Southeast Asia Odyssey
February 27-March 17, 2025

19 days from $7,997 total price from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle
($7,395 air & land inclusive plus $602 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, seven-time honoree Travel + Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you to join us on an exclusive 19-day small group journey to discover the diverse and intriguing landscapes and cultures of Southeast Asia. Witness stunning natural wonders, timeworn temple ruins, and modern cities on this well-paced adventure.

Begin in lively Hanoi and enjoy an afternoon cruise on a traditional “junk” through famed Ha Long Bay’s fairytale seascape. Tour charming Hoi An, riding a boat to its lively central market, and enjoy an interactive Vietnamese cooking class. An unforgettable experience awaits with three nights in Siem Reap, Cambodia, with extensive touring of the astounding Angkor Wat complex. From here, we fly to Luang Prabang, Laos, where we embark on a half-day cruise along the Mekong and visit in elephant sanctuary in the scenic Nam Khan River valley. We then take a highspeed railway to Vang Vieng, where we visit a Hmong village and help prepare lunch at a farm-to-table restaurant, then fly to Bangkok for a three-night stay. Visit highlights in Bangkok include touring the Grand Palace complex, the Wat Pho Temple, and the colorful Flower Market. For those who wish to extend their journey, an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension to sophisticated Singapore is available.

Space is limited to 24 guests, and we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

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CLUB TRAVEL RESERVATION FORM: SOUTHEAST ASIA ODYSSEY

To reserve your place on tour, please call Club Travel at (415) 597-6720 or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Club Travel representative.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Commonwealth Club World Affair’s office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: Commonwealth Club World Affairs
Attn: Club Travel
110 The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94105

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SOUTHEAST ASIA ODYSSEY • FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 17, 2025

I/We would like to request ________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

Full Passport Name ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Gender ______
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Address ________________________________________________________________________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ ZIP ______

Home Phone (______) ___________________________ Cell Phone (______) ___________________________

E-mail(s) __________________________________ Badge Name(s) ___________________________________

Please book my/our air from __________________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade q
I will share a room with __________________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) q

Post-Tour “Singapore” Extension: Please sign me/us up q

We require membership in Commonwealth Club World Affairs to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:
q I am a current member of Commonwealth Club World Affairs.
q I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.
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Engaging, diverse, intriguing … This just begins to describe Southeast Asia and our small group odyssey through Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand … through sublime landscapes and spectacular ruins … through historic cities and tranquil countryside … through encounters with Buddhist monks and rural villagers.

Thursday, February 27: Depart U.S. for Hanoi, Vietnam

Friday, February 28: Arrive Hanoi

We arrive in the Vietnamese capital late this evening then transfer to our hotel.

Saturday, March 1: Hanoi

Our tour of this lively city begins at the serene Temple of Literature (ca. 1070); and Hoa Lo Prison, the infamous “Hanoi Hilton” of the Vietnam War. Then we explore Hanoi’s Ancient Quarter, a dense warren of street vendors, where tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant B,D

Sunday, March 2: Hanoi/Ha Long Bay

We depart this morning on a full-day excursion to Ha Long Bay, a breathtaking waterway in the Gulf of Tonkin dotted with 2,000 islands and islets, and surrounded by limestone cliffs and hidden caves. Here we board a traditional “junk” for lunch and an afternoon cruise. B,L

Monday, March 3: Hanoi/Ninh Binh

This morning we tour Ba Dinh Square, the national landmark complex of cultural and historic sites. We visit the revered Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, the French colonial Presidential Palace, and thousand-year-old One Pillar Pagoda, a Buddhist retreat. This afternoon we travel by coach to Ninh Binh, capital of Vietnam’s Red River Delta and UNESCO site known for its majestic landscapes. After settling in at our resort, we take a sunset walking tour through the peaceful countryside. B,D

Tuesday, March 4: Ninh Binh

Our day begins with a traditional sampan ride through Tam Coc, with its stunning lime-stone mountains and vivid green rice paddies. We pass through grottoes and past hidden caves before coaching to the citadel of Hoa Lu, Vietnam’s ancient capital, where we visit the two temples here. B,L,D

Wednesday, March 5: Ninh Binh/Da Nang/Hoi An

A travel day today as we return to Hanoi for this afternoon’s flight to Da Nang. Then we coach to the ancient trading port of Hoi An. Tonight, we enjoy dinner in the colorful Old Town. B,D

Thursday, March 6: Hoi An

A leisurely boat ride on the Thu Bon River brings us to Hoi An’s lively

Cover Photo: We spend three days touring Angkor Wat, one of Southeast Asia’s most important archaeological sites.
and cacophonous central market, selling everything from produce to clothing to souvenirs. We tour the market then stroll through the shop- and gallery-lined back streets and alleyways of the pedestrian Old Town. Tonight we enjoy a small group highlight: an interactive Vietnamese cooking class, followed by dinner. B,D

Friday, March 7: Hoi An/Da Nang/Siem Reap, Cambodia We see local life up close as we take a walking tour of a nearby farming settlement. Later we visit the acclaimed Cham Museum, then transfer to the airport for the flight to Siem Reap. B,L

