE PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

Destination: Hanoi, Vietnam

Duration: 4.5 hours

A rare opportunity to capture Hanoi bathed in the soft, golden light of sunrise. The journey begins at the iconic Long Bien Bridge, where the first rays of daylight spill across the Red River, illuminating the structure and casting long shadows over early commuters and passing cyclists. Below, Long Bien Market is already alive with activity: vendors unload crates of fresh produce, the air hums with bargaining, and locals weave through aisles brimming with herbs, flowers, and fruit, their bicycles loaded with vibrant blooms and market goods. As the city slowly awakens and mist rises from the lakes, guests wander the maze-like alleys of the Old Quarter, capturing candid glimpses of everyday life in motion. The morning closes at one of Hanoi's iconic railway cafés, a strong cup of Vietnamese coffee in hand as a train rumbles past, threading its way between homes only feet apart, a fitting finale to a richly immersive photographic journey.



VIETNAMESE ROYAL COSTUME PHOTOSHOOT

Destination: Hue, Vietnam

Duration: 4 hours

Guests stroll through the Imperial Citadel dressed in traditional Vietnamese royal costume, just as the noble mandarins of the Nguyen Dynasty once did. The path winds past grand multi-tiered palaces, manicured gardens, and tranquil lotus ponds within this UNESCO World Heritage Site, while a professional photographer captures the journey through its most picturesque corners and hidden gems. The experience concludes with a set of beautifully styled portraits, a timeless keepsake from an imperial day in Vietnam's former capital.






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SAIGON NIGHTLIFE THROUGH THE LENS

Destination: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Duration: 4.5 hours

By night, Saigon transforms into a dazzling blend of tradition and modernity, colour and motion, flavour and light, an ideal setting for those eager to experience the city's magic through the lens. The evening begins at the Ho Thi Ky Flower Market, where golden light illuminates bursts of colour from freshly cut blooms at every turn. From there, guests wander into the city's legendary street food alleys, a true feast for the senses, capturing sizzling woks, leaping flames, and the expressive faces of vendors serving generations-old recipes. The journey continues at Nguyen Hue Pedestrian Street, where neon shimmers against glass towers and street performers entertain lively crowds, before concluding with a drink at a stylish rooftop bar overlooking the panoramic skyline. As Saigon sparkles below, guests reflect on an evening framed entirely by the city's vivid, glittering nightscape.



SAIGON URBAN LIFE FROM THE RIVER

Destination: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Duration: 2 hours

This sunset river cruise reveals a different side of Saigon as the city quickly transitions into evening. Aboard a charming wooden boat, guests drift along the river as the golden glow of dusk softens the skyline and the city's energy eases into twilight, a serene and captivating way to experience Saigon from the water. An expert guide brings the journey to life with stories tracing Saigon's transformation from its colonial roots to its modern-day marvels, as iconic landmarks such as Saigon Harbour, Bason Bridge, and the soaring Landmark 81 unfold along the riverbanks. With a warm breeze, a glowing skyline, and layers of history revealed through thoughtful narration, this peaceful cruise offers an unforgettable blend of atmosphere, architecture, and cultural discovery.











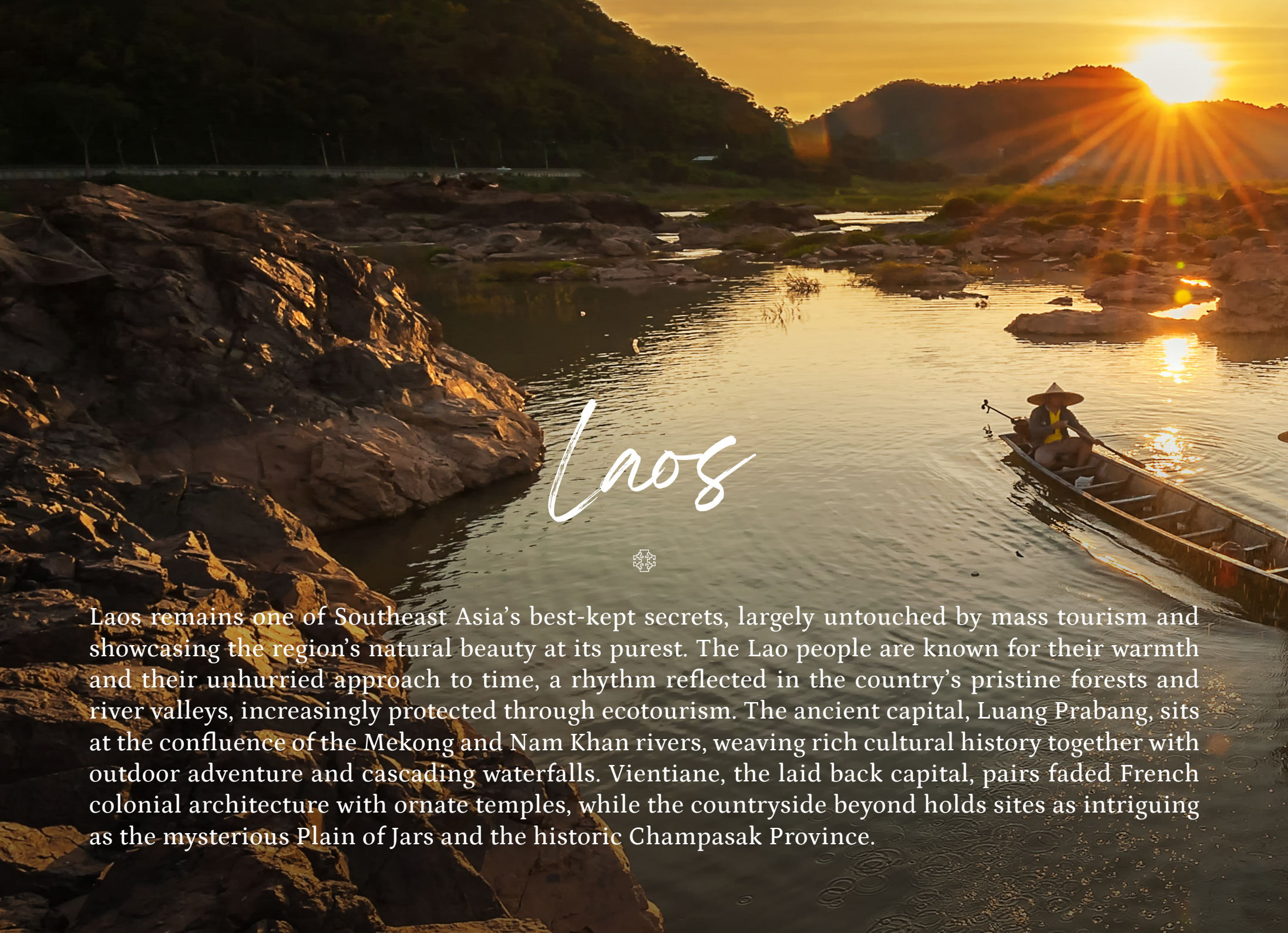


THE ESSENCE OF VIETNAM'S HEALING HERITAGE

Destination: Hanoi, Vietnam

Duration: 4 hours

Delve into Vietnam's centuries-old healing traditions through thuốc bắc, traditional herbal medicine, and tea, two ancient practices that have served as natural remedies for health, balance, and well-being in Vietnamese daily life for centuries. The journey begins with a guided stroll along Hanoi's herbal medicine street, where the scent of dried herbs fills the air and apothecaries line the road. Guests learn of Lê Hữu Trác, Vietnam's legendary healer, who discovered over 300 medicinal plants and created thousands of remedies uniquely adapted to the Vietnamese climate and lifestyle, before stepping into the historic Phúc Kiến Assembly Hall, where quiet rituals and preserved knowledge continue to thrive. The experience then shifts into the tranquil world of tea with artisan Hoàng Anh Sương, a sixth-generation tea master whose family has practised the craft for over a century. Guided by the teachings of Zen Master Thích Nhất Hạnh, guests learn the art of brewing and savouring tea with presence and intention, closing with a tasting of delicate lotus and red teas, prized for their gentle flavour and healing properties. More than a cultural encounter, this is a soulful exploration of Vietnam's connection to nature, health, and heritage.



Laos

Laos remains one of Southeast Asia's best-kept secrets, largely untouched by mass tourism and showcasing the region's natural beauty at its purest. The Lao people are known for their warmth and their unhurried approach to time, a rhythm reflected in the country's pristine forests and river valleys, increasingly protected through ecotourism. The ancient capital, Luang Prabang, sits at the confluence of the Mekong and Nam Khan rivers, weaving rich cultural history together with outdoor adventure and cascading waterfalls. Vientiane, the laid back capital, pairs faded French colonial architecture with ornate temples, while the countryside beyond holds sites as intriguing as the mysterious Plain of Jars and the historic Champasak Province.




BELL

CYCLING LAOS
OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Destination: Luang Prabang, Laos

Duration: 3 hours

A cycling adventure off the usual trails, deep into the serene countryside surrounding Luang Prabang. Guests cross the Mekong River by local ferry to reach a remote village, then pedal along quiet backroads past wooden bridges and lush landscapes toward the stunning thirty-metre Hoy Khua Waterfall, where a refreshing break and scenic picnic await. The afternoon goes deep into the heart of rural Lao life, with visits to an elephant sanctuary, a local school, pottery workshops, and centuries-old temples, and conversations with villagers that offer a deeper understanding of the rhythms and challenges of daily life in Laos.





MASTER'S GUIDE TO LAM VONG DANCE

Destination: Luang Prabang, Laos

Duration: 3 hours

The art of Lam Vong, a UNESCO-recognised Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, embodies the timeless elegance of Lao culture. This exclusive experience is guided by a master with over forty years of expertise, offering an intimate glimpse into the artistry behind this national treasure: graceful arm movements, delicate footwork, and the enchanting melodies of the traditional khaen instrument. A private performance precedes a refined dining experience in a serene, beautifully curated garden, a journey that introduces guests to the beauty of Laos' most exquisite traditions.



THE DELICATE CRAFT OF SAA PAPER

Destination: Luang Prabang, Laos

Duration: 4 hours

A hands-on journey into the rich heritage of Saa paper, handcrafted from the bark of the mulberry tree in a tradition passed down through generations. Once used in Buddhist rituals, traditional crafts, and decorative arts such as lanterns and stationery, Saa paper embodies sustainability, artistry, and Lao identity. Guided by skilled artisans, guests create an eco-friendly design of their own, then explore a nearby gallery showcasing exquisite Saa paper artworks, an ideal place to find a meaningful memento.













ROMANCE

SUNSET SERENADE WITH SANDBANK DINNER

Destination: Luang Prabang, Laos

Duration: 3 hours

A romantic evening on the gentle currents of the Mekong River, where time slows and the spirit of Laos comes softly into focus. Guests step aboard a traditional boat as the sun dips low over Luang Prabang, casting golden hues across the water, before drifting toward a secluded sandbank where a candlelit table awaits, framed by lanterns and the quiet lapping of the river. Dinner brings exquisite Lao cuisine and handcrafted cocktails, all set to the delicate notes of the kim, a traditional Lao string instrument - a moment suspended in time, steeped in romance and the soul of Laos.

EXPLORE NATURE & CULTURE IN VANG VIENG

Destination: Vang Vieng, Laos

Duration: 7 hours

Vang Vieng's countryside holds a dreamlike charm, its misty cliffs rising above jade-green waters as the Nam Song River winds through stunning landscapes. A leisurely kayaking journey follows its tranquil flow, tracing the peaceful pace of life along the riverbanks, before continuing to a remote Khmu village nestled behind towering limestone cliffs, where Lao and Khmu communities live in quiet harmony. Guests meet an elderly master knifesmith who preserves the age-old Khmu art of knife making, witnessing the process firsthand, and spend time with local families to learn of their daily lives over a typical Khmu lunch served in a peaceful garden setting. The afternoon includes animist customs, rice wine production, and the gentle rhythms of rural farming life, before a visit to a hidden cave and the golden light of sunset bring the day to its close.






