



## MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE: TAPESTRY OF CULTURES – A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Asia, Singapore, Malaysia &  
Borneo



11 days from AU\$19,495 pp



18 Guests

## Journey Overview

Immerse yourself in two sumptuous destinations, each with diverse cultures, that have been at the crossroads of international trade for centuries, getting to know their many peoples on a unique journey that reveals the rich contrast between the soaring architecture of major cities and the tropical beauty of highland landscapes.

### Journey Highlights

- Explore two highly diverse cities, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, from the Petronas Towers to Gardens by the Bay
- Visit Malacca to witness its blend of Malay, Dutch, Chinese and Portuguese influences and privately cruise the Malacca River to view key sites on a full-day exploration of the region
- Wander the colonial streets of Penang and learn to play mahjong with an expert in the city's historic Blue Mansion, a location featured in the movie *Crazy Rich Asians*
- Venture into the picturesque Cameron Highlands, where you roam a cloud forest on a 4x4, try your hand at picking tea leaves and enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrive Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Arrive in Kuala Lumpur, where you are met and transferred to your luxurious hotel.

***Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur***

### **Day 2: Kuala Lumpur | Malaysia’s Islamic Heritage**

Start your exploration of the city from an incredible vantage point: the skybridge of the soaring Petronas Twin Towers. Next, discover another facet of Malaysia’s cultural mix with a visit to the Islamic Arts Museum. Peruse the city’s Central Market, where local artists and craftsman sell their goods. After a dim sum lunch at a local restaurant, enjoy the afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner.

***Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 3: Malacca | Fusion of East and West**

Journey to historic Malacca, a city whose architecture reflects a mix of Chinese, Dutch and Portuguese colonial influences. Privately cruise the Malacca River to visit St. Paul’s Church, the Sultanate Palace, Stadthuys (city hall) and Old Town. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to Kuala Lumpur.

***Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur | Meals: BL***

### **Day 4: Cameron Highlands | Into the Highlands**

Today, venture outside Kuala Lumpur to the lush Malaysian countryside. Begin with a visit to the Orang Asli Museum to learn about this indigenous people who were the peninsula’s original inhabitants. Then, continue on into the mountains to the Cameron Highlands and your colonial bungalow-inspired resort hotel, where you enjoy dinner.

***Cameron Highlands Resort | Meals: BD***

### **Day 5: Cameron Highlands | Tea Plantation Visit**

Enjoy a 4x4 ride through the verdant cloud forests, where you have the option to go on a short hike. Continue to Boh Tea Plantation, where you try your hand at picking tea leaves, observe the artful work of processing tea and sip a freshly brewed cup yourself. Then, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. This afternoon, relax at your hotel, savouring a traditional high tea.

***Cameron Highlands Resort | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 6: Ipoh & Penang | Into the Cave Temple**

Descend from the highlands and visit a temple, hewn into a cave at the foot of a limestone pinnacle. After stopping for lunch, continue overland to the island of Penang, checking in to your hotel on arrival. Later, enjoy a refreshing Scenic Sundowner while taking in panoramic views of the city.

***Eastern & Oriental Hotel | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 7: Penang | Exploring Historical Georgetown**

Begin your day with a lively rickshaw ride through UNESCO-listed colonial Georgetown, a multicultural enclave. Visit Pinang Peranakan Mansion, a museum devoted to preserving the culture of the Peranakans. Then, proceed to the Cheong Fatt Sze Mansion (the Blue Mansion) to take in its distinctive architectural features. After lunch, enjoy a lesson from a master in the game of mahjong on an A&K-exclusive experience.

***Eastern & Oriental Hotel | Meals: BL***

### **Day 8: Penang | Treasures of a Hidden Rainforest**

Experience the natural splendours of Tropical Spice Garden, a rainforest home to hundreds of species. Take a break from exploring for a Malay cooking class, helping a local chef concoct the dishes you enjoy for lunch on a Chef's Table experience. Visit Penang Hill Biosphere Reserve, home to soaring tropical trees and over 100 species of birds, taking a funicular to the summit.

***Eastern & Oriental Hotel | Meals: BLD***

### **Day 9: Singapore | Intriguing Island State**

Fly to Singapore, an island state at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, where you check in to your legendary hotel. This afternoon, see spectacular Gardens by the Bay, observing the resident flora and fauna and experiencing the futuristic Supertree Observatory.