Saturday, March 8: Siem Reap We make our first visit to the temples at the Angkor Wat complex, a small-scale city built between the 9th and 13th centuries and now a UNESCO site. This morning, we explore stunning 12th-century Angkor Wat itself, considered the world’s largest religious structure. After lunch, we travel via tuk-tuks (auto rickshaws) to Ta Prohm, the mystical, decaying Buddhist shrine where the giant roots and limbs of banyan trees have overtaken the labyrinth of ruins here; and Angkor Thom, site of Bayon Temple, an imposing stone edifice of 54 towers each carved with four enigmatic faces. B,L,D

Sunday, March 9: Siem Reap Today’s highlights include the restored 12th-century temple complex at Preah Khan; and 10th-century Banteay Srei, the “citadel of women” dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva and known for its delicately carved pink sandstone. B,L,D

Monday, March 10: Siem Reap/Luang Prabang, Laos After a morning at leisure, we visit Satcha Handicrafts, a development project for young adults to learn traditional Cambodian crafts. From here we head to the airport for our late afternoon flight to Luang Prabang. B,D

Tuesday, March 11: Luang Prabang Our day begins early with a timehonored tradition: the “tak-bat,” where hundreds of saffronrobed monks collect alms from their fellow Buddhists. Then we embark on a half-day cruise along the Mekong, lifeblood of Southeast Asia. We visit the Pak Ou Buddha Caves, housing hundreds of Buddhist icons, then enjoy lunch on board before stopping at a village that produces traditional Lao-Lao whiskey. B,L,D

Wednesday, March 12: Luang Prabang This morning we visit an elephant sanctuary in the scenic Nam Khan River valley. Then we learn about the lives of post-Tour Extension

March 17-20, 2025
Singapore
4 days/3 nights for $1,695 total price
Single Supplement: $445

Discover this sophisticated multi-cultural city-state.

Your Tour Price Includes
• Air transportation Bangkok/Singapore, including transfers
• 3 nights’ accommodations at Carlton City Hotel Singapore (Superior First Class)
• 5 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing, including Singapore cultural tour, bumboat ride on Singapore River, National Orchid Garden, and Gardens by the Bay
• Private motorcoach transportation
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
• Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

We visit the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay on Sunday, March 2.
local farmers as we travel to a communal rice farm, where we enjoy lunch before joining in farm-based activities. B,L

**Thursday, March 13: Luang Prabang/Vang Vieng**
We set out on a walking tour of this ancient royal city this morning, beginning with the Old City, a UNESCO site, where we tour the beautiful 16th-century Wat Xieng Thong temple complex, and the National Museum, set in the former royal palace. Later, we board the new Boten-Vientiane highspeed railway from Luang Prabang to Vang Vieng, an eco-tourism center and home to the Hmong and Khmu villages, which we visit on March 12th. B,L,D

**Friday, March 14: Vang Vieng/Vientiane/Bangkok**
We encounter two of Laos’ 160 ethnic groups on today’s visit to a Hmong village, where we learn about traditional basket weaving; and to a Khmu village, where we’re introduced to rice wine brewing. Then we help to prepare our lunch at a Lao cooking class at a farm-to-table restaurant. This afternoon we travel to the Lao capital of Vientiane for the flight to Bangkok. B,L

**Saturday, March 15: Bangkok**
We discover the vibrant Thai capital on today’s tour that features the Grand Palace complex with the revered Emerald Buddha; Wat Pho Temple, home of the gold-leafed Reclining Buddha, and the colorful Flower Market. B,L

**Sunday, March 16: Bangkok**
This morning’s visit to the Jim Thompson House reveals the prized Southeast Asian art collection of the American who revived the Thai silk industry. Tonight we celebrate our Southeast Asia odyssey at a farewell dinner. B,D

**Monday, March 17: Depart for U.S.**
Today we transfer to the airport for our return flights to the U.S. B

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**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 17 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 38 meals: 17 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Guest lectures and/or briefings
- Club representative at 15 guests
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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**Tour Departs: February 27, 2025**

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $602, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Certain U.S. cities may require an evening flight from Bangkok (or Singapore on the Post-Tour Extension), arriving in the U.S. on Day 20.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip international flight: $5,395 from New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle; $6,995 from other cities (upgrade subject to availability and pricing subject to change). Upgrade cost is in addition to the costs above.

Contact Club Travel at 415-597-6720
travel@commonwealthclub.org
www.commonwealthclub.org/travel
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure online portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price:

- Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director or shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing or shore excursions, and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:

- If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
  - cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
  - cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
  - cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
  - cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.
- If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties.
- Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for changes associated with the ticket’s resuse.

Eligibility:

- We require membership in Commonwealth Club World Affairs to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealth.club.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance:

- We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility:

- The liability of Commonwealth Club World Affairs, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. Commonwealth Club World Affairs and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that results from events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line(s), and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical issues:

- We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Commonwealth Club World Affairs and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information:

- Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternative travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, if you choose to make your own airline reservations for this tour and not use those provided by Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., please do not do so until making your final payment to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. However, if you choose to make your own flight arrangements, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from tour cancellations or changes in this tour.

JOIN COMMONWEALTH CLUB WORLD AFFAIRS ON AN EXCLUSIVE TOUR TO SOUTHEAST ASIA!

Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests