



Cruise Holidays of Clarkson

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THE DELUXE ORIENT EXPERIENCE

Nov 2-18, 2012



On the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Train

Visiting

Bangkok River Kwai Singapore Penang
Bali Hong Kong



Dear Cruise Holidays of Clarkson Traveler,

Each year, Joe and I select a handful of destinations for our group travels that we personally host, and the Deluxe Orient Express tour is amongst our selection for 2012. This voyage departs November 2012.

Our journey will begin in Bangkok where we will spend four days visiting resplendent Buddhist Temples, be a guest at the Grand Palace, and dine at traditional Thai Restaurants while being entertained by classical Thai music and dance.

We will then take you on a four day journey on the luxurious Eastern & Oriental Train for a unique opportunity to discover more about this beguiling and beautiful part of the world; we will travel from the city into the countryside, filled with rice-fields and villages, with a stop at the highlight of the journey-The River Kwai Bridge station.

Singapore is where our nostalgic train ride will come to an end. Here we will spend three glorious days and will visit Sri Maramman Temple, the oldest Hindu temple in Singapore, established by Indian pioneer Naraina Pillai in 1827, and famous for its elaborately-decorated gopuram, or entrance tower. No visit to Singapore is complete without a stop at the Botanical Gardens for a look at the world's finest collections of orchids at the Orchid Garden.

On day 10 of our tour, we fly to the island paradise of Bali, where art, music and dance have enchanted visitors for decades. Here we will see the Kecak dance which depicts an ancient story from the Ramayana; we will feast on exquisite sea food dinner in a beach restaurant while being serenaded by Batak Singers' traditional Balines and Javanese songs.

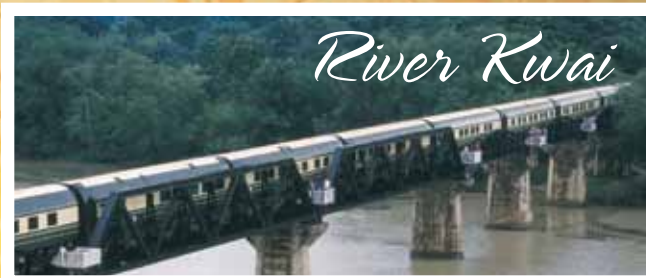
After four rejuvenating days in Bali, we conclude our tour with 4 days in Hong Kong, the city of life where East and West meet to create a fascinating mix of cultures.

Joe and I have had the pleasure of travelling with many of you in the past and we are looking forward to yet another intriguing journey to a destination that promises to mesmerize us with its beauty, history and culture.



Zaneta & Joe

THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS



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DAY 1 /NOV 2 TORONTO-BANGKOK (via Hong Kong)

Your adventure begins this evening when you fly to Bangkok where resplendent Buddhist Temples dominate the magnificent landscape and where the grace and pride of the Thai people await you. *Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airways Tentative schedule: CX829 YYZ-HKG 0130/0615+1 CX713 HKG-BKK 0910/1100*

DAY 2 /NOV 3 ARRIVE BANGKOK (D)

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Balance of the day is free at leisure. Buffet dinner at hotel. *Accommodation: JW Marriott Hotel or equivalent (3 nights)*

DAY 3 /NOV 4 BANGKOK (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel. Morning visit Grand Palace & Wat Pho. Grand Palace, is one of the most beautiful samples of an ancient Siamese court. Previously the residence of the Kings of Thailand, here you will see Palaces which were used for different occasions; the Funeral Palace, the Reception Palace, the Throne Hall, the Coronation Hall, the Royal Guest House, and the beautiful Emerald Buddha Temple. Then, visit WAT PO, the most extensive temple in Bangkok with colossal reclining Buddha and the chedi of the Kings.

Lunch will be served at Supatra River House Restaurant

Afternoon visit Thonburi Klongs (Canals). Travel by long-tailed speed boat on the picturesque Chao Phraya River and klongs (or canals) to see family homes and temples along the water-ways which has given gives the city the title "Venice of the East". On the return journey, stop at the Temple of Dawn (Wat Arun) whose 79m spire silhouette has become a symbol of Bangkok. There will be ample

opportunity to photograph the magnificent multicolored porcelain-studded towers

This evening, enjoy a delicious genuine Thai style dinner in a delightful Thai atmosphere surrounded by beautiful decoration. The meal is accompanied by Thai classical music and dances. The dancers with their beautiful littering costumes and graceful movements will stay in your memory forever.

