



SINGAPORE

Located at a strategic crossroads in the Far East, Singapore has grown into a major centre for trade, communications and tourism. Diverse, clean and efficient, Singapore has excellent facilities and is a wonderful place to shop, dine and explore the fascinating cultural contrasts.



HONG KONG

More than just a stopover, Hong Kong is a fabulous destination in its own right. Discover a cultured and prosperous city with an eclectic mix of Western commercialism and Oriental mystique.

Essential Information

Singapore

Area: 693 sq km
(about half the size of Greater London)

Population: 4.49 million

Religion: 31% Taoist, 28% Buddhist, 18% Muslim, 10% Christian, 4% Hindu

Languages: Malay, Chinese, Tamil, English

Time difference: + 8 hours (GMT)

Visa Formalities: UK citizens do not require a visa to visit Singapore

Getting to Singapore: Singapore Airlines and British Airways operate direct flights from the UK with a flight time of about 12 hours

Internal Travel:

Rail Travel

There are good trains travelling through Malaysia to Thailand. The Eastern and Oriental Express, a luxury train service modeled after the famous Orient Express is also available. Singapore has an excellent underground system called the MRT (Mass Rapid Transport) that covers all corners of the island

Road Travel

Singapore has an excellent and efficient system of roads

Boat travel

Ferries run to the Riau islands of Bintan and Batam in Indonesia

When to go

Singapore enjoys warm, tropical weather that is relatively calm and consistent throughout the year. Rains can come at anytime, though more consistently during the monsoon season from November to January. Showers are often sudden and heavy but also refreshing.

Hong Kong's climate is subtropical and prone to monsoons. It is cool and dry from January to March, and is hot, humid and rainy from spring through summer. It is warm, sunny, and dry in autumn. Hong Kong occasionally receives typhoons.

Accommodation

Singapore offers a wide range of accommodation for most budgets. Many international chains have properties in the city with the Raffles being one of the most famous.

Hong Kong offers a wide range of accommodation for medium to high budgets, including some of the most prestigious properties of the Far East. Hotels often fill up and raise prices during local holiday seasons and trade fairs.

Hong Kong

Area: 1102 sq km

Population: 6.85 million

Religion: Eclectic mixture of local religions 90%, Christian 10%

Languages: Chinese (Cantonese), English

Time difference: + 8 hours (GMT)

Visa Formalities: UK citizens do not require a visa to visit Hong Kong

Getting to Hong Kong: British Airways operate direct flights from the UK with a flight time of about 12 hours. Flights also available on Virgin Atlantic and Cathay Pacific

Internal Travel:

Rail Travel

There are several express trains to Guangzhou and Shenzhen. The Red Arrow Express, between Hong Kong and Beijing, has luxury two-berth coupes and excellent service. A modern, efficient and easy to use underground network (MTR-Mass Transit Railway) connects Kowloon with Central and provides access to the major tourist areas

Road Travel

Hong Kong has an excellent and efficient system of roads with good access to the Chinese mainland

Boat travel

Ferries run to Macau, Hainan Island and most of the inhabited islands around Hong Kong



Private transfers and sightseeing

All our independent and tailor-made travel is based on private cars or vans with an experienced driver.

Singapore- Hong Kong

Indian Temple - Singapore



Singapore Highlights

Quite apart from its excellent shopping, restaurants and ethnic areas, Singapore offers a range of attractions for visitors of all ages. Singapore Zoological Gardens is internationally renowned as one of the world's few 'open' zoos and Jurong Bird Park, set amongst beautifully landscaped parklands, houses thousands of wildly colourful birds.

Little India embodies the vibrant and colourful culture of the local Indian community and Chinatown is a maze of narrow streets full of picturesque shops and restaurants, idol carvers, herbalists, calligraphers, traders and trishaw drivers, all of which make for a fascinating experience.

Hong Kong Highlights

Towering over the energetic Central District and the impressive bay area, Victoria Peak is often a first port of call for those anxious to experience the grandeur of Hong Kong. The famous Victoria Tram slowly inches its way up the steep slope and makes for a brief but exciting experience.

A stroll down Nathan Road, 'the golden mile', is a shopper's dream come true; a cosmopolitan blend of ultra chic shopping malls, endless dining options and vibrant night markets basking in the glow of colossal neon signs.

There are also many opportunities to get away from the hustle and bustle; Stanley is a popular fishing village with pretty beaches and a colourful market and there are many hiking trails offering stunning views of the countless bays and atolls.

St Paul's - Macau



Jewels of the East

London – Hong Kong – Macau – London

Embark on an exhilarating discovery of Hong Kong and the surrounding islands, a truly inspiring mix of Chinese, British and Portuguese influences. Visitors are rewarded with a mesmerizing array of skyscrapers, stunning parks, thriving temples, non-stop entertainment and some of the best dining in the world. Enjoy the unique atmosphere of a city that never sleeps. Travel is by car and boat.



