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Destinations



THE LEADER IN CUSTOMIZED TRAVEL

ASIA

FOR THE INDEPENDENT TRAVELER

Avanti Destinations makes it easy for you to travel with family and friends. We've been inspiring independent travelers with innovative and authentic vacations since 1981. We provide seamless multi-destination vacations that will leave you thrilled and ready for the next adventure. With us, you go where you want, when you want, with the flexibility to savor special moments along the way. Your vacation is uniquely yours. That's Avanti!

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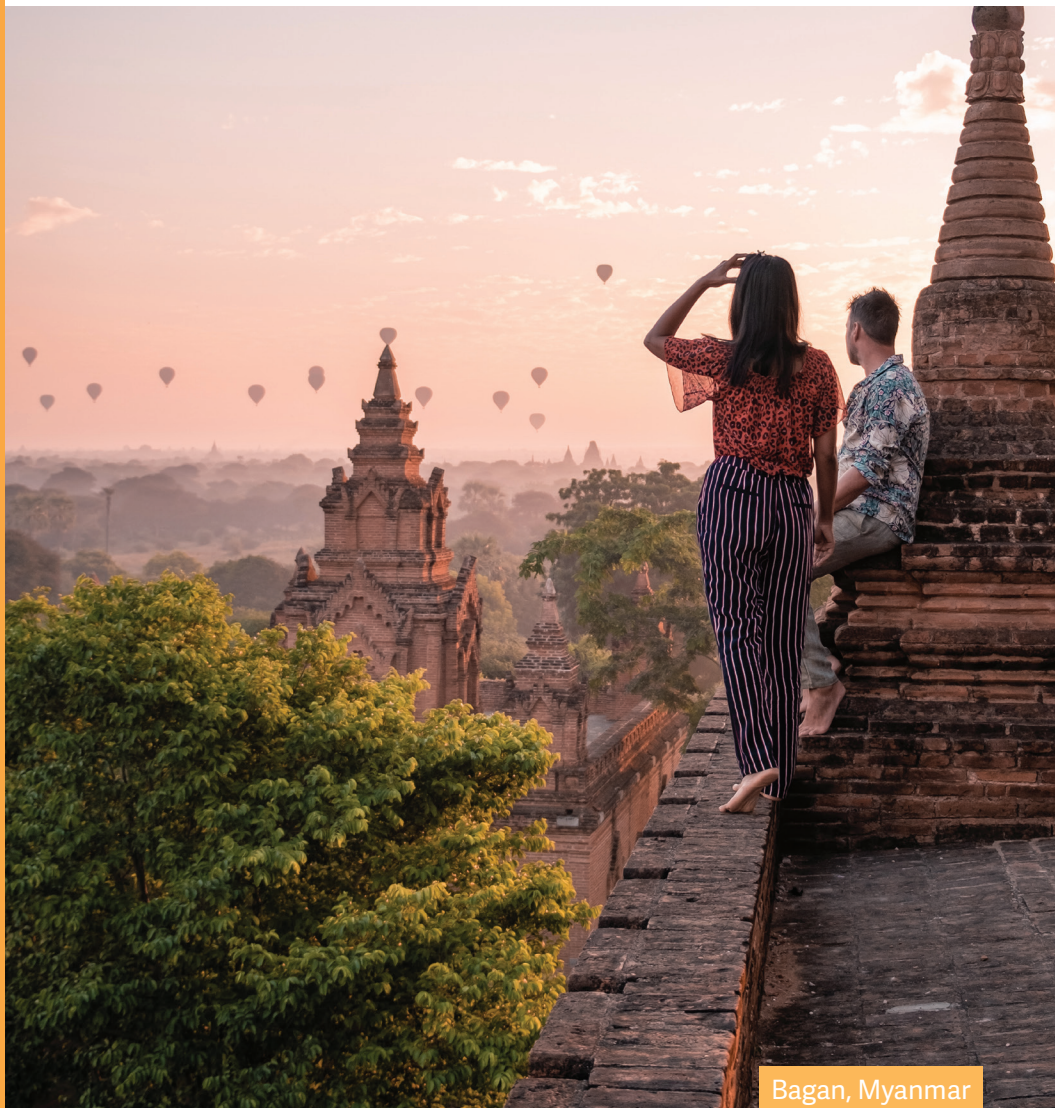
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CUSTOMIZED VACATIONS

Every Avanti vacation is tailored to the specific desires, needs, and tastes of the independent traveler. It begins with planning and getting a feel for the travelers' goals for their vacation. Our skilled Travel Consultants will help create an itinerary that truly is unique. Need a quick starting point to construct an online itinerary? Use one of our Recommended Vacation Packages (RVPs) to begin the process and simply modify to fit the travelers' unique needs. Add, subtract, or expand as desired – options abound to create the perfect customized itinerary with Avanti.



Preah Khan, Cambodia



Bagan, Myanmar



THE AVANTI DIFFERENCE

■ CUSTOMIZED VACATIONS

High quality itineraries, completely flexible and personalized for every traveler.

■ HANDPICKED ACCOMMODATIONS

Boutique hotels, resorts, luxury boats, and more, personally selected for their character and charm.

■ PERSONALIZED EXPERIENCES

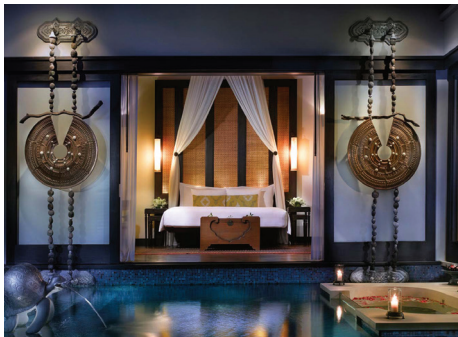
Pre-plan your vacation with dining & cooking options, cultural & historic tours, private drivers & guides, and off-the-beaten path sightseeing.

■ SUPPORT DURING TRAVEL

Avanti's professional, local travel partners are available for assistance everywhere you go.

■ TRAVEL-WISE CONSULTANTS

Skilled and experienced Travel Consultants help you avoid possible pitfalls to ensure a well-planned vacation.



AVANTI HANDPICKED HOTELS GUIDE

Truly an Avanti differentiator, Avanti's broad hotel selection ranges from 3-star to 5-star luxury. What you will typically find in our portfolio are handpicked boutique hotels and international brands that have been personally selected by our product team. Each property has been visited first-hand to ensure that our high standards are met.

Avanti strives to provide a truly authentic lodging experience unlike other providers. Avanti and our local ground operators have been conducting business with the vast majority of the hotels for many years, and those relationships ensure the Avanti traveler is well cared for when they arrive.



3★ hotels are comfortable and inviting, providing good value and service.

3★ Superior hotels offer enhanced style or amenities.

4★ hotels have a higher level of service and first-class amenities.

4★ Superior properties offer elevated style for an even more refined stay.

5★ hotels provide top-of-the line accommodations with superb décor and impeccable service.

5★ Deluxe hotels stand in a class all their own as a result of their reputation and supreme refinement.

Properties that have the Boutique distinction are typically smaller in size and reflect local character.



WHO WE ARE

AVANTI DESTINATIONS

Avanti Destinations is celebrating nearly 40 years of providing customized vacations for the independent traveler on four continents. Avanti specializes in delivering unique travel experiences across Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. One of our most significant attributes is our ability to “connect the dots” making multi-city and multi-country travel seamless. Our expertise in rail and air travel gets the Avanti traveler comfortably from locale to locale, and in each destination we offer highly unique experiences for all ages, desires, and tastes. An Avanti vacation provides lasting memories at every turn for individuals and groups.

24/7 ACCESS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER!

From the very beginning, Avanti has selected local companies to work with because they support our travelers 24/7 in all the destinations we offer. They are there to facilitate and ensure that every vacation goes as planned, and in the unlikely event of an issue, they are there to resolve right on the spot. Most of these relationships span multiple decades.

ONE STOP SHOP FOR THE TRAVEL ADVISOR

Another aspect of Avanti’s service is our ability to provide a single source for delivering every component of a traveler’s vacation. Avanti is the preeminent provider of rail on three continents, contract airfare with over 30 carriers worldwide, and more than 3,000 tours and one-off experiences in hundreds of destinations. There is no need to shop anywhere else.



AIR & RAIL CONNECTIONS



Avanti is an acknowledged industry leader in providing air and rail travel options. Our contracted air rates with many US and national flag carriers provide excellent value, and our rail expertise on three continents is unequalled. Avanti will get you there and move you from city to city or country to country efficiently and effectively.

HOW AGENTS CAN WORK WITH AVANTI



Avanti works exclusively with professional Travel Advisors. There are a number of ways to book or obtain a quote:

- Call one of our highly knowledgeable Travel Consultants at (800) 422-5053
- Visit book.avantidestinations.com to customize an itinerary



PRE AND POST CRUISE

Avanti’s breadth of product provides both ocean and river cruisers with enumerable pre- and post-cruise options in virtually every port city. Avanti can accommodate every option, whether it’s private arrival and departure transfers between the pier and a hotel or airport, a one-night stay, or a multi-day add-on to a trip. Simply need a private tour in virtually any port? Avoid crowded cruise company coach tours and let Avanti customize an experience and return the travelers to the pier at the required time.

AGENTS

AVANTI SALES TEAM

Avanti’s Sales Team is here to support our valued travel agent partners. Our team of eight Regional Sales Directors are industry veterans with over 150 years of collective experience servicing the travel agent community. Whether it’s product knowledge to impart, new promotions, training on our website, or assisting with booking questions, the Avanti Sales Team stands ready to help. Find your Regional Sales Directors name and contact information on our Agent Portal.



EASE OF BOOKING

HIGH CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

Over its long history, Avanti has delighted millions of vacationers and we like to say “we’ve never booked the same vacation twice”. Every Avanti vacation is designed specifically for the individual traveler’s requirements. Avanti offers so many options to choose from: a multitude of air and rail connections, accommodations ranging from 3-star to 5-star, private or shared transfers, and unforgettable tours and experiences. The options for creating your customized vacation

are virtually endless! Whatever the particular desire of the traveler, Avanti has the answer. Whether its exploring historic sites, private immersion into a local culinary class, or a wine tasting – the ability to deliver a truly one of a kind vacation is Avanti’s specialty. More and more, today’s travelers don’t want to simply see a destination, they want to experience it – bringing back with them vivid lasting memories to share with family and friends that are uniquely their own and remain long after their return.

TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

WITH HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

Avanti is recognized as having a cadre of the most knowledgeable and personable Travel Consultants (TCs) in the industry. Our TCs have experienced the destinations, know the little things that make a difference, and can guide you through building that perfect customized itinerary that keeps Avanti travelers coming back time after time. Their level of expertise prevents issues with traveling from destination to destination, or identifying the type of property they instinctively know will fit a particular traveler.



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CHINA AIRLINES

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A photograph of two people kayaking in a red inflatable boat on a river. The person in the front is wearing a white t-shirt and a blue bucket hat, and the person in the back is wearing a red tank top and a white baseball cap. They are both holding paddles. The river is surrounded by a high, rocky cliff with some greenery. The water is a deep green color. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be a recreational activity.

INTRODUCING

GROUPS

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At Avanti we employ a designated team of experts who have specialized in group itineraries. Groups larger than 15 passengers benefit from a seamless process while working with a dedicated sales specialist and enjoy the same exceptional quality of products and experiences that all Avanti bookings receive.

At Avanti, we make group travel easy. Complex itineraries become simple as we coordinate every aspect of your group's vacation such as hotels, unique accommodations, transfers, sightseeing experiences, meals, rail travel, and airfare.

Bring families and friends together with exciting journeys across continents offering everything from city stays to multi country itineraries. Take a wellness retreat to the rice fields of Bali, eat your way through Southeast Asia's flavorful countryside kitchens, or book an enlightening trip through the wonders of Thailand to explore bustling cities, ancient pagodas and remote beaches. Whatever your group desires Avanti can work with you to fulfill your groups dream vacation.

Avanti Destinations can customize a diverse range of itineraries. Whether travelers wish to go on an educational journey of China's ancient sites, celebrate a birthday on the white-sand beaches of El Nido, ring in the New Year before the rest of the world in trendy Seoul, or simply just visiting their favorite destinations—we will personalize each itinerary to focus on the best of the destination.

Experiences are designed around the groups' preferences. With private coaches and expert local guides, groups can enjoy the freedom of visiting their favorite cities and attractions at the pace that they want. With skip-the-line entrances, itineraries can be crafted to avoid crowded entrance times and to create unique experiences. Hotel styles and locations are thoughtfully chosen to match the expectation of the group's itinerary and local authentic restaurants can be reserved to enhance the tastes and flavors of each destination.

Let us help you create memorable experiences for your clients while providing high-quality service and with the peace of mind that all the group's travel arrangements have been taken care of.

JAPAN

Witness a wholly unique civilization that thrives in intrinsic contrasts of ancient and modern. Savor culinary delights, wander amongst natural wonders, and be inspired by endless cultural curiosities.

From the excitement and endless exploration on offer in electric Tokyo to the majestic views of Mt. Fuji found in picture-perfect Hakone National Park, Japan offers a wide variety of activities and experiences. Whether it's cherry blossoms in spring or Mt. Fuji during winter, the land of the rising sun will captivate with its singularity.



TRAVEL TIMES BY TRAIN TOKYO TO:

Hakone	1½ Hours
Hiroshima	5 Hours
Kanazawa	2½ Hours
Kyoto	2½ Hours
Nara	4 Hours
Osaka	2½ Hours
Yudanaka	2½ Hours

BY PLANE:

Nagasaki	2 Hours
Okinawa	3 Hours
Sapporo	1½ Hours



AVANTI INSIGHT

Throughout Japan, we favor using public transportation for privately guided tours for three reasons:

1) You learn how to navigate the system, 2) You arrive to the destination more efficiently, and 3) You get an insider's view of local life.

