

ROUND WORLD TOUR THREE CONTINENTS



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South Africa, Egypt, Italy, Med Cruise, Vietnam & Flights

Duration: 37 days

Departs: 2024

Stay: 22 nights hotels, 11 nights cruises, 3 overnight flights

Travel style: Escorted group tours & international flights

Booking code: RWSEM37M

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37 Days South Africa, Egypt, Med Cruise & Vietnam

About the holiday

This three continents combination is packed with inclusions and is the ultimate blend of cultural experiences, historic wonders and amazing wildlife viewing!

Fly to Johannesburg, where you begin with an overnight stay before setting off on an amazing 4-night wildlife safari. Stay at a well-appointed bush lodge in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, where animals roam freely and you can enjoy open vehicle game drives at day and night. Explore the highlights of the famous Panorama Route and stay in the southern section of Kruger National Park, that's home to an impressive selection of large mammals including the Big Five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino).

Next, fly to Cairo to tick off more bucket list experiences in Egypt. Encounter the Great Pyramids at Giza and the Valley of the Kings. Explore ancient temples, including Philae and Luxor. Embark on a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with a sundeck and swimming pool. Finally, enjoy two nights at an all-inclusive resort on the Red Sea.

Travel from Africa to Europe and board the impressive new MSC World Europa in Rome. The week that follows will take you through Sicily, Malta, Spain and France, before returning to Rome for a two-night stay to explore the legendary city.

Board an overnight flight from Rome to Hanoi and touch down in the third continent on this spellbinding journey. In Vietnam you'll cruise beautiful Halong Bay, learn how to cook delicious local dishes, spend time at UNESCO World Heritage Sites, explore rural villages, visit challenging battlegrounds and discover the big heart of this fascinating Southeast Asia country.

Between the stunning natural sights, ancient wonders and the modern-day splendours, this South African, Egyptian, Mediterranean and Vietnamese holiday is as good as it gets!

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Travel dates...

Departs Fridays between the following dates:

2024 - 26 January to 22 March; & 19 April to 14 June; 19 July to 13 September
& 11 October to 29 November

Tour & Cruise package includes...

Flights - International round-world economy airfares from Australia

Fly to Johannesburg, Cairo, Rome & Hanoi

Flights include checked baggage, all fees & taxes

South Africa Inclusions:

- 2 nights Johannesburg hotel
- 4 nights bush lodges on Kruger Park Wildlife Safari
- Private game reserve & exclusive bush lodge
- Open vehicle game drive
- Night game drive
- Panorama Route drive
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- Sightseeing & game drives as per itinerary

Egypt Inclusions:

- Airport transfers - meet & assist at Cairo airport
- 8 nights accommodation
 - 5 nights in hotels with private en-suite facilities
 - 3 nights on board a 5-star Nile cruise on full board basis
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Transportation in private air-conditioned coach/minibus
- Internal flight from Cairo to Aswan
- English-speaking Egyptologist tour leader

Italy Inclusions:

- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Rome (1 night pre cruise, 2 nights post cruise)
- Rome Hop On & Hop Off Bus Tour

Cruise Inclusions:

- 7 nights Mediterranean Cruise, round-trip from Rome
- Choice of cabins aboard MSC World Europa
- All meals & non-chargeable entertainment on board the ship

Vietnam Inclusions:

- Airport transfers
- 8 nights in 4-star hotels with private en-suite facilities
- 1 night accommodation on 4-star Halong Bay cruise ship
- Daily breakfast and select additional dining experiences as per the itinerary
- Experience a vibrant boat tour of the Mekong Delta
- Unearth the history of Vietnam with a tour to the Cu Chi Tunnels
- Take a guided tour of Halong Long Bay
- Internal flights between Hanoi-Da Nang, Da Nang-Ho Chi Minh City
- Taxes & service charges included

Package excludes:

Tourist visas

Airport transfers, unless specified in the itinerary

Entrance fees in Egypt

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Camera & video fees at select sites

Gratuities for guides, representatives & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour companies, cruise line & local operators. Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

Want to extend your stay or upgrade your flights?