DAY 4 /NOV 5 BANGKOK (B/L/D)

Full day visit Damnoen Saduak Floating Market & Rose Garden Tour. This most interesting full day tour takes you to the rural floating market of Damnoen Saduak situated 110 kms west of Bangkok. The tour includes a visit to Nakorn Pathom, to see 'Phra Pathom Chedi' which is the largest pagoda in Southeast Asia. Lunch will be served at the picturesque Rose Garden Country Resort, where you will also attend the Thai village show which gives you an introduction into Thai culture. You will witness ordination into monk hood, the traditional fingernail dance, Thai boxing, hill tribe dance, sword-fighting, elephants at work and folk dancing. Buffet dinner at hotel

DAY 5 /NOV 6 BANGKOK-SINGAPORE (ABOARD THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS) (B/L/D)

Morning City Temple Tour. This tour includes two of the most unusual Buddhist temples in Bangkok: WAT TRIMITR with Golden Buddha (5½ tons of solid gold); WAT BENJAMABORPIT, the White Marble Temple - one of the finest examples of Thai architecture. After the tour, return to the hotel for lunch.



In the afternoon, transfer to Hua Lampong Railway Station for The Eastern & Oriental train, departing early evening (5:50 pm per current schedule). Having been welcomed onboard the gleaming carriages, settle into your comfortable compartment. Dinner is served as the train travels from city into the countryside with its rice-fields, villages and water buffalo. Retire to your compartment, transformed into a cosy bedroom by your steward. *Accommodation: The Eastern and Oriental Express Train (3 nights)*

DAY 6 /NOV 7 THAM KASAE-KWAI (B/L/D)

Awake early in order not to miss the excitement of the train making its way from Wang Po along the wooden trestle viaduct beside a towering cliff. On arrival at the River Kwai Bridge station, the E&O stops to allow you to disembark. Guides escort you on the short walk down to the jetty to board a local raft for a cruise along the lush greenery of the picturesque Kwai Yai river, passing under the Bridge. On board, a local historian provides a brief overview of the history of the Thailand-Burma railway and the bridge. At the E&O landing point, board a motor coach for a brief trip past the North Temple and Chinese Cemetery to the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre. As you explore the informative museum, the historian is available to answer questions. There is time to visit the Don Rak War Cemetery adjacent to the museum if you wish.

Rejoin the coach for the short ride to the Kanchanaburi railway station to board the Eastern & Oriental Express. Later reflect on the day's sights over dinner and relax with a drink in the Bar Car before retiring for the night.

DAY 7 /NOV 8 PENANG (B/L/D)

After breakfast, served in the comfort of your compartment, the train arrives into Butterworth. Here coaches take you across to Georgetown, capital of Penang, on the local ferry. First stop is the Kho Kongsi clan house for a tour of the main hall and temple built in the baroque style of the late Ch'ng dynasty. This is followed by a trishaw ride through the interesting districts, passing colourful shophouses, elaborately-roofed temples, famous colonial landmarks and churches before stopping at the charming "E&O Hotel" for a refreshing drink in Farquhar's Bar.

Take the short ferry ride back to Butterworth and rejoin the Eastern & Oriental Express. Spend the afternoon watching the passing scenery from one of the lounge cars or from the open deck of the Observation Car. Dine again in one of the opulent dining cars and then spend a relaxing evening in the Bar Car with its resident pianist. Spend your last night on board.

DAY 8 /NOV 9 ARRIVE SINGAPORE (B/D)

After breakfast, soon it's time to leave the train, having crossed the Straits of Johor into Singapore, the city of pirates, poets, merchants and adventurers whose multi-cultural mix creates a colourful and exciting atmosphere. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. An evening trishaw (a one-man powered pedal vehicle) ride will take you along Waterloo Street, through "Little India", Chinatown, past the City Hall and the Cricket Club. Your trishaw ride will stop at the spot where the founder of Singapore, Sir Stamford Raffles, first landed. Buffet dinner will be at the Raffles Hotel. *Accommodation: Goodwood Park Hotel or equivalent (2 nights)*

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DAY 9 /NOV 10 SINGAPORE (B/L)

This morning your tour starts with a walk in Chinatown and visit the Sri Mariamman Temple. Have a brief stop for photo taking at Merlion Park, Sir Stamford Raffles statue. Lastly visit the Botanic Gardens. Enjoy a dim sum lunch. Balance of the day is at leisure.