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LOCAL HOME COOKING & TEMPLE FOOD OFFERING

Destination: Luang Prabang, Laos

Duration: 5 hours

This heartwarming experience welcomes guests into the home of a local family in Luang Prabang to uncover the secrets of traditional Lao cooking, guided by the same host who once welcomed the late chef Anthony Bourdain to a home-cooked meal. The day begins with a stroll through a lively morning market, where the host guides guests in selecting fresh, local ingredients for classic Lao dishes such as khao niao (sticky rice), keang nor mai (bamboo shoot soup), mok pa (fish steamed in banana leaf), lam (herbal stew), and jeo mak kheua (eggplant dip). Back in the family's charming garden kitchen, guests roll up their sleeves for a hands-on cooking session that feels more like preparing a meal among old friends than taking a class, full of laughter, stories, and delicious aromas. Once the dishes are complete, guests take part in a meaningful Lao tradition, accompanying their host to a nearby village temple to offer the food to monks and receive a blessing for health and happiness. The day concludes with a relaxed, family-style meal at the host's home, homemade Lao whisky in hand, immersed in the warmth of true Lao hospitality.













Cambodia

Cambodia is renowned above all for the Angkor Wat Complex in Siem Reap, the world's largest religious monument and the beating heart of the twelfth-century Angkor Empire. Its jungle-clad temples invite exploration by day and reveal their full grandeur at dusk, when the sun sets behind their iconic statues and stupas. Beyond Angkor, the country holds equally compelling contrasts: the floating villages of Tonle Sap Lake, the colonial charm of Battambang, and the serene islands off Sihanoukville. Phnom Penh, once celebrated as the "Pearl of the East," blends gleaming modern towers with storied historic buildings. Cambodia's emerging art scene, layered history, and the warmth of its people make it a destination that lingers long in memory.



TRADITIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN KAMPONG CHHNANG

Destination: Kampong Chhnang, Cambodia

Duration: 3 hours

This journey immerses guests in the rural rhythms of Kampong Chhnang, where Khmer communities cultivate rice paddies and, during the monsoon high-water season, live in floating villages along the water's edge. Guests explore the everyday lives of villagers and learn of the community projects shaping a brighter future here, visiting a local farmhouse and a pioneering social enterprise at the forefront of sustainable development. Guests meet its founder, whose mission to uplift local livelihoods through education, training, and ecological innovation is transforming the region, before strolling through the village and its bilingual school, where children grow up with creativity and global awareness. Wandering the campus reveals initiatives that seamlessly blend education, ecology, and employment: organic gardens and vanilla farms, vocational workshops and aquaculture systems, each one empowering the community and fostering lasting change. A glimpse into a visionary model that is not only changing lives, but cultivating a more resilient and sustainable Cambodia.















FAMILY

PLAYFUL ADVENTURE AT ANGKOR WAT

Destination: Siem Reap, Laos

Duration: 3 hours

An Angkor adventure designed as a fun game for families and groups of friends. Working together, guests decode hidden clues, solve lighthearted puzzles, and bring ancient legends to life while exploring moss-covered passageways and crumbling towers, each clue unlocking a new layer of discovery. With every step, laughter echoes, teamwork deepens, and history reveals itself in the most unexpected ways. More than just a standard temple tour, this is a magical, memory-making journey through time, shared with those closest to you.

RETIRED LIFE OF THE FORMER ELEPHANTS OF ANGKOR

Destination: Siem Reap, Laos

Duration: 3 hours

A visit to a sanctuary for the former elephants of Angkor, set in the foothills of Kulen Mountain within the 1,100-acre Bos Thom Community Forest. For twenty-two years, these elephants carried visitors around the temples; today, they roam freely in their natural habitat, a living symbol of a positive shift toward conservation. Guests join them on a tranquil walk, observing their natural behaviour and watching as they bathe in peace, before preparing a final snack for the elephants and enjoying a traditional meal at base camp ahead of the return to Siem Reap in the afternoon.