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Tour Experiences & Highlights:

- Private game reserve and exclusive bush lodge in South Africa
- 'Big Five' wildlife exploring
- Open vehicle game drive and night game drive
- Drive the famous Panorama Route
- Blyde River Canyon
- 3 Rondawels
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- God's Window
- Kruger National Park
- Visit the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- See the Pyramid of Zoser; Egypt's first pyramid
- Explore the Philae Temple
- Discover the Temple of Kom-Ombo
- Explore the Karnak Temple Complex
- Visit the Temple of Luxor
- Explore the Valley of the Kings
- Visit the Temple of Hatshepsut; Egypt's only female Pharaoh
- Marvel at the Colossi of Memnon
- Visit the Egyptian Museum to see mummies, sarcophagi and more
- Enjoy a tour of Cairo; Egypt's capital city
- Shop for souvenirs at the Khan El Khalili bazaar
- Enjoy a 5-star cruise down the Nile on a ship with sundeck and swimming pool
- Have a fun two-night stay in an all-inclusive Red Sea resort
- Explore iconic sites in the Roman capital on a Rome Hop On Hop Off Bus Tour
- Take a guided tour of Hả Long Bay and fall in love with its emerald waters
- Experience a vibrant boat tour of the Mekong Delta
- Unearth the history of Vietnam with a trip to the Củ Chi Tunnels

Itinerary:

DAY 1: Depart for South Africa

Depart for flights to Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 2: Arrive Johannesburg South Africa

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to your hotel for your one-night stay before the safari tour. Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city and capital of Gauteng province, began as a 19th-century gold-mining settlement. Its sprawling Soweto township was once home to Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Mandela's former residence is now the Mandela House museum. Other Soweto museums that recount the struggle to end segregation include the somber Apartheid Museum and Constitution Hill, a former prison complex.

DAY 3: Johannesburg - Bush Lodge

Departing from Johannesburg at 06h30, we set off on the scenic road to the north east of the country where we encounter beautiful natural scenery and many wild animals in natural parks and game reserves. Lunch is enjoyed in the historic town of Haenertsburg, located on the edge of the escarpment with beautiful surrounding views. The road is filled with picturesque beauty, from mountain passes to the Acacia trees scattered across the African bushveld.

The next two nights we get cosy at our well-appointed Bush Lodge, situated in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, where animals roam freely and unrestricted. This privately owned reserve allows us the freedom to explore the wilderness in search of a variety of animals in open game drive vehicles, day and night. The tented lodge casually blends into the bush and offers crisp comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms, a refreshing splash pool, and stunning views over the surrounding wilderness, including a water hole frequented by a variety of animals. Retire to bed with a symphony of sounds from the animal kingdom.

Meals: D (Lunch Own Expense)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic drive down to the Lowveld region
- Private Game Reserve Accommodation

DAY 4: Bush Lodge

After a peaceful night's rest, we start with an early riser light breakfast of fresh coffee and rusks (a traditional South African biscuit), before embarking on our morning experience within this Big 5 area. Guided by a qualified guide/Ranger we explore the wilderness, with heightened senses, always on the lookout for an animal encounter while discovering the smaller treasures often hidden from the eye.

Before the heat of the day sets in, we return to the lodge for a scrumptious brunch, after which it's time to relax around the lodge and enjoy the serenity of the surrounding wilderness. A nearby waterhole in front of the camp attracts a variety of wildlife that come to quench their thirst, displaying the pecking order ever so present. Unwind with a refreshing drink and game viewing from the swimming pool or from your deck.

With the heat subsiding in the late afternoon an open game drive is in order, which develops into an extensive night drive in search of nocturnal animals.

As dusk approaches we pull over and enjoy a sun-downer drink or two, while watching the magnificent sunset over the African bushveld.

Meals: Brunch Dinner

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Exclusive Private Reserve
- Morning and afternoon guided experience in Big 5 area

DAY 5: Panorama Route - Hazyview

Rising with the African sun, a hearty breakfast is enjoyed, before setting off to explore the highlights of the Panorama Route, famous for many natural wonders and viewing points. First stop will be to view the impressive Blyde River Canyon - the world's largest "green canyon", then on to Bourke's Luck Potholes where abundant gold was found and finally the breath-taking God's Window. (Weather Permitting) An own expense lunch is enjoyed giving guests the opportunity to meet the locals.

