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EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS



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Inspiring Moments

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from your expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are your guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of these Southeast Asian communities, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

Above: Grand Palace, Bangkok

- ▶ Ride a tuk-tuk through **Bangkok**, cruise the Chao Phraya River and see Wat Pho and the Reclining Buddha.
- ▶ Experience the golden age of travel during your journey on the **Eastern & Oriental Express**.
- ▶ Witness the historic **River Kwai** bridge and enjoy a river cruise.
- ▶ Learn about the rich life of the **Sultan of Perak**.
- ▶ Explore lively **Singapore**, a global financial center.
- ▶ Discover the emerald landscapes and tropical vistas of **Bali**, one of the world's most idyllic islands.



Commonwealth Club Travel

Dear Club Traveler,

Join us on a magical journey as we explore Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. On this 10-night adventure we will ride tuk-tuks through colorful Bangkok, learn about the Thailand-Burma railway, uncover Malaysia's rich history and delight in Singapore's humming energy. Three nights aboard the refined Eastern & Oriental Express train offers ample spells to relax and savor views lush with verdant rice paddies and tropical forests. Conclude your journey in beautiful Bali where you will discover the captivating culture and genuine warmth of the locals as well as the island's fertile landscapes and terraced rice fields.

From engaging cultural opportunities to magnificent scenery, your itinerary has been specially planned by travel experts to offer an incomparable experience. You will experience the camaraderie of traveling with a fun and interesting group of Club members, and during your free time, will enjoy making your own unique discoveries. Space is limited so we encourage you to make your reservations today!

Join us!



Kristina Nemeth
Director of Club Travel

For further details, please contact Club Travel at 415-597-6720, or email us at travel@commonwealthclub.org.

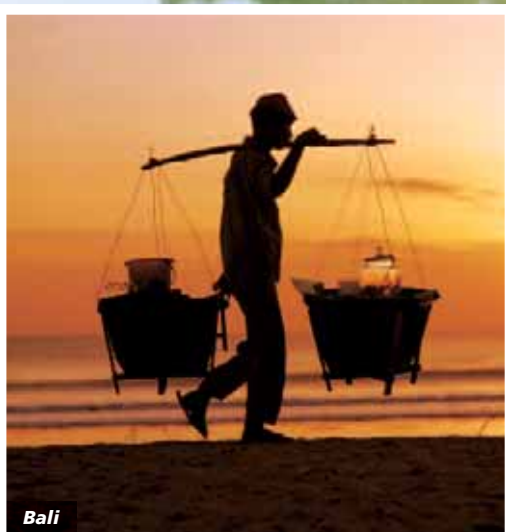
Bridge over River Kwai





River Kwai

Experience the quintessence of serenity and spirituality on this enthralling passage through Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. Explore Bangkok's treasures and ride in an iconic Thai tuk-tuk to see gilded wats and temples. Stamp your ticket to refinement as you hop aboard the opulent Eastern & Oriental Express train. Wind through pristine countryside and marvel at landscapes infused with saffron-robed monks, emerald rice paddies and virgin forests. Dip your toes in history while cruising down storied waters near Kanchanaburi. In Malaysia and Singapore, see city highlights while experiencing an exciting blend of Chinese, Indian and Malay architecture and cuisine. Conclude your journey on the heavenly island of Bali and embrace paradise at its finest. Return home with a renewed spirit and a deeper understanding of the captivating cultural roots and traditions of these diverse countries.



Bali

DAYS ONE & TWO IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Bangkok, Thailand. Cross the international date line during transit. ↗

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed *elective* activities to allow you to craft your individual travel experience. Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



ELECTIVE experiences are available at an additional cost.





Eastern & Oriental Express



Reclining Buddha, Wat Pho



Ubudiah Mosque

DAY THREE

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Upon arrival, transfer to The Peninsula Bangkok. Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel this evening.

DAY FOUR

B I L D

BANGKOK

Educational Focus: *History and Culture of Thailand.*

Excursion: Vibrant Bangkok. Cruise the Chao Phraya to see the famous Thonburi canals and the Temple of Dawn. Stroll through a local market and visit the Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple. Hop in a tuk-tuk and enjoy an entertaining ride in this three-wheeled taxi to see Wat Pho and the reclining Buddha.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a Thai lunch at a restaurant in a century-old historic building.