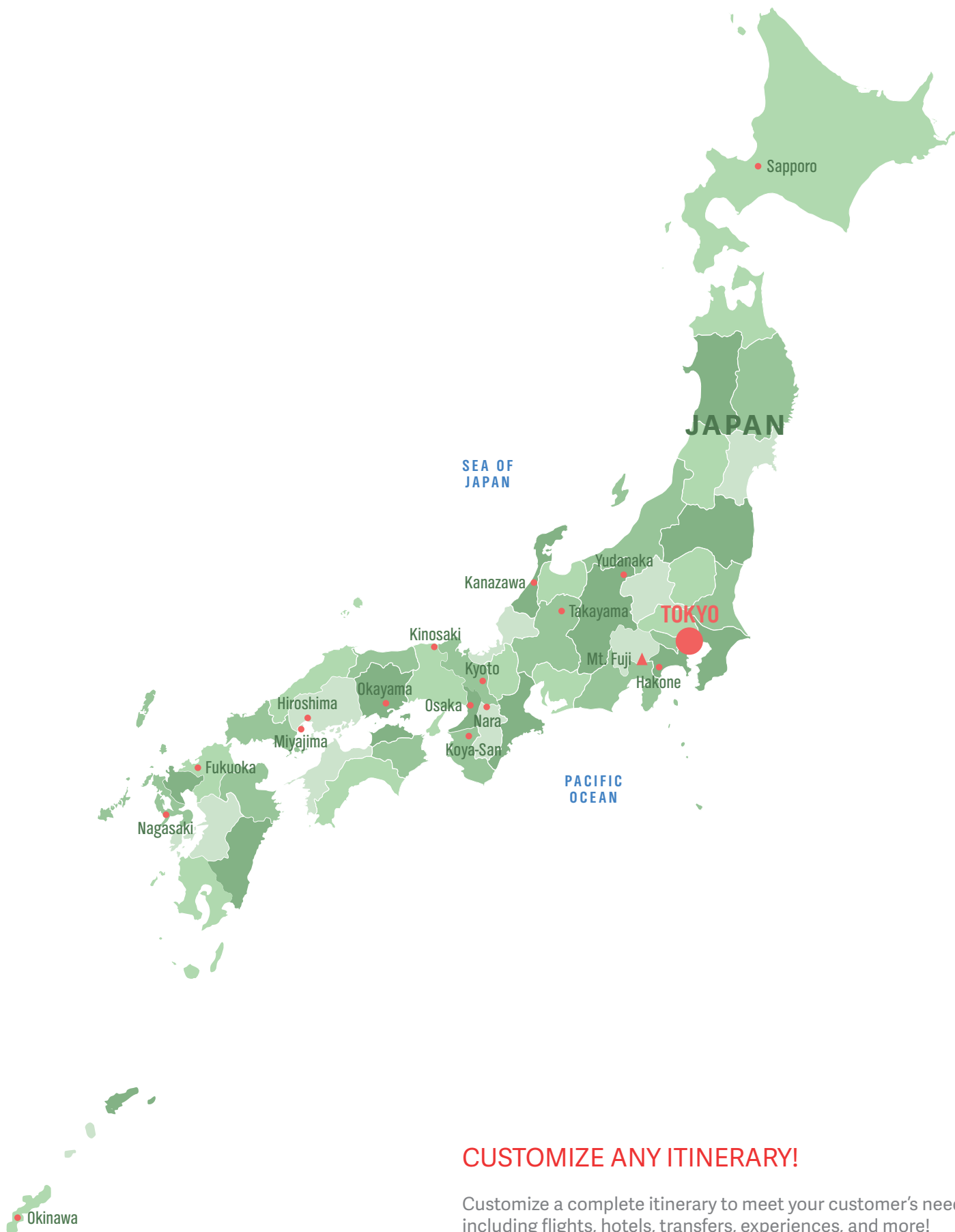
Within a city, this includes using the metro or bus system for sightseeing with your private guide. For a day trip, utilize the high-speed train to maximize your time in the destination.



Shibuya, Tokyo



Arashiyama, Kyoto



CUSTOMIZE ANY ITINERARY!

Customize a complete itinerary to meet your customer's needs including flights, hotels, transfers, experiences, and more!



Meiji Shrine, Tokyo

JAPAN DISCOVERY

TOKYO, HAKONE, TAKAYAMA, KANAZAWA, HIROSHIMA & KYOTO

This extensive review includes futuristic Tokyo, cultural Kyoto, and iconic Mt. Fuji. Travelers will also take a trip high into the Japanese Alps to the quaint village of Takayama, the refined Kanazawa, and the beautifully preserved town of Shirakawa-go before heading to Hiroshima — one of Japan's most vibrant cities.

13 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 3 Nights Tokyo & Kyoto; 2 Nights Takayama, Kanazawa & Hiroshima; 1 Night Hakone
- Private Highlights Tours in: Tokyo, Takayama, Kanazawa, Hiroshima & Kyoto
- Private Hakone Mt. Fuji National Park Tour
- Shirakawa-go Standard Bus Tickets with Self-Guided Tour
- Green-Class Rail Between Cities plus Seat Reservation
- Daily Breakfast



SHIRAKAWA-GO

A self-guided tour of a village famous for its centuries-old Gassho-zukuri farmhouses. Named for the roof's resemblance to hands in prayer, they depict the serenity of the Japanese countryside.



KANAZAWA

Built over a period of two centuries, Kenroku-en Garden is a miniature paradise reflecting the Japanese passion for aesthetics and dedication to every detail.



HIROSHIMA

Standing over ground zero of the 1945 atomic bomb blast, the Peace Memorial Park is dedicated to all the victims of that fateful event. It serves as a poignant reminder of the horrors of nuclear war.



RELAX IN A RYOKAN

BY JANET P.

For first-time visitors to Japan, staying in a ryokan — a traditional Japanese inn — is one of the best ways to get introduced to the country's ancient culture. Typical features like tatami-matted rooms, futon bedding, access to onsen (hot spring baths), and inclusive meals make for a truly unforgettable experience. The tatami flooring's slight grassy fragrance enhances the sensory appeal of the already interesting old-style lodging.

Unlike western-style accommodations, a ryokan stay is about minimalist luxury that puts a premium on space, simplicity, and peace of mind. The Japanese generally prefer understated style choices achieved by avoiding bulky furniture and using the same space for multiple purposes. For example, you'll notice right away there

isn't a bedroom — at least not in the western sense of the word.

The meals alone are worth looking forward to. Kaiseki dining is rooted on the Japanese principle of *shun* — choosing ingredients at the peak of their freshness — then displaying each one to show their unique natural beauty. This results in perfect harmony between delicious cuisine and artistic expression. Each meal features a set menu that is typically chosen to highlight a specific seasonal theme. An example might be a budding sakura — a fully bloomed cherry blossom — to represent Spring.

After a traditional kaiseki meal, the ryokan staff will remove the dinner table, replacing it with comfortable futons to enable you to wind down for the evening. The transformation is

elegant and well-practiced. There are other arrangements available as well, for those who prefer a more western-style bedding.

I always find that a visit to the public onsen is the perfect way to relax during the day. Allowing the warmth and natural minerals of the hot spring wash the daily stress away is a spiritually cleansing moment for some, though I would strongly suggest that travelers do a little research about the general guidelines and proper etiquette before visiting one.

It's easy to see how a ryokan stay is the ideal way to immerse yourself in Japanese culture. Every time I return home after staying in one, I always find myself at ease with less-cluttered thoughts, something that I think everyone could use a little more of.

Tokyo

'A never-ending adventure'



Transcending any categorization, Tokyo is a city of incredible diversity, captivating anyone eager to wander. From the neon-illuminated streets along imposing skyscrapers, one quick turn could lead you to an entirely different world.

Narrow streets lure passersby with inviting flavors, ancient temples hidden just behind bustling corners, and the beauty of cherry blossom trees bloom in traditional gardens. Wherever you may choose to venture, Japan's dynamic capital will surely amaze.

OTHER HOTELS IN TOKYO

Gracery Shinjuku 3*

Shiba Park Hotel 3*

Hotel Niwa Tokyo 4*

New Otani 4*

Hilton Tokyo 4*

Hyatt Regency Tokyo 4*

Gajoen 5* **New!**

Park Hyatt 5*

Mandarin Oriental 5*

Palace Hotel Tokyo 5*

Peninsula 5*

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PARK HOTEL 4*

Close to Shiodome Subway Station, this hotel features stunning views and stylish accommodations with large picture windows. 273 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



KEIO PLAZA 4*

Boasts sweeping views of Shinjuku, fitness center, karaoke room, and 21 dining options in Shinjuku's Skyscraper District. 1,440 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



CONRAD 5*

Located just 5 minutes away from the famous Ginza shopping street, this hotel boasts an inspiring and modern Japanese design. 290 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



Tokyo Experiences

PRIVATE MT. FUJI NATIONAL PARK TOUR

A day filled with ravishing views and volcanic landscapes on your journey to Mt. Fuji National Park. From Tokyo's Shinjuku station, head out to Hakone on the luxurious Romance Car Express Train, and up to Mt. Owakudani on the world's second largest cable car.

Dense alpine forests dominate the Hakone area, and the thermal water flows in abundance, supplying many traditional inns. Passing over the volcanic area, marvel at the power of the mountain with sulfurous fumes spraying in the air, hot rivers flowing below, and try the unusual local specialty: an egg boiled in the sulfuric hot springs!

Cross Lake Ashinoko – formed by a volcanic eruption 3,000 years ago – on a spectacular pirate ship replica. Zip through mountainous terrain aboard the Hakone Tozan train and enjoy amazing views of iconic Mt. Fuji peeking through the clouds from a distance.



RED LANTERN LOCAL FOOD EVENING TOUR

Take a stroll around one of Tokyo's trendiest areas, conveniently located minutes away from Shibuya. A popular place for locals, this area boasts some of Tokyo's best casual eateries driven by competition among local restaurants.

On this tour, you will visit five different restaurants and izakaya (casual Japanese pubs) and get to experience local dishes such as yakitori, sashimi, ramen, and more. Aka-chouchin (red lantern) is the symbol of the izakaya, a similar concept to Spanish tapas.

PRIVATE TSUKIJI FISH MARKET & SUSHI MAKING AT LOCAL HOME

The Japanese dedication to seafood is truly astonishing, and there's no better place to experience it than in one of the most iconic markets in the world, Tsukiji Market.

After a quick snack, take your catch of the day back to your guide's home for a lesson in sushi. Starting with a brief history of the origins of this dish, get your hands on seasoned rice, seaweed, and the fish you picked at the market.



TOKYO HIGHLIGHTS TOUR WITH PRIVATE GUIDE

Japan blends the old and new. Turn the corner from a modern shopping street and you're at a Shinto shrine – a world away. Surprises are many, and having a private guide will make a world of a difference.

Local guides enhance the experience of exploring this amazing city – from the Imperial Palace to Asakusa Old Town, across to the Meiji Shrine, and onto Harajuku with its many shops and exquisite eateries.

Hakone

'Rejuvenating body
and spirit'

NEW!



AURA TACHIBANA 4*

Surrounded by abundant nature, this luxurious onsen ryokan features open-air baths with great views of Hakone. 45 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator |
Breakfast | Dinner

NEW!



KOWAKIEN TEN-YU 4*

Blending traditional and modern motifs, amenities include open-air baths, a spa, and an onsen with great panoramic views. 150 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator |
Breakfast | Dinner



HYATT REGENCY HAKONE 5*

An onsen resort located in Gora in Kanagawa Prefecture, with spacious rooms featuring marble baths and balconies overlooking Hakone's natural beauty. 80 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator |
Romance | Breakfast

A natural wonderland nestled in Mt. Fuji National Park, Hakone offers a revitalizing experience for both body and soul.

Venture up Mt. Fuji along steaming rivers and spectacular sceneries, travel aboard a pirate ship, and marvel at the iconic torii gate with a jaw-dropping view of the volcano as its background. Nurture your body and soul with a hot spring bath at a traditional onsen spa, and enjoy the serenity of this dreamy destination.

OTHER HOTELS IN HAKONE

Hotel Okada 3* **New!**

Ichinoyu Honkan 3*

Kajikaso 3* **New!**

Tensui Saryo 4* **New!**

Susukinohara Ichinoyu 4* **New!**

Gora Kadan 5* **New!**

EXPERIENCES IN HAKONE

Private Mt. Fuji National Park Tour

Private Hakone Arts & Crafts Tour



TAKAYAMA

This mountain town charms with a lively morning market and a plethora of temples, shrines, festivals, and bridges. Nearby, the quaint village of Shirakawa-go, nestled in a peaceful valley, encapsulates Japan's timeless essence.



HONJIN HIRANOYA BEKKAN 4*

Boasting open-air hot spring baths looking over the city, this ryokan is just steps away from popular Takayama Jinya and its morning market. 28 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast | Dinner

OTHER HOTELS IN TAKAYAMA

Best Western Takayama 3*

Associa 4*

Hidatei Hanaougi 4* **New!**

Honjin Hiranoya Kachoan 5*

EXPERIENCES IN TAKAYAMA

Private Takayama Highlights Tour

Private Takayama & Shirakawa-go Tour

Private Takayama Food & Culture Walking Tour **New!**



KANAZAWA

Once serving as the seat of the Maeda Clan, Kanazawa boasts restored residences and districts, modern museums, and Japan's best garden.



KANAZAWA TOKYU 4*

A comfortable hotel with 2 restaurants and massage services. Offers buffet-style and Japanese-style breakfasts. 236 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN KANAZAWA

Vista Kanazawa 3* **New!**

ANA Crowne Plaza Kanazawa 4*

Nikko 4*

EXPERIENCES IN KANAZAWA

Private Kanazawa Highlights Tour

Private Kanazawa Traditional Crafts Tour

Private Kanazawa Tea Ceremony Experience **New!**



Kyoto

'Steeped in history'

This city of culture, and former capital, was the residence of the emperor from 794 until 1868, boasting an impressive historical heritage despite a troubled past of wars and fires.

Harboring over 2,000 temples and shrines, Kyoto is the embodiment of a peaceful retreat. Here you can enjoy a traditional tea ceremony on tatami floors next to a carefully tended zen garden, all while engulfed by the subtle fragrance of incense.

By no means a small city, Kyoto gracefully retains a laid back atmosphere, thanks to the many gardens and temples sprinkled throughout its footprint.

OTHER HOTELS IN KYOTO

Gracery Kyoto Sanjo 3*

Royal Park Hotel Kyoto Sanjo 3*

Hotel Vista Premio Kyoto Nagomitei 3* **New!**

Seikoro Ryokan 3* **New!**

Vista Premio Kawaramachi 3*

Rihga Royal Hotel 4*

The Thousand Kyoto 5* **New!**

Hyatt Regency Kyoto 5*

Ritz Carlton Kyoto 5*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinatons.com/japan



KYOTO TOKYU 4*

From the impressive main entrance and the courtyard water feature, the atmosphere of quiet composure communicates a sense of calm and relaxation. 430 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



GRANVIA KYOTO 4*

This upscale property features spa facilities and more than 1,000 works of art. It's located near Kyoto Station's shopping mall and museum. 535 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



FOUR SEASONS KYOTO 5*

A delightful luxury hotel set in the scenic temple district with an 800-year-old ikeniwa (pond garden) at its heart. 123 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



PRIVATE KYOTO HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Start the day with the eclectic Kinkakuji Temple, a villa converted into a Buddhist worship place, before proceeding to Nijo Castle. Completed in 1603, it is famous for its architectural beauty, along with the stunning gardens that surround it. Finish in Nishiki Market, and indulge in the wide variety of local and national delicacies.

PRIVATE ARASHIYAMA TOUR

For over 1,000 years, Arashiyama has been a place of peace and reflection.

