

SPLENDOURS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA - A VOYAGE FROM PHUKET TO SINGAPORE

There are countless tours available of Southeast Asia which fly from one city to another, abruptly introducing you to cultural and architectural contrasts that can be bewildering and, in many ways, unfulfilling. In our view, there are regions of the world which need to be absorbed slowly and at eye level in order for the experience to be enjoyable and enlightening and Southeast Asia is one of those regions. Join the all-suite MS Island Sky for the opportunity to journey in comfort whilst exploring Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore for what promises to be a great adventure with just over 100 fellow, like-minded travellers. Our exploration begins on Thailand's largest island, Phuket, a land of contrasts from pulsating streets and modern facilities to idyllic swathes of beaches interspersed with limestone cliffs and groves of mangrove trees. After a day of exploration we head to Malaysia, stopping en-route to discover one of the beautiful islands scattered along Thailand's coast. If you enjoy immersing yourself in culture and wildlife, you will find the days that follow in Malaysia endlessly fascinating with its vast rainforests, endemic wildlife and rich cultural heritage. The best way to explore the region is by sea and, from the geological wonders and wildlife-rich wetlands of Langkawi to the historic streets of Penang and the dynamic capital of Kuala Lumpur, there are marvellous experiences to be had. Our voyage concludes in Singapore, where modern skyscrapers sit alongside historic neighbourhoods and long-established traditions. Afloat and ashore, our voyage will be filled with unforgettable images and experiences, heritage-filled cities, tropical forests with endemic flora and fauna, remote islands and white sand beaches. Exploring this remarkable region from the comfort of a small ship provides a uniquely rewarding experience, and we hope you will join us for this wonderful voyage through the heart of



Southeast Asia.

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Day 1 London to Phuket, Thailand.

Fly by scheduled indirect flight.

Day 2 Phuket.

Arrive and transfer to the MS Island Sky for embarkation. Enjoy welcome drinks and dinner as we moor overnight.

Day 3 Phuket.



There will be a choice of excursions today. An island drive will include Wat Chalong, the largest and most strikingly ornamented of Phuket's 29 Buddhist temples. Its intriguing history features a monk believed to have formidable healing powers. To this day, Thais from all over the country flock to Wat Chalong to pay homage to the monk and regain their physical and spiritual powers. Later see the Big Buddha Temple located at the top of Nark Kerd Mountain before returning to the ship for lunch. Alternatively, join a local speedboat to visit Phang Nga Bay which is renowned for the limestone islands rising dramatically from the sea including the famous backdrop for the James Bond film 'The Man with the Golden Gun'. Spend the day enjoying the scenery in the bay before we visit Koh Panyi, a settlement built over 200 years ago with houses built on stilts above the water where lunch will be in a local restaurant.

Day 4 Expedition Day.

Today as we sail towards Malaysia, we will stop at one of the many tropical islands off Thailand's coast with their white sand beaches and clear waters. We will go ashore by Zodiac and board local boats to explore one of the islands in more depth, perhaps taking the opportunity to swim or snorkel before heading back to the beach to relax. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at sea.

Day 5 Langkawi, Malaysia.

We start our exploration of Malaysia on Langkawi, where a morning tour will take us through the Langkawi UNESCO Global Geopark to discover some of the flora and fauna that are unique to the island's wetlands. We will see the caves that are home to Malaysian fruit bats and during a cruise in the mangrove forest we hope to see whiteheaded eagles, herons, red eagles, long-tailed macaques and different species of reptiles. Alternatively, take a short boat ride to Palau Tuba to visit one of the original village communities on the island. Arriving on the island we will head inland through the peaceful countryside and past paddy fields to a traditional village where we will learn about local traditions and enjoy tea and Malay kuih (snacks) with a local family. This afternoon will be at leisure to relax on board or perhaps visit a nearby beach and discover the local area.

Days 6 & 7 Penang.

Awake this morning in Penang Island, the 'Pearl of the Orient', where we have a choice of excursions over the next two days. Maybe explore historic Georgetown, a UNESCO World Heritage Site where we can see the well-preserved cultural and historical heritage of Penang's capital city. Founded in 1786 by the British East India Company, Georgetown grew into an important trading port and became a melting pot of Malaysian, Chinese, Indian and European influences which we can see as we pass by the town hall, St George's Church, Sri Mahamariamman Temple and the Kapitan Keling Mosque. Alternatively, discover the island's natural beauty as we join the Penang Hill Railway which was constructed in 1923 and takes us to the top of Flagstaff Hill, 830 metres above sea level. Here we follow a one mile nature trail through The Habitat, walking across a dipterocarp forest amidst oak laurels and tree ferns. The area's rich biodiversity includes more than 100 species of birds, endangered endemic plants including the Penang slipper orchid, and a multitude of fauna such as flying lemurs, dusky leaf monkeys and the giant black squirrel. As we make our way along the Treetop Walk, we can take in panoramic views of the city and the Andaman Sea below. Return to the ship for lunch and a leisurely afternoon to explore further at your own pace. In the evening we will enjoy



dinner ashore at a local restaurant to experience the delights of Malaysian cuisine. The following day we will continue to explore the island. For those who wish to delve into the rich culinary world of Penang there will be a street food walking tour. With our guide we will explore the back lanes of Penang, stopping along the way to sample local food, snacks and drinks while learning about the history of the island's cuisine and how different cultures have left their mark on the food enjoyed today. Alternatively, we will visit the botanical gardens that were set out in 1884 by the British and see some of their extensive display of native plants, along with the resident long-tailed macaques. We will also visit the tropical spice garden, a living museum of the spices and tropical plants that have shaped global history. Our final afternoon will be at leisure to relax on board or continue exploring ashore.