ELECTIVE | Sala Rim Naam. Delight in a unique Thai dance show and enjoy a dinner of local cuisine.

DAY FIVE

B I L D

BANGKOK | EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

Independent Exploration: Make your own discoveries in Bangkok this morning.

Excursion: Jim Thompson House. Explore the teak complexes that make up the antique-rich home of this American legend. Ponder his life and perplexing disappearance before enjoying free time to browse exquisite silk goods in the shop.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a Thai lunch at a Bangkok restaurant.

This afternoon, board the opulent Eastern & Oriental Express. As the train departs Bangkok, watch the cityscape fade into a rural tapestry of sprawling rice paddies.



Merlion Park, Singapore

DAY SIX

B I L I D

KANCHANABURI

Marvel at beautiful vistas of the Kanchanaburi countryside as you sip your morning coffee.

Excursion: Kanchanaburi. Board a watercraft at the River Kwai Bridge station. As you cruise along the Kwai Yai River, learn about the Thailand-Burma railway from a local historian. Drive past the North Temple and Chinese Cemetery to the Thailand-Burma Railway Center. See the Don Rak War Cemetery where 7,000 Allied soldiers who died while building the railway during World War II are buried.

DAY SEVEN

B I L I D

KUALA KANGSAR, MALAYSIA

Excursion: Kuala Kangsar. Explore the royal town of Kuala Kangsar, the official residence of the Sultan of Perak. Notice the gold dome and gold minarets atop the bedazzled Ubudiah Mosque, a structure designed by British architect Arthur Hubback. Marvel at the Perak Royal Museum, a palace constructed entirely of wood and bamboo without the use of a single nail. Wander through the Sultan Shah Gallery and discover the colorful life of the 34th Sultan of Perak. See displays of ornate clothing and the Sultan's collection of luxury vehicles.

DAY EIGHT

B

SINGAPORE

Following breakfast, disembark the Eastern & Oriental Express in Singapore.

Excursion: Singapore. Explore Singapore and see the skyscraping Marina Bay Sands



Ubud

Resort and Merlion Park. Notice Singapore's mythical Merlion statue that features the head of a lion and the body of a fish. Drive through the Civic District past the Padang, Cricket Club, City Hall Parliament House, Supreme Court and more.

This afternoon, check in to the Shangri-la Hotel.

DAY NINE

B

SINGAPORE

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a day at leisure in Singapore. Perhaps stretch your legs on a stroll to Gardens by the Bay.

ELECTIVE | Multicultural Singapore. Explore Singapore's diverse cultures and neighborhoods including Kampong Glam, Chinatown and Little India.

DAY TEN

B

SINGAPORE | BALI, INDONESIA

This morning, depart for the airport for a flight to Bali. Upon arrival, transfer to the Jimbaran Puri Bali, an idyllic oasis in a tropical setting.

The rest of the day is at leisure.



Temple, Ubud



Gardens, Ubud



DAY ELEVEN

B I L

BALI

Excursion: *Balinese Life.* Spend the day immersed in Bali's daily life. Visit a local school to meet the students and their teachers. Observe the local lifestyle and traditional activities of a Balinese housing compound. Learn about subak, an ancient irrigation system still used in Bali's rice fields today. If you wish, surrender your feet to a relaxing Balinese foot massage.

Local Flavor: Savor Indonesian specialties during an alfresco lunch by the rice fields.

DAY TWELVE

B I D

BALI

Independent Exploration: Spend the day at leisure.

ELECTIVE | *Tampak Siring and Ubud.* Head to the hills of Bali and visit a spiritual temple where the water from a bubbling spring is believed to have healing powers. In Ubud, visit the ARMA Museum to see a collection of Balinese paintings and learn

about the gamelan, a unique musical instrument. Spend the afternoon at the museum or choose to visit Ubud's bustling market.