Start with a delightful tea ceremony at the Okochi Mountain Villa and make your way to the main attraction, the magical bamboo groves. Finish this zen journey at Tenryuji temple with its relaxing ambiance and beautiful gardens.



PRIVATE NARA & FUSHIMI TOUR

Set out on a day excursion to Nara, one of Japan's former capitals. Visit Todaiji temple, the largest wooden structure in the world and home of the giant Buddha statue.

After visiting Nara's most celebrated shrine, Kasuga Taisha, enjoy a stroll through Nara Park, where you can feed and enjoy the presence of over 1,000 deer.



Kyoto Experiences

NEW! PRIVATE DINNER WITH A GEISHA

Join an expert guide on an enlightening experience through the streets of Gion. Packed with restaurants, bars, and tea houses, this historic district boasts an extensive history in entertainment. A window into the geisha world, learn about their history along with interesting insights of what the future holds for the unique entertainers.

After the walk, enjoy a sumptuous Japanese dinner in the private room of a traditional restaurant with free flowing drinks. For one hour, you will enjoy the company of a geisha or maiko (geisha apprentice) with traditional dancing and a shamisen performance (Japanese stringed instrument). This will be a great opportunity to interact with the geisha and ask questions about their life as entertainers, as well as play traditional drinking games.

This is a special night of food, drink, traditional entertainment, and great photo opportunities.



OSAKA

A lively destination with an easy-going attitude, this is the place to enjoy exciting nightlife, otherworldly cuisine, and historical treasures found around every corner.



RITZ CARLTON OSAKA 5*

Located in the prestigious district of Nishi-Umeda, this luxury property evokes an 18th-century English manor house. 292 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN OSAKA

Moxy Osaka 3* *New!*

Granvia Osaka 4*

Hilton Osaka 4*

New Otani 4*

St. Regis 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN OSAKA

Private Osaka Highlights Tour

Private Osaka Afternoon Walking Tour

Private Osaka Gourmet Evening Tour

Private Kobe Tour from Osaka



HIROSHIMA

A city that rose from its ashes, Hiroshima is a modern destination with a thriving culinary community, a lively arts scene, picturesque gardens and parks, and a jovial nightlife.



SHERATON GRAND HIROSHIMA 4*

This hotel is a short 1-minute walk from Hiroshima Rail Station and features 4 dining options, an indoor pool, and a fitness center. 238 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN HIROSHIMA

New Hiroden 3 *

Iwaso 4* *New!*

Granvia Hiroshima 4*

Rihga Royal Hiroshima 5*

EXPERIENCES IN HIROSHIMA

Private Hiroshima City Tour *New!*

Private Hiroshima & Miyajima Tour *New!*

Private Hiroshima & Sake Village Tour *New!*

Private Naoshima Island Tour from Hiroshima *New!*



SAPPORO

Use this spirited city as a base for exploring Hokkaido's majestic mountains and peaceful hot springs. Enjoy its dynamic food scene, lively nightlife, and fabulous shopping opportunities.



KEIO PLAZA 4*

Conveniently located, it offers modern accommodations with 7 dining options, spa facilities, and an indoor pool. 499 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN SAPPORO

Tokyu REI 3* *New!*

Mercure 3* *New!*

Cross 4* *New!*

Sapporo Park 4* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN SAPPORO

Private Sapporo Highlights Tour *New!*

Private Sushi Making & Beer Museum Tour *New!*

Private Dairy Farm & Cheese Making Experience *New!*

Private Otaru Tour from Sapporo *New!*



OKINAWA

With coral reefs and abundant marine wildlife, the seas surrounding these small islands are considered among the world's most beautiful.



ANA CROWNE PLAZA OKINAWA HARBORVIEW 4*

Surrounded by a national park and coral reef, this premier resort features an exclusive Club Lounge. 352 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN OKINAWA

Mercure Okinawa Naha 3* *New!*

Gracery Naha 3* *New!*

Naha Terrace 4* *New!*

Okinawa Marriott 4* *New!*

The Terrace Club at Busena 4* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN OKINAWA

Private Naha City Highlights Tour *New!*

Remote Island Snorkeling Tour *New!*

Private Evening Okinawan Cuisine Tour *New!*

Private Okinawa Culture Tour *New!*

SOUTH KOREA

Bridging the ancient and modern, South Korea is a country of contrasting facets. Ancient temples, beautifully preserved historical villages, and the buzzing urban hubs, all comprise different reasons to fall in love with this destination.

Seoul is a thriving, modern city, which still manages to hold onto its traditional past. It is amazing to walk along the city streets and happen upon a Buddhist Temple nestled among the modern buildings.

From the tech-driven capital to the natural beauty of Jeju Island, travel through South Korea's treasured destinations, and relish in the unique culture backed by a mosaic of local customs, history, and cuisine.



Bulguksa Temple, Gyeongju

TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE SEOUL TO:

Beijing	2 Hours
Busan	1 Hour
Hong Kong	4 Hours
Jeju Island	1 Hour
Shanghai	1½ Hours
Taipei	3 Hours
Tokyo	2½ Hours

BY CAR:

Andong	3½ Hours
Haeinsa Temple	4 Hours
Jeonju	3 Hours

AVANTI INSIGHT

Seoul is one of the most modern cities in the world, but it has a traditional heart - Bukchon Hanok Village. Rent a hanbok, the traditional Korean dress, for a colorful introduction to this incredibly well-preserved historic village and immerse yourself in Korea's bygone times.



SOUTH KOREA ESSENTIALS

SEOUL, BUSAN & JEJU ISLAND

Topped by Seoul, a thriving city that enlivens the senses, the rest of South Korea shines in beautiful contrasts. Famous seafood, beaches, and hot springs complement the vibrant pulse of Busan's nightlife.

Jeju, the "Island of the Gods," shares spectacular sunsets and majestic waterfalls with visitors looking to venture beyond the bustle.

9 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 3 Nights Seoul, Busan & Jeju Island
- Private Historical Seoul Experience
- Private Discover Busan Experience
- Private Jeju Island Experience
- Daily Breakfast

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SEOUL

Revel in the animation of Seoul, a tech-driven capital with a strong fashion and culinary scene. Set out in search of pockets of peace in the many temples, or historical villages just outside the capital.



BUSAN

A city with a colorful personality, venture through the winding streets of Gamcheon Culture Village, the compelling Gukje Market, and dive into the exquisite flavors of Jagalchi, Korea's finest fish market.



JEJU ISLAND

Escape to the peace of Jeju Island, with its natural beauty and distinct culture. Meet the haenyeo female divers, conquer the crater mountain of Seongsan Ilchulbong and enjoy the quaint island lifestyle.



Gyeongbokgung Palace, Seoul

Seoul

'High-tech and
beau monde'



FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON 4*

Situated in the vibrant Yongsan-gu district, the hotel offers convenient access to many of the city's scenic attractions. 342 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



GRAND AMBASSADOR 4*

Packed with amenities such as a spa, driving range, 7 food and beverage options. Centrally located for easy access to the city. 413 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



FOUR SEASONS 5*

This hip hotel's decor combines classic Korean design motifs with a clean, modern aesthetic. 317 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Ancient heritage and modern aspirations coexist in a capital that boasts quaint tea houses, perfectly manicured parks, and traditional wooden homes.

OTHER HOTELS IN SEOUL

Ibis Styles Ambassador Yongsan 3* **New!**

L7 Hongdae 4* **New!**

L7 Myeongdong 4* **New!**

Novotel Ambassador Dongdaemun 4* **New!**

Westin Chosun 5* **New!**

EXPERIENCES IN SEOUL

Private Historical Seoul Tour

DMZ & Paju Tour

Private Samhae Soju-ga Brewery and Cooking Class **New!**

Private Korean Cultural Experience **New!**

Private Taekwondo with Korean Dry Sauna Experience **New!**

Private Seoul Heritage Tour

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CULTURAL KOREA

BY LENA M.

The past and future thrive simultaneously in South Korea. During my trip I witnessed high-tech trains zip beneath streets that were littered with old markets and Buddhist temples. Instead of clashing against each other, the country's past and present coexist harmoniously. But as much as I adored this beautiful duality, my favorite parts of the journey were my experiences outside of Seoul.

I visited Andong Hahoe Folk Village, a place whose name literally translates as 'village surrounded by water'. Fitting, considering the Nakdong River cocoons the entire community. The view from the top of Buyongdae Cliff was what struck me the most. Looking down at the aged houses nestled together, protected by the dramatic cliffs and rivers on all sides, I realized that I was staring at a perfectly maintained glimpse of the country's historical past.

A simple two-hour drive west from Hahoe is a charming community of Hanok houses. Hanoks — traditional Korean houses — were first built in the 14th century, and there are still over 800 well-preserved structures in Jeonju's Hanok Village. I imagined that every home would look the same, but that wasn't the case. While a triangular tiled roof was uniformly laid atop all the houses, each one stood out with their own unique character. Some showcased stone, others had elaborate wood carvings, while a few exuded graces minus the extra flair.

I was fortunate enough to stay in a few historical accommodations like a hanok and a Korean Buddhist temple for a night. They really do provide you with a completely immersive cultural experience. There was one point when I woke up to the sound of Monks beating on Dharma drums, the noise permeating the morning air with a soothing rhythm.

South Korea has beautifully mastered the balancing act of giving honor to their past, while pushing forward towards the future. The futuristic technology and modern lifestyles are encouraged but there is always time during the day to practice simplicity and contemplation. Since my return I find even during the chaos that can overtake my life, it's important to remember what I learned on my trip; "Don't let your thoughts and opinions cloud the beauty around you".



CHINA

As one of the world's earliest civilizations, China holds an immeasurable wealth of cultural and historical heritages, pioneering through the centuries in technology and thought.

This vast and varied country offers an endless array of experiences, between the ambitions of its scattered metropolitan juggernauts, the peaceful simplicity of its serene landscapes, and the majesty of its temples and monuments.

Fast-paced or slow, ancient or modern, China is the place where you can lose yourself in the heart of bustling cities, or lose track of time in the idyllic countryside, all while indulging in a delectable cuisine, wherever the roads may lead.



TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE BEIJING TO:

Chengdu	3 Hours
Chongqing	3 Hours
Datong	1 Hour
Guilin	3 Hours
Hong Kong	3½ Hours
Lhasa (Tibet)	4½ Hours
Shanghai	2½ Hours
Shenzhen	3½ Hours
Taipei	3½ Hours
Xian	2 Hours
Yichang	2½ Hours



AVANTI INSIGHT

Since the famed “bullet train” was introduced to China, the country's rail network has transformed into an efficient transportation option. Reaching across the vast nation, it's possible to connect an itinerary together by high-speed train in the comfort of first class or purchase a seat in luxurious business class.



The Great Wall of China, Beijing



Yu Garden, Shanghai



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Forbidden City, Beijing

CHINA ESSENTIALS

BEIJING, XIAN & SHANGHAI

With exciting discoveries around every corner, China's must-see cities boast sights that highlight the country's ancient history, rich culture, and promising future. Experience Beijing's captivating mix of old and new from the seat of a wooden rickshaw.

Head to Xian and unlock the secrets of China's ancient civilizations, then feel the pulse of Shanghai's unique energy while strolling along the Bund, taking in the most futuristic skyline in the world.

8 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 3 Nights Beijing & Shanghai; 2 Nights Xian
- Private Beijing Highlights Tour
- Private Terracotta Warriors Tour
- Private Shanghai Essentials Tour
- Daily Breakfast

Be inspired by our Recommended Vacations and customize a unique itinerary for your customers.



BEIJING

Visit world-renowned monuments such as the Great Wall and Tiananmen Square. Passing along several monuments, reach the Forbidden City, an imperial complex reputed to have 9,999 rooms!



XIAN

Visit this important point on the Silk Road, home of the famous Terracotta Warriors. Counting roughly 8,000, this ancient army was created to protect and serve the first emperor of China in his afterlife.



SHANGHAI

Explore Shanghai's quieter side. Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and enjoy a boat ride on the scenic Bund. Passing through the Yu Garden, reach the Old Bazaar, a great place to admire local culture.

CLASSIC CHINA

BY MARK G.

One of the best things about traveling to China is how expansive the country is. You can travel there time and time again, and never see the same place twice. Beyond China's immense and dense cities lie some of its most wondrous and quintessential experiences, easily accessible with convenient transportation options throughout the country. Some of my most memorable experiences took place in China, a place with an almost endless number of things to see and do.

For over 1,000 years, countless people have traversed the city of Suzhou's intricate network of canals and waterways, which gave the historic town its nickname as the 'Venice of the Orient'. I wandered across several of the ancient bridges in the area, in awe at the detailed carvings on the stone and how the arches reflected

as a perfect circle on the undisturbed water below. The level of my admiration increased as soon as I entered the Humble Administrator's Garden — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was such a treat to witness firsthand the exquisite beauty of one of China's most famous gardens.

In the scenic region of Guilin, limestone karsts and a breathtaking landscape have been left unfazed by the rapid modernization that's still sweeping across China. It was once a proud bastion of the armies tasked to guard China's southwest border from invasion; today it's the serene home of a thriving and fascinating local culture. I found myself aboard a boat headed downstream towards Yangshuo — the "Most Beautiful Town on the Li River". Surrounded by rice fields and lush bamboo forests along the river's edge, it was a truly magnificent view.

I once spent a while in Tibet - a tranquil place where it's easy to lose track of time. For hundreds of years, the monks of Tibet have imparted their priceless wisdom about the joys of silence and the rewards of contemplation. It's remarkable to think that there were still monasteries that housed hundreds of monks at any given time; places where they spun their prayer wheels and chanted sutras while walking along Barkor Street beside Jokhang Temple — one of the holiest temples in Tibetan Buddhism.

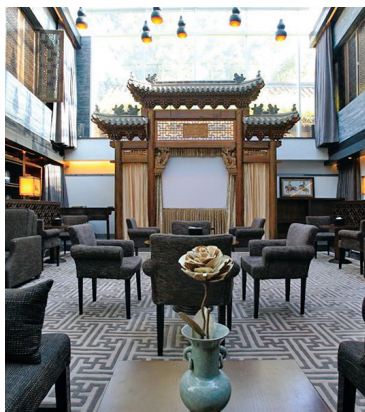
I've been to this country several times in my life, but this Tibetan trip provided me with a brand-new set of adventures and ideas to ponder upon. If you're looking for a destination that will treat you to a variety of experiences, traditions, and unique memories, I promise you won't go wrong with China.





Beijing

'Young at heart'



SHICHAHAI SHADOW ART HOTEL 4*

A harmonious pairing of a theater and accommodations with modern Chinese elements. 25 rooms.