SUNRISE ROMANCE AT UDONG MOUNTAIN

Destination: Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Duration: 8 hours

A morning welcome at the top of serene Oudong Mountain, once the capital of Cambodia during the post-Angkorian period (1618 to 1863). A gentle hike to the summit leads to a peaceful picnic breakfast, where a hot cup of coffee accompanies sweeping panoramic views, the tranquil atmosphere setting the tone for a day of connection and discovery. Guests then explore the sacred stupa, adorned with intricate Buddha statues, discovering the stories held within, and take part in a sacred blessing ceremony with a local monk, an intimate spiritual ritual designed to deepen the bond between two people. On the descent, local snacks are provided before the journey continues to a nearby silver village, where skilled artisans reveal the rich heritage of Cambodian silversmithing. Together, guests craft meaningful silver jewellery for one another, a lasting memento of an unforgettable day.



Thailand

Thailand is a land of contrasts, where timeless rural tradition meets modern, big city vibrancy. In Bangkok, the capital pulses with life, majestic temples glittering alongside soaring skyscrapers, while luxury malls and lively markets invite endless discovery. In the cultural north, Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai reveal the legacy of the Lanna Kingdom, from ornate temples and historic ruins to scenic treks through hill country dotted with ethnic minority villages. To the south, Phuket, Koh Samui, and idyllic outer islands promise golden beaches, turquoise seas, and world-class diving. Beyond its landscapes, Thailand's legendary hospitality and bold, flavourful cuisine ensure a welcome as memorable as the journey itself.



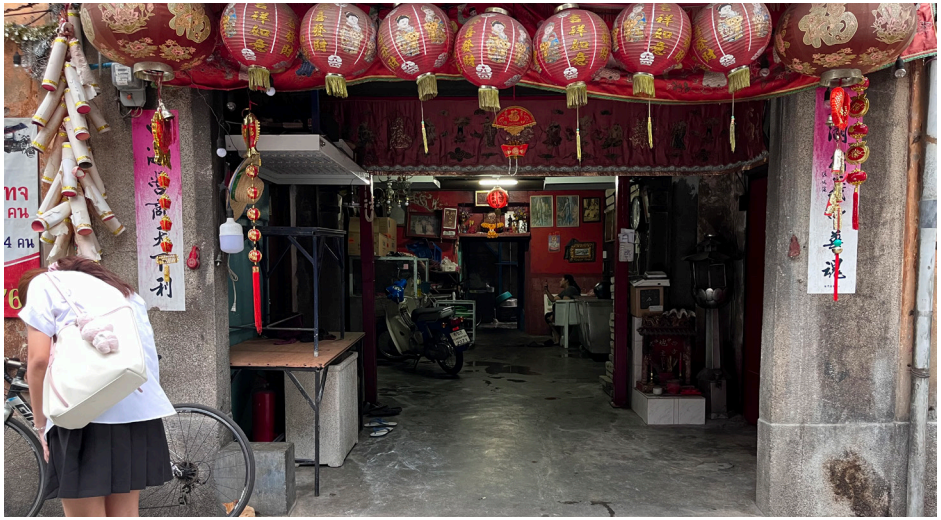
CHINATOWN ALLEYS IN BANGKOK

Destination: Bangkok, Thailand

Duration: 3 hours

Bangkok's historic Talad Noi reveals itself on this walking tour through one of the city's most atmospheric and culturally rich neighbourhoods. Tucked along the Chao Phraya River, this hidden gem blends Chinese heritage, Portuguese influence, and old-world charm with more recent additions including hip coffee shops and colourful street art, offering a captivating glimpse into Bangkok's layered history and vibrant artistic spirit. Guests wander narrow alleyways adorned with colourful murals, past centuries-old shophouses, Chinese shrines, a local church, and riverside workshops that speak to the area's multicultural roots, hearing stories of the past and witnessing the living traditions of one of Bangkok's oldest communities. The walk pauses at a quaint café for a refreshing Thai drink, an inspiring journey for culture lovers and curious souls alike.





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DISCOVER BAAN TALAE NOK

Destination: Phang Nga, Thailand

Duration: 10 hours

Ban Talae Nok is a small coastal Muslim village in southern Thailand's Ranong Province, set along the tranquil shores of the Andaman Sea. Peaceful and picturesque today, the village is celebrated for its extraordinary resilience and recovery following the devastating 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. Guests visit a local family and join their host for a walking tour, exploring the community's history and hearing stories of survival, before savouring a home-cooked Southern Thai lunch and taking part in a soap-making workshop led by the village women's group, along with preparing a traditional dessert. The day closes with quiet moments by the sea, a heartfelt journey of culture, connection, history, and community.