Mid-afternoon we make our way to the tranquil Greenfire Lodge Hazyview, a log cabin built spectacularly on stilts in the indigenous forest on the banks of the impressive Sabie River or "Fearful" river as dubbed by the locals. Time permitting, guests are able to do a nature walk on the property and the adjoining coffee farm and enjoy the mysterious forest. We spend two nights here.

Meals: B D (Lunch Own Expense)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Panorama Route
- God's Window
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- 3 Rondavels

DAY 6: Kruger National Park

Waking with the birds, we depart the lodge at sunrise and travel a short distance to enter a different area of the Kruger National Park for a full day of game viewing. Driving slowly through this iconic National park the size of Israel or Wales we search for the many animals that inhabit this area.

From the high vantage point and comfort of our well-equipped vehicle, our expert guide will take time to explain the behaviour of the many animals we see in this fascinating environment.

Most of the day will be spent game viewing, while stopping at various designated sites to stretch our legs and to enjoy an own expense lunch at one of the rest camps in the park.

Late this afternoon we exit the park and return to the comfort of our Greenfire Lodge Hazyview.

Meals: Packed Breakfast Snacks, Dinner

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Southern section of Kruger National Park
- Full day game drive

DAY 7: Johannesburg

After a relaxed breakfast, we depart Hazyview and make our way back to Johannesburg using the route originally pioneered by the early gold diggers. The tour will conclude late afternoon, on arrival at the hotel in Johannesburg where you'll stay overnight.

Meals: B (Lunch Own Expense)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic Drive

DAY 8: Depart South Africa for Egypt

Enjoy a free day exploring Johannesburg. Later today or this evening, make your way to the airport to board the overnight flights to Cairo, Egypt.

DAY 9: Arrive in Cairo

Welcome to Egypt! Arrive at Cairo International Airport and meet the tour representative who will assist with the immigration process, passport control and baggage collection. Travel to the hotel in Cairo to freshen up before receiving a brief overview of the tour from your Egyptologist tour guide who will accompany the group for the duration of the trip. Find out more about the incredible experiences to look forward to over the following eight days. Overnight at your hotel in Cairo.

DAY 10: Giza Pyramids - Sphinx - Sakkara

This morning you will experience the icons of ancient Egypt! Your Egyptologist guide will accompany you to the Giza pyramid complex, where you can see the Great Pyramid of Giza, the Pyramid of Khafre, the Pyramid of Menkaure, and the Great Sphinx. We'll then visit Sakkara to see the unique step pyramid of Zoser (also known as Djoser), the first ever pyramid, constructed of six tombs built on top of each other.

DAY 11: Aswan - Philae Temple - Nile Cruise

Early this morning you will be transferred to the airport for a short internal flight down to Aswan. Upon arrival you will be transferred to our 5-star Nile cruise ship.

After some time to freshen up we'll begin our Nile quest by visiting the High Dam of Aswan, where your guide will explain to you how the construction of the dam and subsequent creation of Lake Nasser required the relocation of the Nubian people and several important historical monuments, including Abu Simbel, which you have the opportunity to visit tomorrow. We'll then take a short boat ride to Agilkia Island to explore the Temple of Isis at Philae. Built during the Ptolemaic Kingdom (305 BC to 30 BC), the temple is dedicated to Isis, one of the oldest goddesses of ancient Egypt and worshipped as the paragon of motherly virtues. It is believed that the last Egyptian hieroglyph was written on the island of Philae in the late fourth century.

DAY 12: Kom-Ombo - Edfu - Nile Cruise

This morning you will have the opportunity to join our optional excursion to the temples of Abu Simbel, two massive temples in southern Egypt. Part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site known as the "Nubian Monuments", these iconic temples were carved out of the mountainside in the 13th century BC, during the reign of Pharaoh Ramesses II.