Day 8 At Sea.

Enjoy a relaxing day at sea. Perhaps join a lecture in the lounge or find a spot on deck.

Day 9 Kuala Lumpur.

From our berth in Port Klang we spend a full day in Malaysia's capital city of Kuala Lumpur. Our walking tour begins in Independence Square, also known as Dataran Merdeka. This is the historic site where the Union Flag was lowered and the Malayan flag raised for the very first time on the 31st of August 1957. Continue to the Masjid Jamek Mosque, the oldest Islamic place of worship in Kuala Lumpur. Overlooking the Klang River, it combines Moorish, Islamic and Mughal architectural styles with verdant surroundings and views of the city's other landmarks. Also see the Central Market, Chinatown and the extravagantly decorated Sri Mahamariamman Temple before ending at the Petronas Twin Towers which were once the tallest buildings in the world.

Day 10 Singapore.

Spend today in Singapore where there will be a choice of excursions this morning. A city tour will start in Little India where we will stroll along the bustling streets before continuing to Arab Street to see the magnificent Sultan Mosque. From here we will head to Chinatown, a bustling hub for shops and eateries set against a backdrop of rich history and heritage. Here we will visit the Buddha Tooth Relic Temple and Museum. Alternatively, visit the National Orchid Garden, which displays one of the world's largest collections of orchids, including some 2,000 hybrids. The afternoon is free to explore this vibrant city further at your own pace. Enjoy your final evening on board as we moor overnight.

Day 11 Singapore to London.

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: ISLAND SKY

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

With a maximum passenger capacity of only 116, a vessel of her size is capable of carrying many more but instead the MS Island Sky has the benefit of unusually large suites, luxuriously appointed public areas and spacious outside decks. There is a high ratio of crew to passengers- the friendly crew of 75 crew and Scandinavian captains are experienced mariners, having been in service aboard large 2000 plus passenger vessels and who now prefer a less frantic life aboard a small ship. If, like them and us, you prefer a more peaceful life at sea, you will find the MS Island Sky the perfect ship. When choosing the vessel for your next voyage of discovery, you can select a ship with endless entertainment and impersonal service or come with us where peace, high quality service and attention to detail are the order of the day. We promise there will be no organised entertainment, fancy dress, deck games or any of the usual big ship experiences. The atmosphere on board is more akin to a private yacht or country hotel. A little music in the lounge or bar after dinner, guest speakers, informative port briefings from our cruise director and of course good food which may be enjoyed leisurely in the attractive dining room. After a day ashore you will return to the comfort and peace of a well run and exceedingly comfortable ship. Your Suite Onboard there are 57 exceptionally spacious and well designed suites. All feature a sitting room area and some have private balconies. The feeling of luxury is enhanced by the wood panelling and brass, which predominates throughout the vessel conveying the atmosphere of a private yacht. The passenger accommodation is arranged over five decks and all suites have outside views. Each affords considerable comfort with en-suite bathroom featuring marble-topped vanity unit with sink and walk-in shower, large wardrobes, dressing table with large mirror and stool and excellent storage. There is a mini-fridge, flat screen television with inbuilt DVD player which can also play CDs and a telephone in each suite. Bottled water, towelling dressing gowns and slippers are also provided for your comfort. Other facilities include a programmable electronic safe, hairdryer, assorted toiletries and individually controlled air-conditioning and heating. The suites on each deck have their own colour theme. Soft hues and blended tones enhance the traditional maritime style making the passenger accommodation an inviting and relaxing place to be. Your Space The spacious and finely decorated public rooms include a large lounge where daily briefings and talks will be provided throughout the voyage and an elegant bar where a pianist plays periodically throughout the day. The bar also features a 24-hour tea and coffee station. The onboard library is the perfect place to relax with a book and is stocked with reference books pertaining to the places the vessel is visiting along with a selection of games and two computers with internet access. Daily newspapers and magazines are also placed in the library depending on local availability. There is

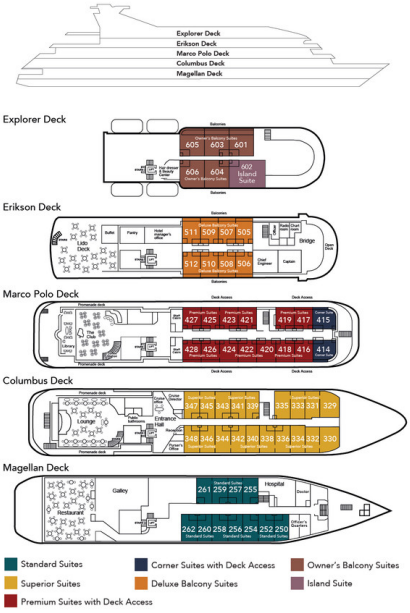
also WI-FI access throughout the vessel. Outside there is a rear sun deck where meals are served in warm weather under shade, a bar and comfortable deck furniture for sun bathing or relaxing with a book. On the top deck there is a Jacuzzi and further observation and sun deck. There is also a small hairdressers on board with appointments made on request. Your Dining Another benefit of a small ship is the quality of the cuisine. With only one sitting and a maximum of just over 100 passengers, the galley is able to provide delicious meals. Where possible and when it meets his high standards, the chef will obtain local produce in markets or buy the catch of the day from a passing fishing boat. Such purchases enhance the well stocked larders and bring a local touch to the



varied menus.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



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