DISCOVER LANNA HERITAGE

Destination: Chiang Mai, Thailand

Duration: 3 hours

Chiang Mai, once the capital of the Lanna Kingdom from the thirteenth to eighteenth centuries, carries its history in every corner, with elegant multi-tiered roofs, intricate wooden carvings, gilded stupas, and ornate temples reflecting centuries of artistry and devotion. Lanna heritage extends far beyond its buildings, thriving in the art, cuisine, lifestyle, and spiritual traditions lovingly preserved by the people of Northern Thailand. A visit to a local village brings this heritage into everyday life, with guests trying their hand at palm leaf weaving, a centuries-old craft used to adorn temple entrances, altars, and procession floats, alongside delicate embroidery and traditional cooking with a local family. The journey concludes at a pottery museum founded in 1960 following the discovery of ancient kilns in Sankamphaeng, an enriching connection to the living traditions of Northern Thailand.









THE CHARM OF PHUKET

Destination: Phuket, Thailand

Duration: 4 hours

Phuket reveals its beauty and vibrant local life in the golden light of late afternoon. The journey begins with sweeping island vistas from Kata or Promthep viewpoints, two of Phuket's most iconic spots, before continuing to the serene Doi Thep Nimit Temple on its peaceful hilltop, where guests take part in a timeless Thai tradition, receiving a personal blessing from a Buddhist monk as holy water is gently sprinkled and sacred chants recited for health, happiness, and protection. A stroll through the charming Sino-Portuguese streets of Phuket Town follows, pausing at a local handicraft workshop to see seashells transformed into delicate works of art, before the journey concludes at the lively Phuket Night Bazaar, where food, music, and colourful stalls create a vibrant mix of culture and fun.





ELEPHANT CONSERVATION AT PATARA

Destination: Chiang Mai, Thailand

Duration: 7 hours

Patara Elephant Conservation is home to more than eighty-five elephants living together as a close-knit family, including forty-five calves born from forty rescued elephants over the past fifteen years. Guests discover healthcare-focused activities that support the sustainable future of elephants and highlight their vital role in the ecosystem, then embark on a 4x4 safari along the scenic 100 River Crossings trail through Mae Khanin's Secret Valley, observing Patara's free-roaming elephants in their natural environment, from powerful bulls to nurturing mothers with playful calves. Guests choose their level of interaction, feeding organic fruits and herbal treats or taking part in guided bathing sessions to learn about elephant skincare and health checks under the guidance of expert caretakers. A peaceful picnic lunch in a stunning natural setting precedes the return to Chiang Mai.













THE TIMELESS CHARM OF THAILAND'S ICONIC WATERWAY

Destination: Bangkok, Thailand

Duration: 8.5 hours

Life along Thailand's iconic Mae Klong River is a fascinating world of heritage, floating markets, stilted villages, and mangrove forests. An early departure leads to Samut Songkhram and the vibrant Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, a century-old hub of waterborne trade where wooden boats overflow with fresh produce, tropical fruits, and handmade goods, capturing the essence of Thailand's traditional canal culture. The journey continues to Klong Klone, an award-winning conservation area celebrated for its lush mangrove forests, tranquil waterways, and abundant wildlife, where guests glide through narrow canals shaded by dense greenery, watching for playful macaques along the banks. Hands-on activities follow, planting mangrove saplings, trying mud skiing, digging for cockles, or learning seafood farming techniques from local fishermen, an opportunity to connect deeply with Thailand's living waterway heritage.

SUNSET SAILING & COASTAL DINING BY CATAMARAN

Destination: Andaman Sea, Thailand

Duration: 4 hours

A luxurious sunset voyage across the breathtaking Andaman Sea offers an intimate escape aboard a sleek modern catamaran. Departing from Chalong Pier, the journey glides toward the dramatic cliffs of Phrom Thep Cape as the golden hour bathes the water in a warm, ethereal glow. Guests sip fine wine, savour tropical fruits and gourmet canapés, and take in sweeping coastal vistas as the sun melts into the horizon, before a gourmet Thai barbecue beneath a sky ablaze with stars closes an exquisite evening at sea.