FEATURES

Bar | AC | Breakfast



THE PENINSULA 5*

This hotel has fine restaurants and shopping only a short stroll away from Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. 230 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



WALDORF ASTORIA 5*

Luxury hotel in the city center with a fitness center, indoor pool, spa, and garden. Rooms are large with a modern design. 176 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

A city fueled by ambition and progress, it is one of China's largest cultural and economic centers. Home to the Forbidden City and gateway to the Great Wall, Beijing is an overload of awe.

OTHER HOTELS IN BEIJING

- China World 4*
- Park Plaza Wangfujing 4*
- Shichahai Sandalwood Boutique 4*
- Brickyard Retreat at Great Wall 4*
- Double Tree by Hilton 4*
- NUO Hotel Beijing 5*

EXPERIENCES IN BEIJING

- Private Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City Tour
- Private Mutianyu Great Wall Tour from Beijing
- Private Summer Palace Tour
- Private Wangfujing Night Market Tour
- Private Beijing Highlights Tour

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinatons.com/china



NEW!

THE YANGTZE BOUTIQUE 4*

A sanctuary of comfort, the stylish rooms feature a private balcony or terrace, and spacious bathrooms. 96 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



NEW!

WALDORF ASTORIA 5*

This architectural jewel boasts 6 award-winning restaurants and lounges, along with the much admired Ballroom. 260 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



FAIRMONT PEACE HOTEL 5*

This historic landmark hotel is an Art Deco masterpiece reinvented for the 21st-century. 270 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

An economic titan with towering skyscrapers and chaotic streets hides a genteel core. Beyond the luxury and bustle, its beauty unveils with quiet temples, gardens, and the scenic Bund waterfront.

OTHER HOTELS IN SHANGHAI

Grand Central 4* *New!*

Hyatt On the Bund 4* *New!*

Langham Shanghai Xintiandi 5*

The Puli Hotel & Spa 5* *New!*

The Peninsula 5*

EXPERIENCES IN SHANGHAI

Private Shanghai Essentials Tour

Private Zhujiqiao Water Town Tour from Shanghai

ERA Acrobatic Show

Private Shanghai Tower by Night

Private Suzhou Tour from Shanghai

Private Hangzhou Tour from Shanghai

Shanghai

'A never-ending dream'





GRAND MELIA 5*

Within the old city walls, it boasts rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows, a spa and many exquisite dining options. 389 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



SOFITEL XIAN ON RENMIN SQUARE 5*

Elegant rooms are featured in this hotel plus an indoor heated pool, spa, 4 restaurants, and 3 bars. 414 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



WYNDHAM GRAND XIAN SOUTH 5*

This luxury hotel exudes style with a modern flair, featuring a hot tub, fitness center, and indoor pool. 565 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

Explore this living history book that was once an important terminal and melting pot on the Silk Road. An ancient city with a lot to show for it, visit its various quarters and indulge in the heavenly cuisine.

See the row upon row of Terracotta Warriors with your own eyes and walk along the glass floors of the Hanyang Tombs to find treasures that archaeologists have unearthed.

OTHER HOTELS IN XIAN

Grand Mercure Xian on Renmin Square 4*

Shangri-La 5*

Hyatt Regency 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN XIAN

Private Terracotta Warriors Tour

Private Old Xian Tour

Private Xian Night Tour with Dumpling Dinner

Tang Dynasty Dinner Show

Private Hu County Tour

A close-up photograph of two giant pandas in their natural habitat. The panda on the right is in the foreground, holding a piece of bamboo in its mouth and chewing. The panda on the left is slightly behind it, also holding bamboo. They are surrounded by logs and bamboo stalks.

MEET THE PANDAS OF CHENGDU

BY KATHERINE J.

In my recent travels over the past few years, I have constantly yearned for a trip that would satisfy both my wanderlust and my increasing thirst for new, fun, and heartwarming experiences. So when I was presented with the wonderful opportunity to go to Chengdu and observe the incredibly adorable Chinese Giant Panda in its natural habitat, I immediately packed my bags without hesitation.

The China Conservation and Research Center for the Giant Panda sits on eight square miles of lush bamboo forest. The area's climate and the surrounding vegetation are ideally suited to the needs of the famously fluffy creatures.

I spent the day as a volunteer at the center, where I learned more about the

previously endangered species and the efforts to further increase their population. The best part of being there though, to be honest, was watching the pandas go about their lazy lives in the cutest ways possible.

Although I've always wanted to see the Giant Pandas up close, they weren't the only reason I was excited to visit Chengdu. I've read about the Sanxingdui Ruins — recognized as one of the most important archaeological remains in the world — and I promised myself that I would visit it someday.

Though the site itself was first discovered by a farmer in 1929, two major sacrificial pits were discovered in 1986. The pits spurred the attention of academic experts from all over the

world, mainly due to the fact that almost nothing is known about them. No physical evidence about the people who lived there or what happened to them has ever been found. Needless to say, seeing such a fascinating and mysterious part of ancient history with my own two eyes was quite moving.

In the end, my visit to Chengdu provided me with a great mix of hilarious, uplifting, and wondrous memories. It was the type of trip that ended even better than I was expecting, making it an experience I will always remember.



Yangtze River

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

CHONGQING TO YICHANG AND YICHANG TO CHONGQING

Sail through the golden waters of the Three Gorges, relax and soak in the beautiful scenery on the banks of Yangtze River. Largely unaffected by the tourism industry, it preserves the genuine beauty with tranquil villages, rice paddies climbing up hillsides, and unspoilt nature.

With many exciting stops along the way, a journey down the majestic Yangtze River is a once in a lifetime experience.

3 OR 4 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Accommodations
- Guided Shore Excursions, Entrance Fees & Transportation
- Onboard Activities
- All Meals During Full Sailing Days
- Port Charges & Fees



VICTORIA CRUISES 4*

Spacious and elegant, each cabin offers a private balcony to enjoy the passing scenery. Vessel capacity ranges from 200 to 400 passengers.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Family | AC | Elevator



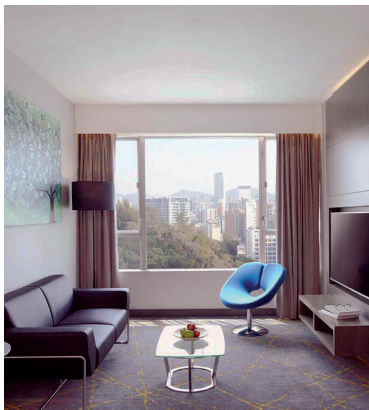
THE SANCTUARY YANGZI EXPLORER 5*

The cruise line features the largest suites on the river with impeccable service.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance



THE CITYVIEW 4*

Eco-conscious hospitality adjacent to the bustling Nathan Road and within easy access to famous Kowloon attractions and shopping arcades. 422 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



THE LANGHAM 5*

An award winning Kowloon hotel featuring the Michelin-starred T'ang Court restaurant. 498 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



THE UPPER HOUSE 5*

Rooms here are surprisingly spacious, featuring natural materials and gorgeous bathrooms. Enjoy thrilling views from Level 49 at Café Gray Deluxe. 117 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Be amazed by skyscrapers, neon-lit street markets, and heavenly food. Delight in an enigmatic city that has seen more than its fair share of change.

OTHER HOTELS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

Lan Kwai Fong 4*

Metropark Causeway Bay 4*

Four Seasons 5*

Mandarin Oriental 5*

OTHER HOTELS IN KOWLOON

The Mira Hong Kong 5*

The Peninsula Hotel 5*

EXPERIENCES IN HONG KONG

Private Hong Kong Island Tour

Aqua Luna Cruise - Symphony of Lights **New!**

Private Heritage Tour

Private Lantau Explorer Tour

Private Kowloon & New Territories Tour


Private Lion Rock Hiking Tour **New!**

Private Macao Tour from Hong Kong

Hong Kong

'Frenetic beauty'





TAIWAN IN TWO DAYS

BY RYAN M.

If I had to select favorite experiences from our stopover in Taiwan, my answer would definitely have something to do with the local cuisine and our visit to Shifen Old Street — an old railroad stop turned marketplace that's populated by shops and vendors selling food, souvenirs, and popular items like sky lanterns. The area is a remarkable glimpse at the town's industrial history, and we had a memorable time exploring every lane and alley.

Releasing sky lanterns at Shifen Old Street has since become a popular tourist activity. Originally used as a signaling system by rail workers back in the day, it's now a tradition that's fueled by the belief that any wish written on a lantern will come true. After purchasing one from one of the many storefronts, a lovely shop employee

stayed with us as we decorated all four sides with drawings and wishes. She even made sure that we took pictures from every angle before we let it float to the heavens.

As we walked past men and women writing requests and prayers asking for health, good fortune, and happiness, it quickly became apparent how special this ceremony is for both visitors and locals. Before we left, I made sure to buy a small lantern to take home with me as a reminder of the wonderful evening.

Every meal we ate was freshly made and accompanied by rich aromas and textures. Our last dinner was at the famous Din Tai Fung. Seeing as they're known around the world for their dumplings, specifically their Xiao Long

Bao, I was eager to try them out for the first time; and it definitely did not disappoint! Our table held a variety of dumpling types, but I have to say that the spicier ones were my favorite. I also learned the correct way to eat Xiao Long Bao. Here's a hint: pierce a hole in the dumplings first before sucking the juices out in order to avoid burning your mouth.

We really had a great time despite the short duration of our stay, which made me realize that Taiwan is as perfect a place for a stopover as any other renowned port country in the region. No matter how condensed your schedule is, Taiwan can surely deliver memorable experiences as long as you pace yourself and do not get overwhelmed by the array of options at your disposal.

NEW!

THE GREAT GOBI ADVENTURE

ULAANBAATAR & GOBI DESERT

The Gobi Desert is one of the most untouched, unique, and unknowable places on earth. The site of an ancient inland sea long washed away, the vast expanses of the Gobi Desert hide a treasure trove of fossilized dinosaur bones and eggs.

To this day, about one-third of Mongolia's population is fully nomadic with many Mongolians unwilling to settle down. They call the boundless steppes and seemingly inhospitable Gobi Desert their home.

8 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 4 Nights Ulaanbaatar & Gobi Desert Ger Camps
- Private Ulaanbaatar Highlights & Private Gobi Desert Tour
- Private Lake Adag & Dinosaur Excavating Site
- Private Bayan Zag & "Flaming Cliffs" Tour
- Private Yol & Havtsgait Valleys & 13th Century Park Tour
- Roundtrip Domestic Flights from Ulaanbaatar to Gobi Desert
- Daily Breakfast Plus Most Lunches & Dinners



ULAANBAATAR

The sprawling capital is home to almost half of Mongolia's people. Uncover Ulaanbaatar's history with a tour of the Buddhist Gandan Monastery and the Museum of National History.



GOBI DESERT

The harsh Gobi Desert is home to over 400,000 camels, countless prehistoric fossils, and a roving nomadic population. In the middle of this desert is the bewildering Gobi Glacier for you to witness.



DINOSAUR EXCAVATION SITE

Explore the Flaming Cliffs, first examined by archaeologist Roy Chapman Andrews, and find for yourself petrified forests and the skeleton of a colossal hornless rhino.

Gobi Desert, Mongolia

THAILAND

The epitome of a tropical destination, Thailand is the country of endless marvels. Walk through Bangkok's steamy and ambrosial food markets, marvel at Chiang Mai's golden pagodas in the morning light, or relax on scenic island beaches known across the world.

In the south, tropical islands revel in an unspoilt tranquility. Regions such as Phuket and Phi Phi Islands offer the much-longed for escape with luxury resorts, staggering views, and many aquatic adventures. In the north, the landscape is dominated by lush forests, sprinkled with remote villages, ancient temples, and a predominantly earthy vibe.

Such a diverse country is the gateway for all types of travelers, from the introspect to the adventurous.



TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE BANGKOK TO:

Bali	4½ Hours
Chiang Mai	1½ Hours
Chiang Rai	1½ Hours
Dubai	6½ Hours
Ho Chi Minh City	1½ Hours
Hong Kong	3 Hours
Koh Samui	1 Hour
Phnom Penh	1 Hour
Phuket	1½ Hours
Seoul	5½ Hours
Singapore	2½ Hours
Taipei	4 Hours
Tokyo	6½ Hours
Vientiane	1½ Hours
Yangon	1½ Hours

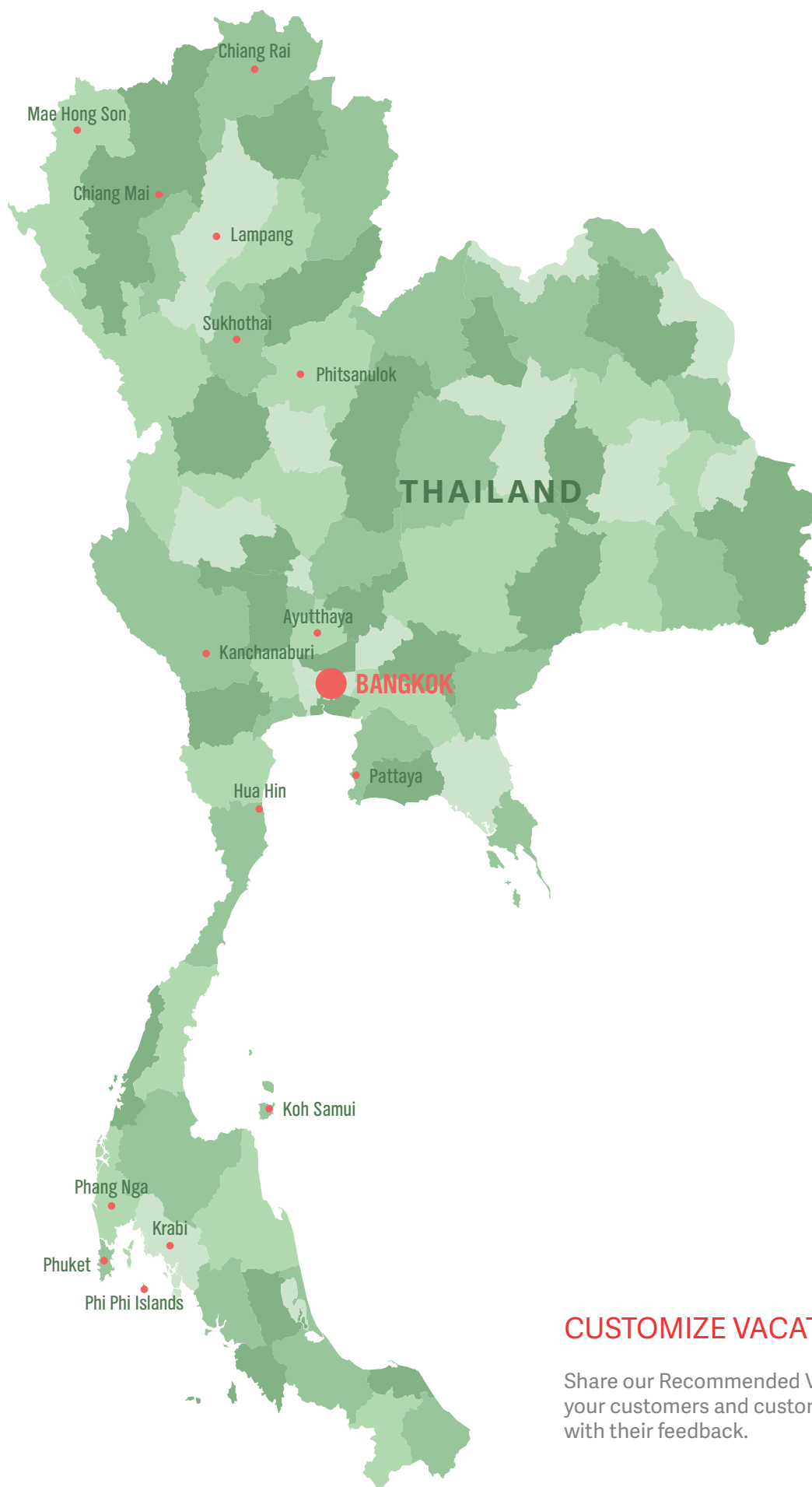


AVANTI INSIGHT

Around the size of Texas, Thailand is a major transportation hub in Southeast Asia. Moving around the country is easy and efficient with domestic airlines providing high quality service and amenities. When planning a trip, be sure to take advantage of the non-stop flights from culturally rich Chiang Mai to a fantastic beach destination (Phuket, Krabi, or Koh Samui) without having to transfer in Bangkok.