The tour then continues with a visit to the Temple of Kom-Ombo, a unique 'double' temple dedicated to both the crocodile god Sobek, and the falcon god Haroeris (Horus). After some time to explore the temple, we'll head to Edfu. Also dedicated to Horus, this temple is more than 2,000 years old but was covered by sand until it was re-discovered by a French expedition in 1798. Because it was hidden for so long it is the most well-preserved temple in Egypt. We'll then continue on to Luxor, where we'll spend the night onboard the 5-star cruise ship.

DAY 13: Luxor - Karnak Temple - Nile Cruise

After breakfast we will arrive in Luxor and tour the East Bank of Luxor. Experience the incredible Karnak temple complex, part of the ancient city of Thebes. Dedicated to the powerful ram-headed god Amun, it offers a vast mix of temples, chapels, statues and obelisks. We'll then explore Luxor temple, a place of worship that is dedicated to three gods: Amun, his wife Mut and his son Khons. Together these temples and gods are key players in the great Opet Festival which was held each year during the flood season.

DAY 14: Valley of the Kings - Hatshepsut - Hurghada

This morning we'll start our tour of the west bank with a visit to the world-famous Valley of the Kings, where you can enter some of the incredible tombs of the New Kingdom Pharaohs, such as King Tutankhamen. We'll then get to experience the Temple of Hatshepsut (Deir El Bahary), the mortuary temple of the only Pharaoh Queen that ruled Egypt. The day will finish off with a visit to the great Colossi of Memnon, the last remains of Amenophis III's temple. We'll then take our air-conditioned private bus to Hurghada on the Red Sea coast, where we'll be staying in an all-inclusive resort.

DAY 15: Hurghada, Free Day

This is a free day for you to enjoy however you wish. The resort in Hurghada offers a large swimming pool complex, long sandy beaches and all-inclusive food and drink; total relaxation awaits. Alternatively, choose to take part in any number of water sports activities, including full-day snorkelling and scuba diving excursions. The seas around Hurghada offer some of the best coral reef dive spots in the world, offering the opportunity to see many colourful fish species, including the Red Sea Clownfish, Emperor Angelfish, Picasso Trigger Fish and Moray Eels. Overnight at the resort in Hurghada.

DAY 16: Hurghada - Cairo

This morning we'll take an air-conditioned private mini bus back to Cairo. We'll visit the Egyptian museum to learn more about the country's incredible ancient history, followed by the old city of Cairo where you can explore Khan El Khalili, a bazaar crammed with souvenir shops, cafés and shisha bars.

DAY 17: End of tour in Cairo - Fly to Rome

The tour ends after breakfast at our hotel in Cairo, with transfers included to take you to the airport for your onward flight to Rome in Italy.

On arrival in Italy, you will be transferred to your overnight hotel in Rome. The remainder of the day is free.

DAY 18: Mediterranean Cruise

You will be transferred to the port of Civitavecchia to check in for your cruise on MSC World Europa cruise ship on similar for the 7-night Mediterranean Cruise.

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Day 18	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy		7:00pm
Day 19	Palermo, Sicily, Italy	9:00am	5:00pm
Day 20	Valletta, Malta	10:00am	6:00pm
Day 21	At Sea		
Day 22	Barcelona, Spain	7:00am	6:00pm
Day 23	Marseille, France	8:00am	6:00pm
Day 24	Genoa, Italy	8:00am	6:00pm
Day 25	Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy	7:00am	

DAY 25: Arrive in Rome

Make your way from the cruise port back to the city of Rome. Overnight at the centrally-located hotel for the next 2 nights. The remainder of the day is free to explore the Roman capital at leisure.

DAY 26: Rome Hop On Hop Off Day Tour

Explore all the major sights of Rome on a double-decker, hop-on hop-off bus that gives you 360-degree views of the Italian capital's ancient charms. Enjoy unlimited rides within the validity of your pass, stopping at world-famous attractions including the Colosseum, the Vatican, St Peter's Basilica, and the Trevi Fountain.