ROMANCE ON THE CHAO PHRAYA

Destination: Bangkok, Thailand

Duration: 5 hours

As the late afternoon light settles over the city, a serene long-tail boat journey along the Chao Phraya River reveals a quieter, more timeless side of Bangkok. Guests glide past gleaming temples and rustic wooden stilt houses, where life drifts by at a graceful, unhurried pace, before continuing to an ancient Ayutthaya-era temple, home to Bangkok's largest Buddha statue, its tranquil beauty deepened by the warm glow the setting sun casts over stupa and statue alike. The journey concludes on Rattanakosin Island with a romantic riverside dinner, the illuminated temple opposite shimmering on the water, setting the stage for a most romantic evening.









Indonesia

Indonesia, one of Southeast Asia's most diverse and populous nations, spans more than 15,000 islands, among them Java, Bali, Lombok, and Sumatra, across nearly two million square kilometres. Bali draws travellers with landscapes ranging from beaches to volcanic peaks, its vibrant Hindu culture, and its luxurious resorts. Nearby, Lombok, the Gilis, and Flores offer exceptional diving and snorkelling amid vibrant coral reefs. Java's Yogyakarta stands as the spiritual heartland, home to the magnificent Borobudur and Prambanan temples, a rich blend of Buddhist and Hindu heritage. Sumatra, meanwhile, invites adventure seekers with trekking opportunities to encounter orangutans and explore its diverse cultures.

FOREST WALK WITH A JUNGLE MAN

Destination: Bali, Indonesia

Duration: 5-6 hours

A journey into the lush tropical rainforest of Bedugul, a serene highland region in Bali renowned for its cool climate, verdant landscapes, and pristine mountain air, set close to the three enchanting crater lakes of Beratan, Buyan, and Tamblingan. Fed by abundant rainfall, the rainforest thrives with rich biodiversity and plays a crucial role in sustaining Bali's water supply, agriculture, and food systems. Guided by an expert naturalist, affectionately known as the Jungle Man, guests venture deep into the forest to discover hidden orchid habitats, spot exotic birdlife such as the endangered hornbill, and assist in removing traps to protect wildlife, before planting a rare endemic tree and learning of its cultural and medicinal significance. This experience nurtures a deep connection with nature and inspires a lasting appreciation for conservation.




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JAVANESE TRADITIONS AT YOGYAKARTA'S OLDEST BATIK VILLAGE

Destination: Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Duration: 6 hours

Giriloyo Village offers a living link to the Mataram dynasty, whose enduring legacy shaped Javanese art and culture, including the refined tradition of batik. During this royal era, batik flourished from a local craft into an intricate art form deeply entwined with court life, as palace artisans developed patterns rich in symbolism, reflecting Javanese philosophies, spiritual beliefs, and the harmony between humanity and nature. Today, Giriloyo, Yogyakarta's oldest batik village, continues to safeguard this heritage, with generations of artisan families preserving the skill through time-honoured methods. Guests learn the art of batik-making using traditional canting tools and natural dyes to create patterns inspired by the historic Mataram court, trying their hand at crafting a masterpiece of their own. A stroll through the village reveals daily life and introduces local artisans and the architectural legacies of the Mataram dynasty, before guests visit the sacred tombs of Mataram kings on Merak Hill and admire the distinctive design of the Embung Wukirsari reservoir. An experience for travellers seeking heritage craftsmanship, Javanese tradition, and the tranquil charm of rural Yogyakarta.