Inthanon Mountain, Chiang Mai



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NEW!

CONNECTING THE CAPITALS OF THAILAND

BANGKOK, AYUTTHAYA & SUKHOTHAI

Immerse yourself in the history of Thailand's 3 great kingdoms. Visit the Grand Palace of Bangkok, walk among the ancient temples of Ayutthaya and Sukhothai, and marvel at the complexity and beauty of these sites.

7 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 3 Nights Bangkok; 2 Nights Ayutthaya & Sukhothai
- Private City, Temple & Royal Grand Palace Tour
- Private Koh Kret Tour; Private Art & Culture Walk
- Organic Rice Farm Experience with Cooking Class
- Private Ayutthaya Temples Tour
- Private Sukhothai Cultural Tour
- Private Ruins of Sukhothai Tour
- Daily Breakfast



Wat Chaiwatthanaram, Ayutthaya



BANGKOK

Discover the heavily adorned temples and palaces of Bangkok, marveling at the imposing Reclining Buddha, Emerald Buddha, and visit the peculiar Chinese and Portuguese districts.



AYUTTHAYA

Home of Thailand's most spectacular temples, Ayutthaya is an authentic delight. Experience the local culture on the premises of an organic rice farm, followed by a tasty cooking class.



SUKHOTHAI

In the birthplace of the Thai written language, marvel at the centuries old temples along with the largest Buddha statues in the country, and learn about the traditional mud-soaked textiles.

THAILAND'S DELICACIES

BY GINA B.

The people who know me can confidently attest to my almost-obsessive love for great food, which is why they won't find it surprising that I was brimming with excitement the moment I set foot in Thailand for the first time.

Thai cuisine is famous for seamlessly mixing sweet, spicy, sour, and savory elements to every dish, and that never ceases to amaze me. The culinary highlight of my trip's Bangkok leg was our visit to Bangrak Bazaar. Not only was I able to sample a crazy amount of mouth-watering street food, I also witnessed the vibrant atmosphere of the community composed of family-run stalls, colorful multi-generational shophouses, and vendors that spilled nonchalantly onto the streets.

The aroma of lemon grass and Thai basil simmering was evident in the air. As I made my way through the market, I couldn't help but admire the techniques involved in preparing the selection of meals to offer. With every glance I was presented with scenes of fresh fish frying, hand-made noodles cooking, and numerous snacks being peddled by locals who unanimously insisted that theirs were the best.

Despite my admiration for the collective expertise of the Bangrak cooks, it wasn't until our stay with our host family on the outskirts of Chiang Mai that I truly understood the artisanship required for creating truly-delicious Thai meals.

After a welcome drink, we were ushered to a local orchard and herb garden where we learned about the variety of herbs used to create the unique flavors that Thailand is known for. Kaffir lime leaves, Thai chili powder, ginger root, and shallots filled my bag when we left. I couldn't wait to learn what we were going to do with them.

During our stay in our host's charming teak home, we had the wonderful opportunity to test our abilities by assisting in the preparation of our dinner. While I was fortunate enough to know my way around the kitchen, there were a few in our group who had boundless enthusiasm but lacked the experience. Regardless, our hosts patiently guided everyone through every stage of the cooking process. As a result, we managed to create what we believe was the most memorable home-cooked meal we ever had in Thailand; and that's saying a lot! All things considered, my trip to the 'Land of Smiles' certainly holds a special place in my heart.





Bangkok

'The grand capital'

Lively, colorful, and packed with wonderful attractions, Bangkok holds a special allure. A city fit for a king, and even more for explorers, it welcomes visitors with open arms and a homey warmth.

Quick street food or high-end restaurants, boutique or luxury accommodations, and a plethora of cultural treasures, all can be found in the city beloved by all.

OTHER HOTELS IN BANGKOK

Rembrandt Hotel 4*

U Sukhumvit Bangkok 4*

Mandarin Hotel Managed by
Centre Point 4* **New!**

Avani Riverside Hotel 4*

Hotel Muse Bangkok Langsuan 5*

Sofitel Sukhumvit 5*

137 Pillars Suites & Residences 5*

Grand Hyatt Erawan 5*

Conrad 5* **New!**

The Peninsula 5*

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SHANGHAI MANSION 4*

This hotel recreates the elegance of Shanghai in the 1930s in a historical building. It features well appointed rooms and a jazz bar. 76 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator |
Breakfast



RIVA SURYA BANGKOK 4*

On the banks of Chao Praya River, this property provides an idyllic getaway in the heart of the city. 68 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
AC | Elevator | Breakfast



ANANTARA RIVERSIDE 5*

A luxury oasis offering great views. Featuring golf and tennis, along with exquisite dining options. 408 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
Family Friendly | AC | Elevator |
Romance | Breakfast



PRIVATE AYUTTHAYA TOUR FROM BANGKOK

Set out to the ancient Siamese capital of Ayutthaya, home to some of the most important historical landmarks of Thailand.

Walk among the storied ruins of the city and visit the intricately adorned palace of King Rama V, blending Gothic, Renaissance, Chinese, and Thai architecture.

PRIVATE FLOATING MARKET TOUR FROM BANGKOK

Start with a scenic ride on a narrow long-tail speedboat, passing riverside villages and fruit plantations before reaching the colorful Damnoen Saduak Floating Market.

Brimming with flavors and exotic fragrances, this market is one of the best ways to experience the true heart of Thailand.



PRIVATE CHINATOWN & FLOWER MARKET

Experience a delightful sensory overload in Bangkok's Chinatown, a vivid neighborhood filled with shop houses, street side restaurants, and colonial style architecture.

Dive into a fantastic cultural blend while engulfed in the aromas of fusion street food before heading to the capital's largest flower market.



Bangkok Experiences

PRIVATE CITY, TEMPLE & ROYAL GRAND PALACE TOUR

Explore Bangkok's cultural pillars on this enlightening experience. In the heart of the city, start with the Grand Palace, the official residence of the King. An outstanding complex of buildings, temples, and gardens, it is one of the greatest and most visited attractions of the capital.

The ornate architecture of the temples is comprised of intricately adorned buildings with gold motifs, stunning mosaics, and statuettes, all hand decorated. Here lies the magnificent Emerald Buddha, the most sacred Buddha statue in all of Thailand.

Finish the day with another iconic site, the 150 ft. Reclining Buddha. Found in the Wat Pho temple, it is an impressive feat that no photo can do justice, emanating an enchanting aura of peace that cancels out the hustle and bustle heard just outside the temple's premises.

Chiang Mai

'A city of color'



TAMARIND VILLAGE 4*

At the center of Old Town, just outside the famous Sunday Walking street, it features modern yet locally inspired décor. 45 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Breakfast



137 PILLARS HOUSE 5*

A boutique hotel that revives the old world elegance of the Orient, combining it with every modern luxury. 30 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Romance | Breakfast



AKYRA MANOR 5*

An all-suite hotel with chic décor, a rooftop infinity swimming pool, and situated just a short stroll away from Nimmanhaemin Road. 30 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Chiang Mai balances Bangkok's chaos with a slower-paced lifestyle. With an exciting night bazaar, great cuisine, and massage parlors at every step, a journey here is an invigorating experience. Set out to the neighboring countryside to soak in the nature's peaceful vibe.

OTHER HOTELS IN CHIANG MAI

De Lanna Hotel 4*
U Chiang Mai 4*
Siripanna Villa Resort & Spa 5*
Shangri-La Hotel Chiang Mai 5*
Anantara Resort 5*
Ratilanna Riverside Spa & Resort 5*
Puripunn Baby Grand Boutique Hotel 5* *New!*

EXPERIENCES IN CHIANG MAI

Private Chiang Mai City Tour
Private Chiang Rai & The Golden Triangle Tour from Chiang Mai
Daily Lifestyle of a Lanna Family Tour

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/thailand



CHIANG RAI

An elephant haven and home of the stunning White Temple, this city provides a slower paced interlude to a Thailand vacation as a relaxed, tradition-rich destination.



ANANTARA GOLDEN TRIANGLE 5*

This hotel boasts Thai-designed rooms with traditional artwork and teak furnishings. 63 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
Family Friendly | AC | Romance |
Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN CHIANG RAI

The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique 5*

Le Méridien 5*

Imperial Golden Triangle Hotel 5*

EXPERIENCES IN CHIANG RAI

Private Golden Triangle
Tour **New!**

Private Doi Mae Salong & Hill
Tribe Tour **New!**

Private Doi Tung & Golden
Triangle Tour **New!**



MAE HONG SON / PAI

Enjoy the small town atmosphere while surrounded by endless stretches of untouched nature. Away from busy intersections and crowded centers, this peaceful region brings out a new side of Thailand. Both towns offer great day trips to the surrounding area, and while Mae Hong Son possess the tranquility of lesser crowds, Pai enjoys a lively atmosphere with a spectacular nightlife.



REVERIE SIAM RESORT 4*

A beautiful property infused with antique motifs, it provides excellent comfort and luxury with an early 20th century feel. 19 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
AC | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN MAE HONG SON / PAI

Hotel Des Artist 4*

Puripai Villa 4*

The Quarter Resort 4*

Phuket

'Turquoise heaven'



BURASARI PATONG 4*

On Patong Beach, a 10-minute walk from Jungceylon Shopping Mall, this resort offers 2 outdoor pools and a restaurant. 184 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



THE SLATE 5*

Set against the natural backdrop of Nai Yang Beach, this hotel features a unique rainforest spa and 3 outdoor pools. 177 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Romance | Breakfast



ANANTARA MAI KHAO PHUKET 5*

Set around a tranquil lagoon, this luxurious property is the epitome of comfort. 91 villas.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Beach Access | Family Friendly | AC | Romance | Breakfast

Towering karst mountains rise above the crystal waters, depicting a paradisiac image of heaven on earth. For those looking to relax with sand between their toes, revel in luxury, or discover exotic sea creatures on a snorkeling experience, there is no place like Phuket.

OTHER HOTELS IN PHUKET

Novotel Phuket Kamala Beach 4*

Novotel Phuket Resort 4*

Mangosteen Ayurveda & Wellness Resort 4* *New!*

Paresa Phuket 5*

Pullman Phuket Arcadia Naithon Beach 5*

Renaissance Phuket 5*

The Boathouse Phuket 5*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/thailand



Phuket Experiences

NEW! ANDAMAN ISLANDS WITH SEA KAYAKING

Enjoy a day of crystal waters, surreal caves, and stunning landscapes by speedboat through beautiful Phang Nga Bay. Arrived at Panak Island, set out on a guided canoe ride along the mystical façades and rock formations, where water and wildlife sounds resonate off the white limestone walls.

Navigate through dark caves and peaceful lagoons, admiring wild animals such as monkeys and walking fish.

After an easy lunch on board, continue to the world-renowned James Bond

Island, known as a filming location for the 1974 film "The Man With The Golden Gun". After viewing this imposing limestone tower, continue the adventure to the peaceful Hong Island.

In this tranquil archipelago, the divine silence is only disturbed by the gentle sounds of wind and leafage that reverbs around the lagoon.

Spend an exciting day in Thailand's stunning archipelago, and go on a photography spree where the dramatic landscape is the star of the show.



PHANG NGA BAY & KHAI ISLAND FROM PHUKET BY SPEEDBOAT

Explore the tropical fish of Khai Nai Island on a snorkeling experience or simply catch some sun on the white-sand beaches.

Proceed to the world famous James Bond Island, and enjoy the peaceful Koh Panyi, a centuries old Muslim village built entirely on pillars.



PHI PHI ISLANDS TOUR FROM PHUKET

Start the day with a visit to Bamboo Island. No more than a patch of land surrounded by the crystal waters, it is a great stop to relax on the white-sand beach. Proceed to Phi Phi Leh and its stunning Viking Cave, with ancient drawings that are yet to be deciphered.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon on a quiet beach surrounded by the towering islands and take in the spectacular scenery.

PHUKET CITY TOUR

Starting in the beautiful and scenic Promthep Cape, visit the sea gypsy village of Rawai. Home of the once nomadic Chao Lay people, it preserves the traditional setting of Phuket.

Explore the island's spiritual side with a visit up to the giant Nakkerd Hill Buddha. Measuring close to 150 ft., it offers spectacular views of the island with the beautiful Chalong Temple and century-old Sino-Portuguese buildings.





PHI PHI ISLANDS

As a tropical escape, these islands offer everything one could ask for. The beautiful contrast of white sand beaches and turquoise waters, luxurious accommodations, and many local treasures to uncover will be the highlights of this destination.



PHI PHI ISLAND VILLAGE RESORT 4*

This heavenly hotel boasts swaying palms, gardens, and a half-mile of shores surveying the sea. 201 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Beach Access | Family Friendly | AC | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN PHI PHI ISLANDS

Holiday Inn Resort 4*

Zeavola 5*



KRABI

Boasting the typical limestone islands and azure seas of the area, Krabi is an ideal romantic retreat with seafront restaurants, idyllic temples and many hidden beaches to enjoy the tranquil island.



SOFITEL KRABI PHOKEETHRA 5*

Set in a tropical garden featuring a large lagoon swimming pool, a spa, and restaurant serving a variety of cuisines. 276 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN KRABI

Rayavadee 5*

Centara Grand Beach Resort 5*

Phulay Bay Ritz-Carlton 5*

EXPERIENCES IN KRABI

Cave Canoeing Tour **New!**

Hong Island by Speedboat **New!**

Phi Phi Tour from Krabi **New!**

Tiger Cave Temple & Krabi Tour **New!**

NEW!