Gather with fellow travelers this evening to bid farewell to Bali during a Farewell Dinner.

DAY THIRTEEN

B

IN TRANSIT

This morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.✈

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants*

B I L I D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

ELECTIVE *Experiences available at an additional cost.*



Eastern & Oriental Express

Board the green-and-gold carriages of the Eastern & Oriental Express, and experience the golden age of travel as you wind through some of the most exotic, untouched countryside on earth. The E&O offers a luxurious experience complemented by an unparalleled encounter with Southeast Asia's far-flung landscapes. Elegance and attention to detail make riding the E&O an unforgettable treat. Orchids and frangipani flowers perfume the air. Stewards polish shoes and deliver freshly baked croissants and delicately carved local fruits at sunrise.

Feel like you are dining in one of the world's top restaurants when you take your seat in one of the lavishly decorated dining cars. Enveloped in rosewood paneling, you will enjoy refined service and gourmet meals prepared with the freshest ingredients.

As the sun sets, listen to the sounds of the forest as you relax in the open-air Observation Car and sip a Shanghai Express while the pianist plays your old favorites in the piano bar.

| ACCOMMODATIONS |



THE PENINSULA BANGKOK
BANGKOK



SHANGRI-LA HOTEL
SINGAPORE



JIMBARAN PURI BALI
BALI



Our travel experts have selected these luxury properties, each in a prime location, for your comfort. Details in the design and décor celebrate the local culture and enhance the ambience of each hotel. Their restaurants feature menus of elegantly prepared local and international cuisine. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.

Reserve your trip on the E & O Express today!

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We require membership to the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- Please use the credit card information below to sign me up or renew my membership.
- I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

(1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

(2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Sharing with _____. (Form sent separately.)

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

- Cabin Category Desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

- I/we reserve the Land Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Bangkok, Thailand, with a return from Bali, Indonesia, to depart from:

_____ Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Program

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **July 11, 2017** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

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September 26-October 6, 2017

	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
Pullman Cabin	\$6,245	\$250	\$5,995*
<i>62 sq. ft. private lounge with banquette-style sofa. At night the seating converts to upper and lower beds.</i>			
State Cabin	\$7,245	\$250	\$6,995*
<i>84 sq. ft. private lounge with banquette-style sofa and chairs. At night the seating converts to two single beds.</i>			

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated). The Pullman Single Cabin (54 sq. ft., one lower bed) supplement is an additional \$995. The State Cabin single supplement is an additional \$2,595.

There is limited availability for all single accommodations.

Let us arrange your flights!

September 24-October 6, 2017

✈ **AHI FlexAir** | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ a **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on most flights
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
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- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays
- ▶ flight insurance worth up to \$250,000, subject to policy terms

Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.



Terraced paddies, Bali

| UNESCO |

One UNESCO World Heritage site is featured in this comprehensive program:

- ▶ **Subak system, the cultural landscape of Bali province.**



Subak system, Bali

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ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Two nights in Bangkok, Thailand, at The Peninsula Bangkok, a deluxe hotel.
- Three nights aboard the deluxe Eastern & Oriental Express.
- Two nights in Singapore at the deluxe Shangri-La Hotel Singapore.
- Three nights in Bali, Indonesia, at the deluxe Jimbaran Puri Bali.

TRANSFERS

- All transfers within the Land Program: flights, train and deluxe motor coaches, including baggage handling.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including 10 breakfasts, five lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and gather for a Farewell Dinner.

AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **TRAVEL CONSULTANTS** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **PASSENGER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **TRAVEL INFORMATION** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **EXPERT GUIDES** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **The following excursions:**
 - Discover Bangkok's Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha Temple, Wat Pho and more.
 - Explore the Jim Thompson House museum.
 - Cruise the Kwai Yai River and see the River Kwai Bridge, Thailand-Burma Railway Center and Don Rak War Cemetery.
 - Tour the royal town of Kuala Kangsar.
 - Experience the highlights of Singapore.
 - Discover exciting Bali, including a visit to a traditional housing compound and a local school.
 - Get a firsthand look at subak, an age-old Balinese cultural, spiritual and agricultural system.





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