With the ultimate freedom to take in the city at your own pace, stroll through the magnificent Pantheon, taste authentic Italian spaghetti near the Spanish Steps, or just sit back and enjoy people-watching at the bustling Piazza Navona. Take in the Colosseum's arcaded façade, do some window shopping at the chic fashion boutiques of Via Veneto, or investigate traditional cafe culture in the many piazzas. Along the way, listen to informative commentary that brings each sight within the Eternal City to life.

DAY 27: Fly from Rome to Hanoi

Transfer from the hotel to Rome airport for your overnight flight from Rome to Hanoi.

DAY 28: Hanoi Arrival - Airport Pick Up - Check In Hotel In Hanoi

Pick up at the airport and then transfer you to the hotel in Hanoi centre - the most exciting place for tourists. After that you are free to visit Hanoi City by yourself.

This tour helps you discover all corners of Vietnam and its unique charm, from the lush hillsides filled with paddy fields to exotic limestone islands, metropolitan cities and ancient temples. Feast your senses on diverse Vietnamese culture, history and cuisine. Sail the scenic backdrops of Halong Bay and explore Hue's Imperial City. Discover the perfect blend of Chinese, Vietnamese and French influence on culture, cuisine and architecture throughout Hanoi. Stroll the colourful ancient town of Hoi An and challenge the chaos of Ho Chi Minh! Vietnam is ready to excite and entice.

Check in time: 14.00pm

Note: The itinerary may be changed due to the weather and will be updated as soon as possible.

Night 1: Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 29: Hanoi - Halong Bay (B/L/D)

7:45-8:15am: Our guide will meet you at your hotel. The shuttle bus picks up. Enjoy the peaceful scenery as we travel through the countryside, farmland and Red River delta.

12:00 - 12:30 Arriving Tuan Chau Marina. Welcome aboard the cruise. Meet the captain, crew and join us for welcome drink as we tell you about life onboard.

12:30: Check in your cabin. Time to refresh.

13:00: Served a delectable lunch while cruising ahead to Ha Long Bay

14:00: Explore the Surprising Cave - the most beautiful cave in Ha long Bay. It is one of the widest grottoes in Ha Long Bay with thousands of stalactites and stalagmites.

15:30 visit the Titop Island - swimming, climbing up to the Top of the Island - take the best view of Halong Bay. Continue cruising to the quiet area while enjoy beautiful seascape on the way.

18:00: Enjoy the Sunset Party on sundeck.

19:00 Dinner is served.

20:00 Socialize with other guests or just laze around

Night 2: Overnight on Cruise

DAY 30: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Check In Hotel In Hanoi (B/L)

6:30 - 6:45 Do Tai Chi or a photo hunt

7:00 Have breakfast on board while the boat starts cruising to the Natural Preservation Zone.

8:00 Kayaking to explore around the area or visit a floating house and learn about the daily life of the local fishermen who live there.

9:00 We board the cruise again. Take time to refresh and relax before checking out. Bags can be left in luggage store.

10:00 Join in the Cooking Class, teaching you how to make our speciality (Spring rolls) before an early lunch is served.

11: 30 - 12:00 Disembark at the harbor Tuan Chau Marina.

17:00 Arrival back at your hotel in Hanoi

Note: Timeline is just approximate

Night 3: Overnight in Hanoi

DAY31: Hanoi - Airport Transfer- Fly To Da Nang- Check In Hotel In Hoi An (B)

Today, you will have free time till our driver comes to pick you up to the airport to take flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, you will be picked up and dropped off at the hotel in Hoi An town.

Night 4: Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 32: Hoi An - Free Day (B)

Enjoy the whole day to explore Hoi An town on your own. Otherwise, you can let your travel designer know if you'd to pre-book the optional tour as below:

Optional tour: Ba Na Hill and Golden Bridge- way to paradise.

Spend your time on the most modern Cable Car in Southeast Asia, then take The Climbing Train to visit the top of the mountain& further, explore Le Jardin D'Amour (consists of 9 gardens), Debay Wine Cellar (old wineries) & Ling Ung Pagoda. Visit the French Village, Watch Carnival Performance Show, Join in Fantasy Park with Walking in Fairy Forest and much more.