PHANG NGA / KHAO LAK

Sprinkled with shimmering islands, this captivating region is filled with scenic beauties and eye-catching attractions, from world-famous sites to remote fishing villages.



CENTARA SEAVIEW RESORT KHAO LAK 4*

Set on the Nang Thong Beach, it offers pool villas, gardens, and an internal lagoon. 197 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
Family Friendly | AC | Elevator |
Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN PHANG NGA / KHAO LAK

Kantary Beach Villas & Suites 4*
Manathai Khao Lak 4*
Casa de la Flora 5*
Le Menara 5*

EXPERIENCES IN PHANG NGA / KHAO LAK

Hong by Starlight Afternoon Tour
Phang Nga Bay & Khai Island Tour
Discover James Bond &
Waterfall Tour



KOH SAMUI

Within the great tropical nature lies tranquil villages built entirely of bamboo, colorful temples, as well as luxury resorts and exquisite dining options.



TONGSAI BAY 5*

Hidden amongst 25 acres of breathtaking natural beauty, the hotel is renowned for its privacy and tranquility. 83 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
Beach Access | Family Friendly | AC |
Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN KOH SAMUI

Amari Koh Samui 4*
New Star Beach Resort 4*
Santiburi Beach Resort & Spa 5*

EXPERIENCES IN KOH SAMUI

Private Koh Samui Island Tour
Private Koh Tan (Coral Island)
Snorkeling by Long Tail Boat

VIETNAM

A captivating country of serpentine coastlines and stunning natural sceneries where modern hubs contrast ancient cities, where luxurious escapes muffle the urban bustle, and the history reflects a cultural melting pot.

Look behind the superficial curtain to uncover a different reality, one of great cultures and welcoming locals, of heavenly beauties and earthly treasures all in perfect balance.



TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE HANOI TO:

Bali	7½ Hours
Bangkok	2 Hours
Da Nang	1½ Hours
Dubai	6½ Hours
Ho Chi Minh City	2 Hours
Hong Kong	2 Hours
Luang Prabang	1 Hour
Phnom Penh	3½ Hours
Phu Quoc	2½ Hours
Seoul	4½ Hours
Taipei	3 Hours
Tokyo	5½ Hours
Vientiane	1 Hour
Yangon	2 Hours

BY CAR:

Halong Bay	4½ Hours
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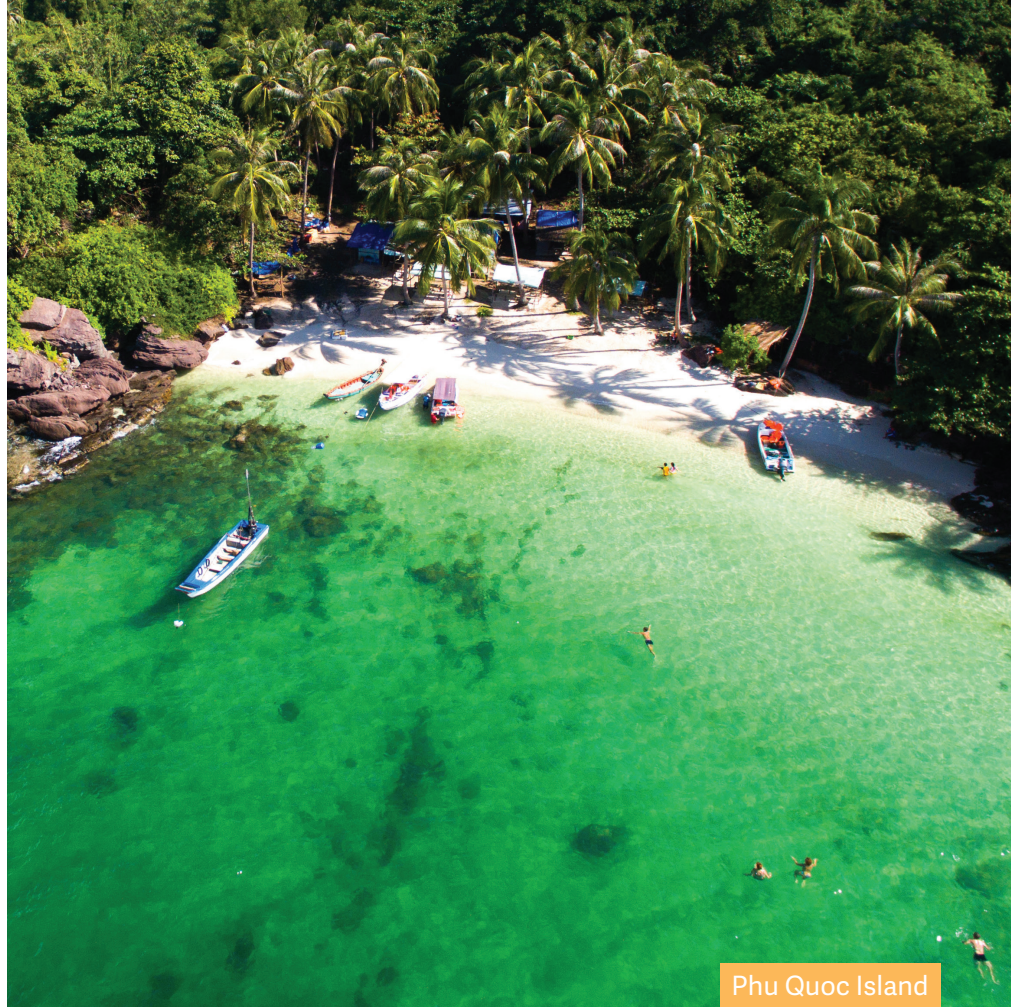
BY TRAIN:

Sapa	8 Hours
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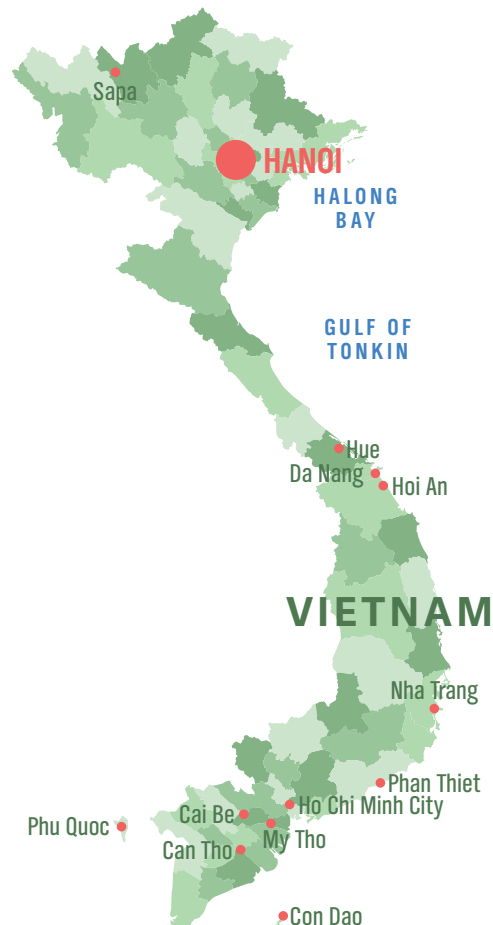


AVANTI INSIGHT

The picturesque beauty of Halong Bay is widely known. Most people opt for a 1-night cruise which provides a great look at the limestone islands, but can be crowded with boats. With a 2-night cruise, you'll have a full day to explore the bay further away from the day trippers and closer to nature.



Phu Quoc Island



HAPPY IN HALONG BAY

BY NATE G.

Embarking on a Halong Bay cruise was easily one of my best travel decisions ever. I'd never spent a night out at sea, so I was a bit anxious at first. The ship itself was familiar both in its interior and in its bright traditional sails that guided it smoothly through the bay. Fortunately, the transfer from Hanoi was surprisingly calming, setting the tone for the rest of the unforgettable trip.

Having western-styled sleeping and dining options was a nice familiarity when everything else around me felt new and different. In no time, I was signing up for exotic excursions and tasting food I'd never tried before. By the end of the cruise I was trying to fit in as much as I could.

I can't explain how I felt after exploring Halong Bay. I never thought I would stand witness to a place that's so beautifully unreal. I've traveled around the world, but I've never seen anything so otherworldly as the archipelago's 1,600 natural limestone islands. They towered over me, but instead of feeling overwhelmed, I felt at peace with nature. The scenic seascape simply washed away whatever was left of my anxieties.

I wasn't the only one with those sentiments; a quick look around our dining room proved that. Whispers and

laughter mingled with the sound of silverware and clinking glasses as our collective noise filled those otherwise-quiet candlelit evenings. Deadlines and due dates felt like distant memories that dissipated into the night sky.

Every moment of that 2-night cruise made me feel like that. I kayaked my way around the islands and explored their grottos. I tried a Vietnamese cooking class, which was great since I enjoy cooking at home and trying new techniques. Not only did I learn how to balance the unique flavors and spices, the teacher also taught us the significance and history behind them. That night I decided I'd host a social dinner for friends and family once I got home, to show off my new skills.

I signed up for tai-chi for the first time ever. I had no idea that it dates back over 700 years – how cool is that? I'd seen tai-chi in movies before, but never knew much about it. Our instructor taught us that performing it is an act of using internal energy — yin and yang — within the movements. It is a form of martial art where you are not supposed to fight or resist force from your opponent; you meet the force with softness instead, following the motion while remaining in physical contact until your opponents tire themselves out.

The Halong Bay cruise is one of those trips that stick with you. To this day I still find myself thinking about the vastness of Sung Sot Cave, the pearls of Tung Sao Pearl Farm, the emerald waters, and those spectacular limestone islands. Each time, I smile and say to myself... "Not bad. Not bad at all."



PARADISE LUXURY CRUISE 4*

Each vessel features a stylish bar and restaurant and a top deck with a 360° view of stunning Halong Bay. 17 cabins.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Romance |
All Meals

Hanoi

'The untamed metropolis'



LA SIESTA CENTRAL HOTEL & SPA 4*

In the middle of Hanoi's Old Quarter, featuring colonial and period-style rooms, along with a traditional Vietnamese restaurant. 27 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Romance | Breakfast



SOFITEL LEGEND METROPOLE 5*

An award-winning, centrally located hotel, offering French, Vietnamese, and Italian cuisine. 364 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

With a blend of Southeast Asian, Chinese, and French influences, Vietnam's capital is an endless spring of culture. Boasting an incredible history and an even more impressive modern side, Hanoi is the gateway to an open mind and a full stomach.

OTHER HOTELS IN HANOI

La Belle Vie 4* **New!**

Mercure Hotel La Gare 4*

Mövenpick Hotel 4*

Apricot 5* **New!**

Hotel de l'Opera, MGallery 5*

EXPERIENCES IN HANOI

Private Morning Hanoi City Tour

Breakfast with the Locals Tour **New!**

Private Market Visit & Street Food Tour with Mrs. Anh Tuyet **New!**

Private Hanoi Hilton (Hoa Lo Prison) & City Tour **New!**

Water Puppet Show

Private Halong Bay Tour from Hanoi

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/vietnam

Hoi An

'The timeless port'

This dreamy river city is a time capsule in every sense. Slamming the brakes on modernization, it has decided to preserve its low-key vibe and historic character, reminiscent of the days as a vital trading hub during the 19th century.

Remarkably well-preserved, Hoi An showcases a delightful blend of cultures. Stroll through its alluring streets along Chinese temples, French colonial buildings, Japanese bridges and merchant homes, and then enjoy this fantastic blend on the dinner table at one of the local restaurants.

OTHER HOTELS IN HOI AN

Hoi An Trails 4*

Sunrise Premium Resort 5*

Anantara Hoi An 5*

EXPERIENCES IN HOI AN

Private Hoi An City Tour

Private Hoi An Foodie Night Tour by Electric Scooter **New!**

Private Cooking Class at Tra Que **New!**

Private My Son City Tour from Hoi An

Private Ba Na Hills from Hoi An **New!**

Private Hue City Tour from Hoi An **New!**

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/vietnam



LA SIESTA RESORT & SPA 4*

Amid tropical, colorful gardens, the resort offers various dining options, complimentary shuttle rides and bicycles, and two pools. 137 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



HOTEL ROYAL HOI AN MGALLERY 5*

On the banks of the Thu Bon River, this artistic hotel blends historic charm and modernity with great views of the town & river. 119 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



FOUR SEASONS THE NAM HAI 5*

Along the fine-sand beaches, the villas' feng shui designs complement the stunning area with wind and water motifs. 100 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | Beach Access | AC | Romance | Breakfast



HUE

Culturally rich and incredibly photogenic, the imperial capital has much to boast about. From ancient palaces to French colonial buildings, a stroll through Hue is worth more than any history lesson.



LA RESIDENCE HOTEL & SPA 5*

On the banks of Perfume River overlooking the Imperial Citadel, boasting exquisite Art Déco motifs. 122 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN HUE

Saigon Morin Hotel 4*

Pilgrimage Village 4*

Imperial Hotel 4* **New!**

Ana Mandara Hue 5*

EXPERIENCES IN HUE

Private Hue City Tour

Private Folk Art Tour with a Local Artist **New!**

Private Boat Trip on Perfume River Tour

Private Excursion to Thuy Bieu Village with Cooking Class

DA NANG

Its modern feel and proximity to amazing beaches make it an ideal stopover. With an exciting nightlife and endless culinary options, Da Nang is the place to be for foodies and urban explorers.



FURAMA RESORT 5*

A resort with freshwater pools, a spa, 6 dining choices, and a cinema on Bac My An Beach. 198 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Beach Access | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

OTHER HOTELS IN DA NANG

Novotel Da Nang Premier Han River 4*

Hyatt Regency 5*

EXPERIENCES IN DA NANG

Private Da Nang City Tour **New!**

Private Ba Na Hills Tour **New!**

Private Hoi An City Tour from Da Nang **New!**

Ho Chi Minh City

'A city of beautiful contrasts'



MAJESTIC SAIGON HOTEL 4*

Regally situated in the heart of the city, it ensures elegance, great comfort, and stunning views of the Saigon River. 175 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



PARK HYATT SAIGON 5*

This luxurious hotel is located just steps away from the Opera House, Cathedral, and other main attractions. 244 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



HOTEL DES ARTS SAIGON MALLERY 5*

Combining the classical "Indochine Française" of the 1930's with 21st-century comforts. 168 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

From peaceful temples to skyscraper city views, Ho Chi Minh City offers a delightful contrast of old and new. Indulge in the local cuisine or spoil yourself on a boutique shopping spree.