8 days Independent Travel

Important Information

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast, Lunch on Day 3 and Day 6

Season: All year round

Clothes: Light cottons

International flights: Direct flights on British Airways. Flying time around 13 hrs



DAY 1 LONDON Fly from London to Hong Kong on British Airways.

DAY 2 HONG KONG In the afternoon arrive in Hong Kong and transfer to the New World Renaissance for two nights. The rest of the day you are free to relax. *(You could upgrade to the Pensinsula. Available at a supplement.)*

DAY 3 HONG KONG Start the day with a short orientation tour of the bustling Tsim Sha Tsui district, Nathan Road, Kowloon Park, the Jade Market, the Clock Tower and Harbour City mall. Enjoy a delicious Cantonese dim sum lunch. The afternoon is at leisure.

DAY 4 HONG KONG Enjoy a day excursion to Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Repulse Bay. Afterwards visit Causeway Bay, a lively part of the Central district.

DAY 5 HONG KONG Receive the 'Island Hopping Pass' and enjoy a full day of unlimited travel on the ferries between Cheung Chau, Lantau Island and Peng Chau. The pass comes with a handy

guidebook that allows you to make the most of your day on the islands.

DAY 6 MACAU Enjoy an overnight guided excursion to Macau *(The bulk of your luggage stays in Hong Kong. A daypack is recommended)*. Visit the ruins of St Paul's, the Museum of Macau and Senado Square. Lunch is at a Portuguese restaurant. In the afternoon visit the A-Ma Temple and Penha Church. The evening is at leisure, when you could perhaps venture out to one of the casinos! Stay at the Mandarin Oriental for one night. *(You could upgrade to the Hotel Lisboa. Available at a supplement)*

DAY 7 HONG KONG Enjoy a day at leisure around Macau. Later in the afternoon transfer back to Hong Kong. Transfer to the airport in the evening for your midnight flight to London. *(Day use room in Hong Kong at a supplement)*

DAY 8 LONDON Arrive in London in the morning.

Tailor-made alterations available

Big Buddha - Lantau Island



Eastern & Oriental Express

**London - Singapore – Eastern & Oriental Express (through Malaysia and Thailand)
– Bangkok – London**

Experience the style and opulence of the colonial era by travelling on one of the most luxurious trains in Asia. The Eastern and Oriental Express has comfortable air-conditioned compartments with en suite facilities. The Pullman cabins have upper and lower bunks and the State compartments have two single beds at floor level. The Presidential Suite has the added luxury of a dressing room, video, music and a complimentary bar. The common facilities include a bar car, an open decked observation car, a saloon car complete with a library and two restaurant cars.



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DAY 1 LONDON Fly from London to Singapore on British Airways.

DAY 2 SINGAPORE In the afternoon arrive in Singapore and transfer to the Regent Hotel for two nights. *(You could upgrade to the Raffles. Available at a supplement.)*

DAY 3 SINGAPORE Spend a day at leisure enjoying the sights of cosmopolitan Singapore.

DAY 4 EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS Board the train in the morning then depart for Malaysia, crossing the Straits of Johor. Relax and enjoy the passing scenery whilst dining in the elegant restaurant. In the evening the train pauses briefly in Kuala Lumpur where you are able to disembark for a while.

DAY 5 EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS After enjoying breakfast in your compartment, arrive in Butterworth. Disembark and enjoy a tour of colonial Georgetown. Return to the train and

journey north, passing through the beautiful Cameron Highlands, then into Thailand. Lunch and dinner are served on the train.

DAY 6 RIVER KWAI-BANGKOK After breakfast visit the River Kwai. Take an excursion by boat then visit the Chung Kai Cemetery honouring soldiers of the Second World War. Enjoy lunch on board the train before arriving in Bangkok mid afternoon. Transfer to the Peninsula Hotel for two nights. *(You could upgrade to the Oriental. Available at a supplement.)*

DAY 7 BANGKOK Have the day at leisure to explore the sights of this energetic city.

DAY 8 BANGKOK-LONDON Enjoy the day at leisure to do some last minute sightseeing or shopping. In the evening transfer to the airport and just after midnight board the flight to London.

DAY 9 LONDON Arrive in London in the morning.

Tailor-made alterations available

9 days Independent Travel

Important Information

Meal Plan: Full board on the train, Bed & Breakfast elsewhere

Season: All year round

Clothes: Light cottons

International flights: Direct flights on British Airways. Flying time around 13 hrs to Singapore and 11hrs from Bangkok

The Singapore Stopover

Singapore is an ideal place for a short stopover. After arrival transfer by air-conditioned car with an English-speaking driver to your hotel for a few nights stay. You can choose from a variety of hotels. Sightseeing tours can be arranged or you can have days at leisure to explore the varied city and its surroundings before transferring to your onward flight.