***Raffles Singapore | Meals: BL***

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## Day 10: Singapore | Chinese Culture, Then & Now

Start exploring Singapore with a walking tour of the Chijmes, a historic building complex and former convent. Continue to the city's lush Botanical Gardens, including its renowned National Orchid Garden. Discover Singapore's Chinatown and learn about the city's legacy as a centre for the spice trade on a visit to Ang Siang Hill. Tonight, gather for a farewell dinner.

***Raffles Singapore | Meals: BD***

## Day 11: Depart Singapore

After breakfast, privately transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

***Meals: B***

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## Journey Details

Internal Air Included: Singapore/Penang

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:00 am on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 pm on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

## Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director® and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy® Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet® Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

## Customise this Journey

**Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers** or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.



## Map



## Accommodation

### Cameron Highlands Resort



Cameron Highlands Resort is situated on the largest hill retreat in Malaysia, surrounded by breathtaking scenery, lush greenery, rolling hills and Tudor-styled cottages. The luxurious boutique resort features 56 beautifully-appointed rooms and suites, and fronts Cameron Highlands' 18-hole golf course. It also houses the third wellness centre of the award-winning Spa Village group, which offers exotic treatments focusing on the healing and restorative properties of tea.

Located in the state of Pahang, approximately 200 kilometres north of Kuala Lumpur, Cameron Highlands is a beautiful holiday destination and the only place where you can find tea plantations and strawberries in Malaysia. At about 1,800 metres above sea level, it is the highest area on the mainland and enjoys a cool climate and fresh air, with temperatures ranging between 15° and 25° Celsius.

Much of the character of the highlands remains unchanged since colonial times. It is endearingly known to some as the 'little corner of England in Asia'. The cool climate on the picturesque plateau and its surrounding hills and forest make this a popular retreat for golfing, jungle trekking and exploration of the many plantations and gardens. Cameron Highlands Resort is ideal all year round for families, honeymooners and holidaymakers out to satiate their appetites for trails, tales and tradition.

- Set amidst tea plantations and rolling hills, this tranquil boutique hideaway promises all the splendour, romance and nostalgia of Cameron Highlands' grand colonial heritage
- Tall French doors, timber-beamed ceilings and plantation shutters make the luxury rooms exude colonial charm
- Enjoy a refreshing round of golf, a pink-cheeked ramble along jungle trails, or a leisurely walk through tea plantations and strawberry farms



## Raffles Singapore



Raffles Hotel is one of Singapore's most graceful landmarks, renowned for its charming ambience and legendary service.

Enjoy a wide variety of bars, restaurants, courtyards, and social areas; spaces designed to make Raffles the place to meet, spend time, shop and celebrate. Long Bar continues its proud tradition as the Home of the iconic Singapore Sling.

This luxury Singapore hotel celebrates a tradition of unwavering service excellence spanning more than 125 years. Immortalised in the novels of Somerset Maugham and Rudyard Kipling, Raffles Hotel, Singapore's colonial-styled architecture and lush tropical gardens exude an atmosphere of timeless elegance. This luxurious Singapore hotel lies in the heart of the city, in close proximity to the banking and financial districts, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre (SICEC), as well as leisure attractions including the casino at Marina Bay; the cultural sights of Arab Street and Chinatown and shopping at Raffles City shopping mall and Orchard Road shopping belt.

Choose from 115 elegant suites, all served by Raffles' legendary butlers. Signature teakwood floors and crisp white linen provide a welcome sanctuary at the end of each day. Enjoy views of the tropical gardens from your balcony before relaxing with a treatment in the spa.

Step back in time with the resident historian and learn about the hotel's heritage. Before you leave, pick up a souvenir of this bygone era from the exclusive boutiques in the light, airy Raffles Arcade.

## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

### Jan 13, 2025 - Jan 23, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,495 pp</b>	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

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### Jun 9, 2025 - Jun 19, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,495 pp</b>	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

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### Dec 1, 2025 - Dec 11, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$19,495 pp</b>	AU\$5,810	Included	Call for Availability

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### Dec 22, 2025 - Jan 1, 2026

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$20,275 pp</b>	AU\$6,575	Included	Call for Availability

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