Night 5 : Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 33: Hoi An- Free Day (B)

You will have the whole day free in Hoi An to discover the beautiful ancient town on your own.

Alternatively, you can choose to do one of our optional tours as below:

Optional tour: Hoi An cooking class tour.

Our guide takes you to visit Hoi An market to buy ingredients for the cooking class. You then ride to Tra Que village (a short 15 minutes cycle away.) You will be welcomed with a special local soft drink - “É” water or local tea. After your welcome, take a short walk around the vegetable garden to see local farmers at work. Begin to learn how to cook local delicacies including: Banh xeo, “tam huu” spring roll, “Tra Que” spring roll. After your cooking class, enjoy the foods cooked by yourself. By bicycle we return back to the hotel.

Optional tour: My Son Holly Land Tour (Light Lunch included).

The Holyland surrounded by the marvelous mountains, 48km west of Hoi An. My Son was chosen as a religious center, built in the late 4th century under the Cham’s King Bhadravaman. It is a huge religious complex with over 70 towers and temples of different architectures. Wander through the elaborate carvings and sculptures of the Cham people, tourists are welcomed at the Old Tower of the Cham. Spend 2 hours to enjoy and discover the beauty of ancient buildings at of the Champa Kingdom with our tour guide. A light lunch will be served as well.

Night 6: Overnight in Hoi An

DAY 34: Hoi An - Airport Transfer - Flight to Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Having breakfast at your hotel and you are free till airport transfer.

Today, you will have a flight from Da Nang to Ho Chi Minh city and stay overnight at the most touristic area of Ho Chi Minh City.

Night 7: Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 35: Mekong Delta Tour (B/L)

Leaving the hustle and bustle of Ho Chi Minh City and start your trip to My Tho, the town that lies on the left side of the Mekong River. Upon arrival, visit Vinh Trang pagoda which is dated back to the late 19th century. Then board the sampan and cruise down the river around the four beautiful islands known as Dragon, Unicorn, Phoenix and Tortoise islands. Stop over at Unicorn Island, go walking around country lanes and seeing orchards. Enjoy tropical fruits at the plantation and folk music performed by the local people. Ride a hand-rowed sampan through Thoi Son canal and appreciate the beauty of the countryside, visiting a family business, honey-bee farm where you’ll try honey tea and enjoy a coconut candy workshop. Have lunch at local restaurant.

In the afternoon, there's time for cycling around the Tan Thach village and meeting the local villagers to experience the local daily life in the Mekong delta. Hammock relaxing and enjoying the refreshing breeze for those can't join the cycling trip. Return to Ho Chi Minh City. End trip.

Night 8: Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 36: Cu Chi Tunnel Tour (B)

7:30-7.50am Our tour guide and driver will pick you up at your hotel and then start drive to Cu Chi which located 60km from Ho Chi Minh City. Cu Chi is now considered a heroic district for its role in the anti-American war in Vietnam. It is legendary for original tunnels system of over 220km and is a popular spot for both Vietnamese and foreign visitors. The peaceful rural rice paddy scenery contains ducks and water buffalos swimming in the rivers alongside the road. Visitors will find it hard to imagine the destruction, damage and defoliation all over the area, caused by bombing and mines when Cu Chi was 'A Free Target Zone'. The remnants visitors will see show Cu Chi still has the evidence to prove the fierce battleground that took place there.

13:00 Back to Ho Chi Minh City.

Night 9: Overnight in Ho Chi Minh

DAY 37: HCMC - Airport Transfer - End the Trip (B)

This day, you are free to visit Ho Chi Minh City and shop for souvenirs until our driver transfers you to Tan Son Nhat airport for your flight back home.

DAY 38: Arrive Home

My Travel Experience hopes to welcome you on tour again soon and wishes you a safe journey home!

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only.

Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road accessibility, river water levels, ocean conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

About the tours

While in Vietnam you will stay at the following hotels, or similar. Post-tour accommodation can be booked to extend your stay after your tour.