OTHER HOTELS IN HO CHI MINH CITY

Novotel Saigon Centre 4* **New!**

Liberty Central Saigon CityPoint **New!**

Renaissance Riverside 4*

The Reverie Saigon 5* **New!**

EXPERIENCES IN HO CHI MINH CITY

Private Ho Chi Minh City Tour

Private Cu Chi Tunnels Tour

Private Cai Be with Boat Trip in Vinh Long

Private Foodies Afoot in Saigon Tour **New!**

Private Old Saigon Walking Tour **New!**

For more recommendations and experiences please visit www.avantidestinations.com/vietnam

CAPTURING CAMBODIAN MOMENTS

BY JANET P.



Having traveled extensively, people frequently ask me for travel tips and advice. I'd say hiring a local guide, depending on the occasion of course, is the number one suggestion that I could give. Besides explaining the history and importance of sites, private guides know the best tips and tricks, as I came to fully appreciate during my visit to Siem Reap.

I don't normally take many pictures while I'm traveling, but visiting Angkor Wat has always been on my bucket list. So inevitably, I found myself frantically shooting as many pictures as I could. It was a good surprise that my guide, Sith, was a very talented photographer. Not only was he able to help me with my camera work, he knew where all the best shots can be taken, including the back of the complex where there were significantly fewer tourists compared to the crowds at the front. Thanks to Sith, I ended up getting multiple images of just myself with the entire Wat in the background. Just how you'd picture them in a professional travel magazine or a famous Instagram feed!

After my impromptu photo shoot, Sith ushered us through the jaw-dropping stone structures. Vegetation has crept in slowly over the course of hundreds of years, vines have edged their way along deep carvings depicting faces or intricate decorations, and tree roots have started overtaking full structures like a knitted blanket. A poignant reminder of Mother Nature's power to reclaim what was once hers.

Sith didn't just teach us about the history of Angkor Wat, he also shared some of his personal and political points of view which made my experience even more special. We had one more site left to visit when the rainy weather changed from drizzle to downpour. Sith came to the rescue by finding a spot where we could stay dry until the rain let up.

I will always treasure the huge positive impact that local guides make on a dream vacation. It truly is something to be thankful for. Sith is just one of many cherished memories I have with guides while traveling. I find that it often is

like making a new friend along your journey, one that adds to the unique value that traveling brings to your life.



ANGKOR VILLAGE RESORT 4*

Set in a large, luxurious garden, this tropical oasis features beautiful wooden cottages and a unique 820 foot river-shaped pool. 80 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Romance | Breakfast

ADVENTURE IN LAOS

BY ARTHUR B.

If someone asked me to name a destination that effortlessly embodies peace, unity, and relaxation, my answer would easily be Laos. It's so underrated when compared to neighboring Thailand and Cambodia, which is why it felt perfectly suited to fill the 3 day gap in my South-East Asia itinerary.

I opted to stay in Luang Prabang, the soft-adventure haven of Laos. The mixed aroma of wild flowers, spices, and food accentuated the humid air from the moment I arrived. Every morning I enthusiastically watched hundreds of monks in their saffron robes, go silently through the city as they collected alms from their devotees. It also seemed to me that there are more Buddhist temples in Luang Prabang than there are Starbucks back at home!

One of my favorite parts from that trip was when I hopped in a tuk tuk and headed to the morning market. I watched it come alive as locals deftly wove through each other to assess the assortment of fruits and vegetables, filling brightly colored baskets with everything their household needs.

Personally, I like to absorb the history of the places that I'm visiting. I had the opportunity to visit UXOs (unexploded ordnance) Visitor Center, where I learned about the serious issues that Laos continues to face 50-plus years after the Vietnam War bombings took place.

That same afternoon, I journeyed by tuk tuk to the outskirts of town to attend a flute-making workshop conducted by one of the locals. I was delightfully surprised to discover that the process was quite interesting and fun. We were all laughing as we tried to replicate the step-by-step process that initially looked so easy. Thanks mainly to the teacher's patience and assistance, we eventually had our very own fully-functioning flute. It proudly sits on a shelf at home, right beside other cool mementos from the various trips I've taken through the years.



BURASARI HERITAGE 4*

Set in the historic town of Luang Prabang, the hotel offers a classic Indochinese experience, along with gorgeous views of Nam Khan River. 21 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Romance | Breakfast

SINGAPORE

Successfully reinventing itself as a hotlist destination in its own right, the top-notch port city has since fostered an excellent international standing powered by the country's legendary hawker food scene, its potent blend of multi-cultural history, world-class accommodations, high-end shopping, and glitzy nightlife. With an ultra-modern and easy-to-use transportation network, travelers can go from one attraction to the next with ease.



TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE SINGAPORE TO:

Bali	2½ Hours
Bangkok	2½ Hours
Hanoi	3½ Hours
Ho Chi Minh City	2 Hours
Luang Prabang	5½ Hours
Phnom Penh	2 Hours
Siem Reap	2½ Hours
Yangon	3 Hours



AVANTI INSIGHT

The world's best "street food" city is certainly Singapore. Served in hawker centers, patrons receive a variety of high-quality dining options with phenomenally low prices. Some stalls have been awarded a star by the renowned Michelin Guide -- it's the only place where you can get a Michelin-starred meal for under \$2.00.

THE AWE-INSPIRING GARDENS BY THE BAY

Considered one of the most unmissable attractions in Singapore, Gardens by the Bay features a staggering amount of plant species from all around the world spread across 101 hectares of beautifully landscaped grounds. Costing over one billion dollars to construct, the various open air gardens, glasshouses, and groves contain more than 1.5 million plants.

Travelers can explore two covered conservatories, both of which are climate-controlled. The larger structure, called 'Flower Dome', replicates the cool-dry climate of South Africa and the Mediterranean. 'Cloud Forest', on the other hand, simulates the cool-moist weather found in Tropical Montane regions like elevated areas in South America.



CHIJMES



Gardens by the Bay



CARLTON HOTEL 4*

This upscale hotel is located in the downtown area, and is within walking distance of museums, restaurants, and other attractions. 940 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator | Breakfast



SCARLET SINGAPORE 4*

Renowned for being Singapore's first luxury boutique hotel, this property is nestled amidst a community of clubs, restaurants, and shops. 80 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast



FOUR SEASONS 5*

Minutes away from Orchard Road, the famed shopping belt, this hotel is a luxurious oasis in the center of the commercial district. 255 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool | Family Friendly | AC | Elevator | Breakfast

Singapore's ideal location, reputation as a world-class international hub, culinary excellence, and mind-blowing amount of interesting draws makes it the perfect stop-over for anyone traveling across Asia.

OTHER HOTELS IN SINGAPORE

Hotel Jen Orchardgateway 4* **New!**

M Social 4* **New!**

Fullerton Hotel 4*

W Singapore Sentosa Cove 5* **New!**

Marina Bay Sands Singapore 5*

Raffles Hotel 5*

EXPERIENCES IN SINGAPORE

Private Explore Singapore with Bumboat **New!**

Private Majestic Gardens in the Lion City

Private Night Safari Tour

Private Singapore Cultures Experience

Private *Crazy Rich Asians* Inspired Tour **New!**

Private Eat at East Tour **New!**

Private Sentosa Morning Tour

Singapore

'The Lion City'



INDONESIA

A mesmerizing, compelling, and otherworldly destination offers a spellbinding cultural tour de force. With so many diverse landscapes, you can explore temples, summit a mountain with extraordinary views, and relax on a pristine beach in a single day that ends perfectly with the exotic flavors of Balinese cooking.

From the buzzing metropolis of Jakarta, to the world's largest Buddhist monument of Borobudur, and to the beautiful beaches of Bali - Indonesia has a new secret waiting to be uncovered around every corner. As an archipelago, there are very distinct animals native to the different islands of Indonesia, including the famous Komodo Dragon.

TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE BALI TO:

Bangkok	4½ Hours
Hanoi	8 Hours
Ho Chi Minh City	6 Hours
Hong Kong	5 Hours
Jakarta	2 Hours
Labuan Bajo	1 Hour
Luang Prabang	10 Hours
Phnom Penh	7 Hours
Seoul	7 Hours
Siem Reap	6 Hours
Singapore	2½ Hours
Taipei	5½ Hours
Yangon	7 Hours
Yogyakarta	1½ Hours



Borobudur, Yogyakarta

AVANTI INSIGHT

On central Java near the town of Magelang, stands Borobudur, the world's largest Buddhist temple dating back to the 9th century. To the south is Yogyakarta known for its historic temples as well as its traditional arts, gamelan music, and Javanese dance shows.





Ubud, Bali

TREATS AND TREKS OF BALI

UBUD & SOUTH BALI

Enjoy the true relaxation, culture, and nature of Bali. While in Ubud, experience the thrill of rafting on the Ayung River and trek up the highest peak of the country's sacred mountain to witness a glorious sunrise over a volcanic crater. The verdant beauty, ancient relics, and rice terraces in Ubud will enthrall while the beaches in south Bali will leave you in awe. Explore the markets and sample the best cuisine Bali has to offer.

7 NIGHTS INCLUDES

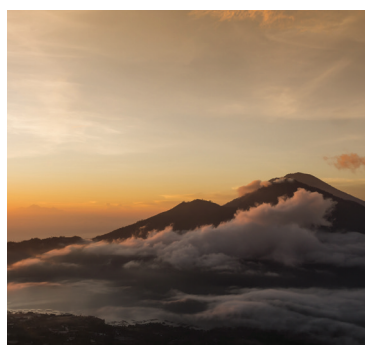
- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers Per City
- 4 Nights Ubud & 3 Nights South Bali
- Private Rafting on the Ayung River
- Private Sunrise Trekking on Batur Volcano Tour
- Private Bali Foodie Heaven Tour
- Seminyak Traditional Indonesian Cooking Class
- Daily Breakfast

Remember: All our Recommended Vacation Packages are fully customizable!



AYUNG RIVER

Raft the white water of the Ayung River set upon a backdrop of waterfalls and a lush rainforest. This 6.8 mile trip includes exciting Class II and III level rapids with all safety necessities included!



BATUR VOLCANO

Bask in the tranquil Balinese sunrise at the majestic Batur Volcano. From the top, relax and witness the stunning views of Mount Abang and Mount Agung before taking a dip in a hot spring.



BALINESE FOOD

Find nirvana in Bali's foodie heaven. Learn how famous Indonesian delicacies are made with various cooking classes. Explore the market of Badung and sample the local flavors of Bali.

Bali

'Tropical beatitude'



KOMANEKA AT BISMA HOTEL 5*

Find grand spaces, luxurious interiors, and a panorama over a valley of tropical rainforest in Ubud. 32 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
Family Friendly | AC | Elevator |
Romance | Breakfast



SAMABE 5*

Relax at this secluded property in a lavish suite or villa, featuring fantastic views of the Indian Ocean. 81 Rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Beach Access |
Swimming Pool | AC | Elevator |
Romance | Breakfast



FAIRMONT SANUR BEACH 5*

This property features stunning tropical grounds, an outdoor pool, and a semi-private beach within walking distance. 120 rooms.

FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Swimming Pool |
Beach Access | Family Friendly |
AC | Elevator | Romance | Breakfast

Best known for its surfing, diving, and wonderful resorts, the Balinese themselves offer a warm and generous welcome as an introduction to their exciting home. Let the adventure begin!

OTHER HOTELS IN BALI

Wapa Di Ume 4*

Prama Sanur Ubud 4*

The Kayana 5*

The Samaya Ubud 5*

The Samaya Seminyak 5* **New!**

St. Regis 5*

For more recommendations and experiences please visit
www.avantidestinations.com/indonesia



Bali Experiences

PRIVATE VOLCANO, TEMPLE & TERRACES EXPERIENCE

Discover the culture, countryside, and stunning scenery of Bali. See a performance of traditional Balinese dances before visiting the Gunung Kawi temple. Set at the bottom of a river valley, the temple features shrines carved into the cliff face. Explore the rim of the volcanic Mount Batur, with breathtaking views of an idyllic turquoise lake and iconic rice terraces below.



PRIVATE RAFTING ON THE AYUNG RIVER

Undergo an exhilarating whitewater rafting expedition amidst rushing waterfalls and the lush Balinese rainforest. This two hour trip follows the river for 6.8 miles, featuring thrilling Class II and III rapids. On the river, don't forget to look into the trees or above to catch a glimpse at rare species of Indonesian birds. Afterwards, revel in the success of river rafting with a lunch buffet in a restaurant with a view.



PRIVATE ULUWATU, KECAK DANCE & SEAFOOD DINNER

Experience a Balinese cultural adventure like no other! Visit the famous temple at Uluwatu, perched on the edge of a steep cliff above the Indian Ocean. Along the way, make new friends with the numerous monkeys that inhabit the temple. As the sun sets, watch the dramatic Kecak Dance at the temple before feasting on a seafood barbecue dinner on one of the beautiful beaches in Jimbaran.



SNORKELING TRIPS TO PADANGBAI

One of Bali's most celebrated snorkeling sites, the "Blue Lagoon" features excellent corals and bright white sand - perfect for underwater photos. Be on the lookout for exotic angelfish, butterfly fish, parrotfish, and so much more! Cuttlefish can also be found here, changing color to camouflage themselves or to warn off potential adversaries. Enjoy a lunch in a charming beach side restaurant with wonderful views of east Bali.



Bagan, Myanmar

MYANMAR ESSENTIALS

YANGON, BAGAN & MANDALAY

Once shrouded in mystery, Myanmar has recently begun to open up to the rest of the world. A rich history of ancient empires has left the country with a bevy of shimmering gold pagodas and expertly crafted Buddhist monuments.

Whether you're in the commercial hub of Yangon, the exotic arts and crafts scene in Mandalay, or basking within the legendary temples of Bagan, this vacation will give you a true taste of Myanmar's culture and history.

6 NIGHTS INCLUDES

- Private Arrival & Departure Transfers
- 2 Nights Yangon, Bagan & Mandalay
- Private Bagan City Tour
- Private Mandalay City Tour
- Private Yangon City Tour
- Daily Breakfast

Our Recommended Vacations can be fully customized into unique journeys!



YANGON

Myanmar's commercial center and largest city boasts the most colonial era buildings in Southeast Asia. The city is home to the gilded Shwedagon Pagoda, Myanmar's most sacred Buddhist pagoda.



BAGAN

Once the ancient capital of an old kingdom, Bagan is a spectacular city with over 2,200 Buddhist temples and stupas dotting the overgrown landscape. Explore these beautifully preserved ruins first-hand.



MANDALAY

The cultural and spiritual core, Mandalay is home to many of the country's monks and artisans. Visit the Kuthodaw Paya, "the world's biggest book," where 729 slabs of marble became Buddhist scripture.



UNIQUELY UAE

BY JOANNA J.

In one of my trips to Asia, I had the good fortune of experiencing a destination that effortlessly exudes luxury: United Arab Emirates. I wasn't sure what to expect initially, but I quickly found out that Dubai was truly an oasis in the middle of the desert; a welcome break after a long 14+ hour flight.