SHADOW & SOUND - THE ART OF WAYANG AND GAMELAN

Destination: Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Duration: 3 hours

The soul of Javanese culture reveals itself through the intricate storytelling of Wayang shadow puppetry and the mesmerising rhythms of Gamelan music, timeless art forms that still flourish in the heart of Yogyakarta. Guests meet a master Wayang artist who has crafted traditional puppets for over three decades, witnessing the meticulous artistry behind each creation before designing, carving, and painting a shadow puppet of their own to take home as a keepsake. The journey continues to Gamelan Craft Bantul, where skilled artisans shape the instruments of this iconic ensemble: metallophones, gongs, drums, bamboo flutes, and occasional stringed instruments, central to Wayang performances, classical dance, and sacred ceremonies. Guests hear the stories behind Gamelan's role in Indonesian culture and feel its magic firsthand while trying the instruments themselves.







AUTHENTIC BALINESE LIVING IN BHUTAN

Destination: Tabanan, Bali, Indonesia

Duration: 3 hours

Away from Bali's busier tourist circuits lies Tabanan, the island's "rice bowl," where emerald paddies unfurl across coastal plains and uplands, nourished by the Subak irrigation system, a UNESCO-recognised cultural heritage. In the heart of this enchanting region, guests visit a local Balinese family to experience the island's traditions, spirituality, and natural beauty firsthand. A stroll through a lush garden yields coconuts, pineapples, papayas, and mangosteens, tasted fresh from the tree, followed by a hands-on lesson crafting a traditional Balinese offering from young coconut leaves and colourful flowers, its deep spiritual meaning explained along the way. A wholesome, home-cooked vegetarian lunch follows, made with fresh, organic ingredients from the family's garden. Dressed in traditional Balinese attire, guests then visit Septa Ganga, also known as Tamba Waras, a sacred temple famed for spiritual healing, taking part in a water purification ritual and, if they wish, offering prayers for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. An immersive, heartfelt journey into the authenticity and soul of Balinese culture.













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DISCOVER BALINESE NATURE & CULTURE

Destination: Bali, Indonesia

Duration: 7 hours

Nature and culture meet in harmony in Kemenuh Village, just south of Ubud. Renowned for its natural beauty and vibrant traditions, this charming village offers an authentic glimpse into Bali's soul, beginning with a visit to Kemenuh Butterfly Park, home to over five hundred species, including rare treasures such as the Atlas moth and the endangered Barong butterfly. Guests gain insight into their life cycle, breeding, and conservation in an engaging, educational setting, before joining the local community for hands-on cultural experiences: the graceful movements of Balinese dance, traditional painting, the carving of fruits and vegetables into intricate designs, kite-making, or the crafting of ceremonial offerings. Thoughtfully curated, this experience suits nature lovers, culture enthusiasts, and families seeking a deeper connection to the heart of Bali.

DINNER AT THE TOP OF BATUR MOUNTAIN

Destination: Bali, Indonesia

Duration: 4-4.5 hours

A romantic dinner atop Mount Batur, Bali's most iconic volcano, closes the evening in extraordinary style. The journey begins in the cool highlands of Kintamani, where a warm cup of tea and sweeping views of Lake Batur set the tone, before continuing through the ancient caldera, crossing a dramatic black lava field and passing villages where coffee, tropical fruits, and spices flourish. A rugged Land Rover 4x4 carries guests across volcanic terrain to the summit of Mount Batur, where breathtaking panoramas and surreal lava landscapes unfold on every side. As the sun sinks behind the mountains and twilight gives way to a canopy of stars, guests savour an intimate outdoor dinner in this extraordinary setting, a moment for two to cherish forever.





AURA & CHAKRA HEALING FOR WELLBEING

Destination: Bali, Indonesia

Duration: 4 hours

A refined aura and chakra healing journey invites balance, clarity, and elevated well-being. Rooted in ancient tradition, this bespoke session works with the aura, a guest's unique energy field, and the body's seven chakras to harmonise mind, body, and spirit. Within a serene Balinese sanctuary, a gifted healer guides guests through the luminous colours of their aura, identifying energy blockages and offering profound intuitive insight, before gentle chakra alignment and sacred Balinese techniques leave guests feeling centred, renewed, and deeply at peace. To complete the experience, a crystal is intuitively chosen to resonate with the guest's personal energy, and, collaborating with master artisans, guests design a bespoke piece of silver jewellery that elegantly incorporates the crystal, a meaningful keepsake imbued with intention and personal power. More than a ritual, this is a transformative journey to reconnect with one's true self.







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