- Ho Chi Minh City 3* — Prague Saigon Hotel (Superior Room) from A\$75 per night with breakfast included, subject to availability. Surcharges may apply.
- Ho Chi Minh City 4* — Harmony Saigon Hotel (Premier Deluxe Room) from A\$135 per night with breakfast included, subject to availability. Surcharges may apply.

- Ho Chi Minh City 5* — Rex Hotel Saigon (Deluxe Room) from A\$245 per night with breakfast included, subject to availability. Surcharges may apply.
- Hanoi 3* — Carillon Boutique Hotel (Deluxe Room) from A\$75 per night with breakfast included, subject to availability. Surcharges may apply.
- Hanoi 4* — Silk Queen Grand Hotel (Premium Room) from A\$135 per night with breakfast included, subject to availability. Surcharges may apply.
- Hanoi 5* — Mövenpick Hanoi Hotel (Deluxe Room) from A\$245 per night with breakfast included, subject to availability. Surcharges may apply.

Important:

- Accommodation is subject to availability and may be substituted for a hotel of a similar or higher standard without notice.
- Rooms will be made available after 2pm on day of arrival. Checkout is required by 10am. Early check-in and late checkout are available at an additional fee.
- Maximum room capacity is two adults.

Vietnam Group Size

Minimum number for this tour to operate is two guests. Maximum tour capacity is 35 people.

Travel Insurance

- Travel insurance is strongly recommended. We recommend purchasing travel insurance as soon as possible after booking this package.
- We can assist you in purchasing travel insurance. Please enquire for further information and to see if our policy is suitable for you.
- Covid tests are not required when you enter Vietnam.
- Travelers must have health insurance or secure travel with covid content with a minimum payment of 10,000 USD
- Incoming passengers must pay medical isolation costs, medical examination and treatment and other personal expenses if you have an infection.

Passports & Visas

- A Tourist visa is required. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they're holding a current visa for the countries they're visiting. If the traveller is on a non-Australian passport, a valid re-entry visa may be required.
- **Important:** Please start arranging your visa at least 6-8 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours and processing time.
- A valid passport with a minimum validity of 6 months beyond your return travel date is required for all passengers (including children and infants).
- When travelling within Australia, please check current state/territory border entry requirements to ensure you're eligible to travel and have completed any required permits or passes.

Health & Vaccinations

- Travellers are advised to check the vaccine requirements for their trip with their local health professional at least 45 days prior to departure, as some vaccines require 30 days or more to be effective. Please check with your health professional that you hold the appropriate vaccination entry requirements for your destination.
- By purchasing this tour, you acknowledge the current Covid-19 Health & Safety advice.
- Guests may be required to provide evidence of proof of vaccination against Covid-19 from our ground operators prior to departure. Please contact us at hello@mytravelxp.com for further information.

Tour Baggage Restrictions

- Passengers are permitted one piece of baggage with a maximum weight of 20kg on tour.
- Passengers are permitted one additional, smaller piece of luggage with a maximum weight of 7kg.

Transfers

- If transfers are included as specified in your package, please note that these are only available on the first and last day of your tour. Arrival and departure transfers are included between the hours of 6am and 6pm only. If you arrive outside these hours a supplement may apply. Please contact us for further information.
- If booking a Twin Share package, transfers are based on two people sharing the one vehicle. If you are arriving on different flights at different times, a supplement will be charged for two separate vehicles.

Optional Activities

Please note that optional activities are flexible and do not have to follow the suggested day in the itinerary.

Tipping

Tipping and gratuities are not included in the package, unless otherwise stated, and are at your own discretion. As a guide, approx. \$15-\$20 per person, per day, is the industry standard.

Fitness Requirements

Travellers acknowledge that they are required to have a good level of health and fitness to undertake the activities in this tour. Further, travellers acknowledge and agree that the tour operator will be able to provide medical or other assistance in the event that they are unable to complete any aspect of the tour as a result of their health or physical condition.

About the MSC cruise

MSC World Europa marks a new class of ship for MSC Cruises. The line's first World-class ship began sailing from Doha in December 2022 and features seven pools, 33 restaurants, bars and lounges, including several new venues, while the kids' club and MSC Yacht Club are the largest in the fleet. Additional new venues include the Panorama Lounge (Deck 8), replacing Carousel Lounge on previous ships and the 300-seat Luna Park Arena (Deck 5 & 6) for movies, kids entertainment and game shows.