I went on a city tour that took me to the top of Burj Khalifa — the tallest building in the world — which rises twice as high as the Empire State Building. I savored the elevated perspective as I stood on the observation deck, high above the clouds.

I watched the Dubai Marina come to life during a dinner cruise. The sunset bathed the sky with flamboyant oranges and reds that slowly morphed into pastels of purples and pinks before completely disappearing into darkness. It was a signal for cooler temperatures, urging locals and expats to venture outside.

Just 90 miles down the road, I reached the capital Abu Dhabi and immediately connected with the elegant island in the Persian Gulf. I spent the morning strolling elegant Corniche Road and the afternoon standing in awe at Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque – the most beautiful building I have ever seen, and may ever see, in my life.

My most unique memory was when we went glamping in the desert. As the bus picked up 15 other people and I at our hotels, I was excited to leave the skyscrapers behind, at least for a while. We disembarked at a designated area where everyone mounted a camel — yes, a camel — and rode the rest of the way to our camp where we stayed for the night.

The site consisted of permanent tents (complete with actual beds) circling a gazebo and fire pit. Giant rugs laid in the sand with mounds of fluffy square pillows. That night we dined on grilled meats, delicious sweets, and unlimited wine and beer. By the end of dinner, the whole group was full, happy, and relaxed. Any previous inhibitions or shyness ended as the whole group morphed from strangers to friends with bonds that held firm as long as the campfire blazed. Then just before we retired for the day, we extinguished all the lights and gazed at the vast night sky. It was blanketed by a sea of stars that were previously hidden by the bright city lights.

PHILIPPINES

Dubbed as the 'Pearl of the Orient', this tropical paradise has everything from bustling urban settings to several of the finest beaches in the world. Comprised of over 7,000 islands, the Philippines is overflowing with hospitable locals who are eager to share a multi-faceted culture that highlights centuries' worth of Spanish colonial history as well as American, Chinese, and Malay influences.



TRAVEL TIMES BY PLANE MANILA TO:

Bali	4 Hours
Bangkok	3½ Hours
Cebu	1½ Hours
El Nido	1 Hour
Hanoi	5½ Hours
Ho Chi Minh City	2½ Hours
Hong Kong	2½ Hours
Phnom Penh	6½ Hours
Siargao	2½ Hours
Singapore	3½ Hours
Taipei	2 Hours
Tokyo	4½ Hours



AVANTI INSIGHT

Famous for its spectacular powdery white-sand beaches, many people don't realize that the Philippines is also a biodiversity hotspot. The archipelago is home to more than 52,000 species of animals, with a high percentage of mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians endemic to the country. Just off the coast of northern Palawan, there are more than 1,600 known species of fish.



El Nido, Palawan



Rice Terraces, Luzon Island



PARADISE IN THE PHILIPPINES

BY MARCO D.

Every time I meet new friends in the States and they discover that I grew up in the Philippines, they usually ask for travel tips and glowing recommendations in the event that they decide to visit that side of the pond. After being caught off-guard in the past with such enthusiastic queries, I have since resorted to a simple and succinct reply that (in my humble opinion) perfectly works as “good advice.” I just say “Go to the beach,” immediately followed by hearty laughter!

Joking aside, I do elaborate on subsequent salient points to the extent that I find myself waxing nostalgic about the things that make the Philippines such a fantastic tropical destination — the celebrated Filipino hospitality, the fascinating multi-cultural heritage, the locals’ convenient mastery of the English language, the delectable cuisine, and yes... the marvelous beaches. Dotted with thousands of islands, the ‘Pearl of the Orient’ is essentially filled with pristine coastlines, many of them ideal for those searching for fun under the sun.

So where should you begin? Well that depends on the kind of experience

you would wish to have. My top three suggestions would be Boracay, El Nido, and Siargao – in no particular order. They all offer plenty of sunshine, jaw-dropping seascapes, friendly locals, and more, but each of the three locations all have their own unique differentiators. First up is Boracay, a world-renowned hotspot famous for its powdery white sand, leisure activities such as parasailing, and vibrant night life. Those who prefer an even more tranquil option would love El Nido in Palawan. It’s the gateway for those who want to go island-hopping across the spectacular Bacuit Archipelago — 45 islets characterized by towering limestone karsts, azure waters, sublime lagoons and coves, and hundreds of fish and coral species — a veritable paradise on earth. Last but not least is Siargao, the country’s surfing capital which boasts waves almost all year-round. Aside from attracting surfers from all over the world to popular surf breaks like Cloud 9, Siargao is also home to a variety of natural attractions such as Magpupungko Rock Pools and the breathtaking Sugba Lagoon.

Still not convinced about the Philippines as one of the most beautifully unforgettable places you can go to? Well... just imagine the

warmth of the sun gently kissing your face as you sit comfortably and the sand caressing your toes while you sip on the cold beverage of your choice. Then you smile knowingly at the sea as you remember that piece of “good advice” that you took... the one that urged you to simply “Go to the beach.”



MINILOC RESORT 4*

Tucked away in a cove surrounded by limestone cliffs and the blue sea, this property is a perfect island getaway. 50 rooms.



FEATURES

Restaurant | Bar | Beach Access |
Swimming Pool | AC | Romance |
All Meals

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: **1.1 Traveler Information** - A traveler's full passport name, date of birth, and gender are required to create a quote, as well as to hold airline space. Failure to provide correct passport names will result in penalties and may result in the loss of airline space. Name corrections may not be possible on some carriers and, if possible, will require a fee and may require complete cancellation and rebooking at additional cost to the traveler. Any penalties associated with name corrections are the responsibility of the traveler and are not the responsibility of Avanti Destinations or the airlines. Avanti Destinations urges travelers to provide a mobile telephone number that may be used in case of emergency during travel. Please see Section 5 for important information regarding travelers with Special Mobility Needs. **1.2 Passport Information** - Passport number, expiration date, and date of birth may be required to confirm services. **1.3 Passport/Visa/Health** - It is the traveler's responsibility to obtain a valid passport and any necessary visa and health documentation required by the country/countries they wish to enter or transfer through. Passports must be valid for six (6) months after the U.S. departure date. Avanti Destinations accepts no responsibility for cancellations due to the lack of proper travel documentation, passport validity, or immunizations. **1.4 Discrepancies** - It is the responsibility of the traveler to ensure all arrangements are booked as requested and that the itinerary contains no errors. Avanti Destinations accepts no responsibility for discrepancies between oral quotes/information and written quotes/information. After payment has been made, all information contained on the itinerary is considered correct by Avanti Destinations. All fees are the responsibility of the travel agent or traveler. Fees will apply up to the full amount paid. **1.5 Exceptions** - Any exception/waiver to these Terms and Conditions is not valid unless given in writing by Avanti Destinations. **1.6 Responsibility** - Avanti Destinations is the tour operator. Avanti Destinations, its agents, and representatives act as agents only for purchasers of these packages in making and securing all arrangements for transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, and other services related to the program. Avanti Destinations is not responsible for errors and omissions contained in its brochures, nor is it liable for acts of God, fires, acts of government and other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, riots, terrorist acts, strikes, thefts, incidents at sea, land, or air travel, and other similar acts or incidents beyond its ability to control.

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Days from Departure	Fee
Prior to full payment	Full deposit per person, plus restrictions below
60 to 11 days prior to departure	Full deposit per person, plus 30% of gross land total plus restrictions below
10 to 1 day(s) prior to departure	Full deposit per person, plus 100% non-refundable
Day of departure, No Shows, and during travel	Full deposit per person, plus 100% non-refundable

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Fare Type	Fee Per Ticket
Contract Economy/Premium Economy	\$400.00
Contract Business/First	\$1,000.00
Published (All Cabins)	Non-refundable

3.1.3 Cruise Cancellations - Cancellation policies for cruises vary by cruise line and may be more stringent than those imposed by Avanti Destinations. You will be advised of the cancellation penalties at the time of booking. Please note most cruises are non-refundable. **3.1.4 Rail Cancellations** - Upon receipt of full rail payment, rail passes and any tickets and seat reservations that are currently loaded and ready for confirmation by the various national rail agencies are confirmed and issued. Rail products only can be ticketed when loaded for international issue by the appropriate rail agency for that country. Once payment is made for the rail, and it is available to ticket, if the price of the ticket increases, Avanti will contact the Travel Agent for approval to charge the new price and issue the tickets. All rail pricing is subject to change until ticketed and all rail is non-refundable once issued. **3.1.5 Additional Cancellation Fees** - Some of the properties and services offered by Avanti Destinations have their own cancellation fees. These fees are in addition to any cancellation fees imposed by Avanti Destinations and may not always be disclosed by the property or service provider until the time of cancellation. Any pre-determined fees of which Avanti Destinations is advised in advance will be noted with that property or service on your invoice. All cancellation fees are the sole responsibility of the traveler. **3.1.6 Deposits** - All deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. **3.1.7 Date of Departure** - The date of departure is defined as the date on which the traveler is originally scheduled to leave from North America on their trip. **3.2 Refunds** - No refund claim will be considered or pursued and no action will be taken by Avanti Destinations unless notice of claim is received in writing to Avanti Destinations' Customer Relations department within 30 days of the traveler's return to the U.S. Supporting documentation may be requested to process post-travel claims (the use of traceable mail is strongly recommended). For more information, please visit the claims section of our website to submit your client's refund request. No refunds will be granted for unused land arrangements once the trip has commenced. Refund decisions are determined by Avanti Destinations per the signed contract existing between Avanti Destinations and the supplier(s). No refund determination can be made by anyone other than Avanti Destinations. Avanti Destinations may assess an administrative fee on any refund. Refunds only can be made to the same form of payment originally used and only up to the amount originally charged. Refunds for payments made by one person cannot be made to another person.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS: **4.1 Hotels** - Hotel rates found on this website include (unless otherwise stated): accommodations with private bath or shower, continental breakfast, hotel taxes, and general service charges. Local municipal city taxes may be additional in some cities/resorts and must be paid locally by the traveler. Hotel rates do not include any expenses of a personal nature or any incidental charges. Room assignments are at the discretion of the hotel management, and specific requests cannot be guaranteed. Avanti Destinations guarantees room types that have appropriate bedding for the number of guests requested per room. We do not guarantee a specific bed type. **4.2 Check-In** - Check-in cannot be guaranteed prior to 4:00 p.m. Departure is normally required by 10:00 a.m. **4.3 Air Conditioning** - Avanti Destinations is not responsible for air-conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries. Please note hotels in Europe typically do not offer the type of air conditioning to which we in the U.S. are accustomed. Rather, they have a "climate control" system that keeps temperatures within a comfortable range. Therefore, the indoor environment may not be as cool as guests prefer, especially during periods of high outdoor temperatures.

5. SPECIAL MOBILITY NEEDS: Requests for special accommodations and services to meet specific physical requirements - such as wheelchair-accessible rooms, tours, or transfers - must be made at the time of booking (prior to the payment of deposit) and require the submission of a completed Special Mobility Needs Form detailing the limits of mobility and a description of any mobility-assistance devices. Failure to correctly submit this information may result in a disruption of service and/or increased cost to the traveler. Please note accommodation and service requests are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. Further, Avanti Destinations cannot accept responsibility for the standards of the facilities requested, as they can vary between properties.

6. TRANSPORTATION: **6.1 Airline Tickets** - Tickets purchased from Avanti Destinations carry restrictions and penalties for any change, however slight. Not all fares allow mileage upgrades or mileage credit. Airline tickets are non-endorsable, non-transferable. An itinerary is sent immediately from Avanti Destinations so that all information can be checked before payment is made and tickets are issued. Prior to payment and issuance, all airfares are subject to change without notification, and any increase in cost is the responsibility of the traveler. Once payment is made, Avanti Destinations considers the information contained on the itinerary to be correct, and any fees associated with changes or cancellation are the responsibility of the travel agent or traveler. **6.2 Airline Schedule/Equipment/Seat Assignment Changes** - Airlines reserve the right to change schedules, equipment, or routings at any time. Avanti Destinations will automatically pre-assign seats where possible at the time of initial booking. However, advanced seat assignments may not be available on certain flights, can be changed or cancelled by the airline at any time, and never can be guaranteed by Avanti Destinations. It is the traveler's responsibility to contact the airline 72 hours prior to departure and on the day of departure to reconfirm their flights. Any traveler who misses their flight due to a schedule change will not be reimbursed by Avanti Destinations for expenses resulting from a missed flight, such as transfers, hotel nights, tours, or other pre-booked services. Schedule changes may result in lost seat assignments, including upgraded seats and cabins. Avanti Destinations reserves the right to accept on the travel agent's or traveler's behalf any change of schedule within 15 minutes of the originally quoted departure time. Schedule changes greater than 15 minutes will be deferred to the travel agent and must be accepted before tickets are issued/reissued. **6.3 Airline Baggage Allowance** - The number of allowed pieces and the weight of each piece of baggage, whether checked or personally carried onto the plane, varies depending on the airline and the cabin booked. It is the traveler's responsibility to contact the airline directly to inquire about their specific baggage allowance. **6.4 Air Fares** - Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply, and schedules are subject to change. Basic airfares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), Customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. Airfares require a land minimum of \$750.00 for economy/economy plus or \$1,000.00 for business/first class in conjunction with the airline ticket. This land minimum is total for the reservation, and travel protection does not qualify toward the land-minimum requirement. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. **6.5 Transfers and Baggage** - Portage and baggage handling are not included with transfers unless specifically stated on the transfer voucher. Baggage allowance is limited and varies by country and vehicle type. In general, one (1) medium-sized suitcase and one (1) personal item per person are allowed, and the personal item should fit on the traveler's lap. A larger vehicle must be booked in advance for oversized bags and additional baggage. Failure to do so may result in additional local charges or the cancellation of service with no refund. **6.6 Car Rental** - Drivers must be at least 25 years of age; a maximum age may apply, subject to car rental company rules. Basic car rental rates include unlimited mileage and VAT (value added tax). Rates do not include tolls, gasoline, additional driver surcharge, overtime charges, or VAT on additional items that are paid, agreed to, and/or accepted locally. Specific car models cannot be guaranteed. Airport surcharges and one-way drop-off fees may apply when picking up a vehicle in one location and returning it to another. **6.7 Rail Tickets and Passes** - Avanti Destinations reserves the right to accept on the travel agent's or traveler's behalf any change of schedule within 15 minutes of the originally quoted departure time. Schedule changes greater than 15 minutes will be deferred to the travel agent and must be accepted before tickets are issued. Avanti Destinations is not responsible for rail passes, train tickets, or vouchers that are lost, stolen, mutilated, or destroyed. Refunds cannot be authorized in such cases. To protect yourself against such losses, please refer to the optional Rail Protection Plan.

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