DAY 10 /NOV 11 SINGAPORE-BALI (B/D)

Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Bali, a beautiful isle where art, music and dance have enchanted visitors for decades. Upon arrival you will transfer to your hotel.

Evening see the Kecak (Monkey) dance which features as many as 100 men swaying and chanting to the hypnotic music. This famous Balinese dance depicts an ancient story from the Ramayana when King Rahwana captures Sita, Rama's wife. The dance shows the battle between Rahwana and Hanoman, leader of apes.

Drive to Jimbaran for a seafood dinner right on the beach. The crashing of the surf against the white sands of the beach compliments the serenade of the Batak Singers with their sweet music and dancing. Lobster, king prawns, snapper, squid and a delicious assortment of Balinese condiments are enjoyed by all. *Transportation: Garuda Indonesia • Tentative schedule: GA841 at 0855/1130 • Accommodation: The Westin Hotel or equivalent (4 nights)*

DAY 11 /NOV 12 BALI (B/L)

Morning at leisure. After lunch you take a trip to the cool mountain region of Ubud, an excellent way to begin your journey in Bali. Ubud has inspired European artists since the start of the last century, and it is on this tour that you visit the studios and galleries of several of these prominent pioneers. Equally enchanting are the studios of Balinese painters, a number of whom have staged a renaissance in Balinese art by combining a traditional Balinese approach with European techniques. Ubud is a center of creativity, featuring the galleries of Modern Balinese Arts. Other highlights are Batubulan (meaning 'stone moon'), Celuk and Mas, where stone carvings come alive and silverworks and woodcarving will surprise and amaze you. Finally, visit the Ubud markets – a colourful and exotic display of Bali's arts and crafts, fruits, spices and much more. Return to hotel.

DAY 12 /NOV 13 BALI (B/L/D)

Today drive to Kehen Village and the ancient village Penglipuran. Continue on to Kintamani. The highlight of this tour is the awesome spectacle of Mount Batur, an active volcano alongside Lake Batur. This marvel of nature is breathtaking. Gunung Kawi Sebatu, a spring water temple, was built in the 16th century surrounded by lush trees and tropical plantation. Touring continues to Tegalalang, a magnificent rice terraces. On this tour you also visit holy springs at Tampak Siring. Lunch at local restaurant. Dinner at hotel.

DAY 13 /NOV 14 BALI (B)

Day at leisure for you to explore the city on your own.



DAY 14 /NOV 15 BALI-HONG KONG (B/Inflight D)

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong, the city of life where east and west meet to create a fascinating mix of cultures. On arrival you will transfer to your hotel.
Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airways • Tentative schedule: CX784. DPS-HKG 1600/2045 • Accommodation: Harbour Grand Kowloon or equivalent

DAY 15 /NOV 16 HONG KONG (B/L)

An orientation of the city will take you to an Island Tour that begins with a drive through the Central District, then on to the famous fishing village of Aberdeen, whose people have adapted to the way of life on the river. Repulse Bay is next with its stretch of golden sandy beaches making it the most picturesque area in Hong Kong. Your Island Tour ends at Victoria Peak for a panoramic view of the harbour, mountains of Kowloon and the islands of the South China Sea. Lunch at Mijas Spanish Restaurant in Stanley Market. Balance of the day is free for shopping or exploring.

DAY 16 /NOV 17 HONG KONG (B/D)

Day at leisure for you to explore the city on your own. Farewell buffet dinner at hotel including unlimited drinks of local wine, beer and juice.

DAY 17 /NOV 18 HONG KONG-TORONTO (B)

Departure transfer to airport for your flight to return home.
Transportation: Cathay Pacific Airways • Tentative schedule: CX826 • HKY-YYZ 1635/1905

***** END OF TOUR ***** B – breakfast L – Lunch D – dinner

Prices

Package pricing in Canadian Dollars

| Cat | Double | Single |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Pullman | \$8,990 | \$13,500 |
| State | \$9,990 | |

Payments: Deposit: \$1,500 pp
 Final Payment: July 15, 2012
 Air Credit: \$1,500 pp
 Business Air Upgrade: \$3,900 pp (for long legs only and subject to availability)

INCLUSIONS:

- Scheduled transpacific flights on Cathay Pacific Airways or similar
- Orient Express Train from Bangkok to Singapore on selected cabin category
- English-speaking guide
- Meals according to itinerary
- Flight from Singapore-Bali on Garuda Indonesia
- Ground transportation in private Air-conditioned coach
- Sightseeing incl. admissions fees according to itinerary
- Accommodation in hotels as mentioned or equivalent
- Immigration Assistance at the airport in Bali
- Fee for Indonesian visa-on-arrival
- Bali airport departure tax

CANCELLATION CHARGES ON LAND ARRANGEMENTS

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| From booking | – July 14, 2012 | \$100 pp |
| From July 15 | – September 14 | 50% of tour cost |
| September 15 | – Departure | 100 % of tour cost |



Great Wall, Beijing

Optional Pre-Tour **Beijing**

Oct 31 Hong Kong - Beijing Fly from Hong Kong to Beijing. Arrive Beijing. Meet on arrival and transfer to the *Renaissance Beijing Capital Hotel* (3 nights). Meals today are on your own.

Nov 1 Beijing (B/L/D) Today enjoy a full day of sightseeing, including visits to Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City (UNESCO) and the famous Summer Palace (UNESCO), where, weather permitting, you will enjoy a boat ride on the Kunming Lake. A Chinese Lunch is served at a local restaurant. For dinner, enjoy a Welcome Peking Duck Dinner including unlimited Chinese tea and a glass of wine, beer or soft drink.

Nov 2 Beijing (B/L/D) Your full day of sightseeing today features the Great Wall (UNESCO), the Sacred Way, and the Ming Tomb at Changling (UNESCO). You will also drive by the Beijing 2008 Olympic Site-The Bird's Nest and Water Cube-with spectacular opportunities for photography. Enjoy a Chinese Dinner followed by a Kung Fu show.

Nov 3 Beijing / Hong Kong / Bangkok (B) This morning transfer to the airport for a flight to Hong Kong (to connect your flight to Bangkok)

Pre-Tour Beijing Pricing:

Double Occupancy: CAD\$ 1,399 pp

Single Occupancy: CAD\$ 1,699 pp

INCLUSIONS:

- Round trip airfare Hong Kong-Beijing-Hong Kong based on Dragon Air.
- Air taxes Hong Kong-Beijing-Hong Kong
- 3 nights hotel accommodation with daily ABF at the Beijing Capital Renaissance Hotel or similar.
- Sightseeing as listed above with private coach/driver/English Speaking local guide.
- 2 lunches and 1 dinner at local Chinese restaurant, 1 Peking Duck Dinner at Quanjude Restaurant.
- Round trip airport/hotel transfers.
- 2 bottles of water each day each person on bus (1 bottle for arrival or departure day).

Exclusions:

- Meals not indicated.
- Personal consumptions and gratuities to driver/guide/porters.



Summer Palace, Beijing



Pullman

Pullman Compartments, each 5.8 square metres in size. Daytime seating converts to one upper and one lower bed at night.



State

State Compartments are 7.8 square metres in area. Daytime seating converts to 2 single beds at floor level at night.

All compartments are air-conditioned, have an en suite shower room, washbasin and WC. During dinner your steward will transform your compartment from daytime seating to a comfortable bedroom. Large windows offer excellent views of the ever-changing countryside.



Dining

Dining Chefs on board the Eastern & Oriental Express are internationally renowned for their ability to create a tantalising variety of Eastern and European dishes, using the finest fresh seasonal ingredients. Service equals the world's finest restaurants. Lunch and dinner are served in the two Restaurant Cars.

Each morning a breakfast of freshly baked croissants, coffee or tea, juice and fruit is delivered to your compartment and for those passengers wishing to rise early to take advantage of the beautiful scenery, tea and coffee will be served for you in the Observation Car from 7 am onwards. Afternoon tea, in true colonial style, with aromatic Earl Grey tea and cakes will be served in your compartment.



Saloon

Saloon At the end of your day relax and socialize with your fellow passengers in the Bar Car and listen to the sounds of the piano from the resident pianist. The bar is open throughout the day and late into the night for the service of cocktails, aperitifs and liqueurs and local entertainment is performed in the evenings.



Observation

Observation Car As you journey through the tropical countryside and jungle terrain, past ancient temples, rivers and rice paddies experience the ever-changing scenery from the open-sided Observation Car.

Customarily, the dress on board during the day is nice casual with a jacket and tie at dinner required for gentleman and similar attire for ladies.