MSC World Europa deck plan and design reflects one of the world's biggest and most environmentally friendly ships. Built in Saint-Nazaire, France, the 6,774-passenger ship (at full occupancy) is more than 1,000 yards in length; spans 21 decks; has 430,000 square feet of public space, becoming the longest, tallest and biggest in the fleet - and one of the largest cruise ships at sea.

One of the first things passengers will notice about MSC World Europa is its striking design from the exterior. As well as the Y-shaped aft, the bow takes a futuristic bulbous shape, contributing to the ship's efficiency in the water. In addition to being LNG-powered, a source of electricity and heat onboard, the ship also taps into shore-to-ship power where possible and employs enhanced recycling and waste management systems. Passengers will notice waste bins in cabins have been separated into paper, plastic and food compartments, with the ship also recycling water, glass and aluminium.

MSC World Europa embraces a carnival-style ambiance with nearly round-the-clock entertainment. There's a buzzy new 113-yard World Promenade on Deck 8 and the impromptu performances that pop up here. Reminiscent of Royal Caribbean's Boardwalk, the half-open space is centered on the 11-deck dry slide - the largest of its kind at sea - called Venom Drop @ The Spiral. This coiling dry slide in the middle of the deck is spectacular. Also on Deck 8, World Galleria is a beautiful space filled with drinking, dining and entertainment venues, with the LED-sky screen featured above similar in design to those on the Meraviglia class of ships.

Deck 8 is bookended by the ship's two main show spaces, the all-new Panorama Lounge for music and dance shows, and the World Theatre, where five new shows will be on the program (Eko, Amelia, A Night on Broadway, Cadmo The Landwalke and Yellow Submarine).

If you're travelling with children, don't expect to see much of them onboard. The ship's Deck 19 kids club, Doremiland, is the largest in the fleet, while the 300-seat Luna Park Arena (Deck 6 & 7) also offers kids' activities and movie showings. There's more: Bumper cars; roller-skating; arcade games; drone masterclasses, waterslides and an addictive zombie-themed VR game.

MSC World Europa features 13 dining venues, including six specialty restaurants, two of which are new:

- Chef's Garden Kitchen (Deck 8), replacing L'Atelier Bistrot, features an open kitchen and a glass-encased floor-to-ceiling growing space where micro herbs and other greens are grown onboard.
- La Pescaderia (Deck 8) has a focus on Greek and other Mediterranean dishes with an outdoor seating area for alfresco dining on the World Promenade.
- The inclusive Luna Park Pizza & Burger (Deck 6) serves outstanding slices of pizza and other fast food options opposite the new Luna Park Arena.
- Returning regulars include American-style steakhouse Butcher's Cut, Asian-inspired Kaito Teppanyaki Grill and Sushi Bar, Latin American street food-inspired Hola! Tacos & Cantina and Jean-Philippe Chocolate & Cafe.
- Masters of the Sea Pub is split across two decks and three craft brews on board in special copper vats installed as a showpiece in the bar.

Another new concept is Elixir -- Mixology Bar with elaborate signature cocktails, a South Asian-style tea room filled with perfumes from the East, an authentic Emporium coffee bar with selections from around the world, a widely stocked Gin Project inspired by a real distillery, a zesty juice bar made from fresh ingredients and a gelateria. There's also a new cafe, Coffee Emporium, serving bean-to-cup coffee and indulgent pastries and cakes.

Among the new venues on this super-size ship is the Raj Polo Tea House (Deck 8), which reminds us of a lounge you might find at the Raffles Singapore or a luxurious Four Seasons hotel. There's no sign of bling or sparkles here; simply muted colours, plush furnishings and a relaxed vibe where soothing cups of chai and afternoon tea are served. Follow the passage to the left of the venue to see a gallery of teas, tea traditions, a map showing where the teas are produced and artifacts relating to this much-loved drink.

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