



Bali to Komodo Dragons: A Trip of a Lifetime including Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia September 10 -21, 2020

Bali is only the beginning of one of the most stunning trips you will ever take. Visit the two most spectacular areas of Indonesia, exciting Singapore end up face to face with the Komodo Dragons. Bali with the Ubud area and Yogyakarta are movie sets famous for rice terraced hills, Hindu temple complexes, and colorfully dressed locals. We offer excellent hotels, restaurants with gourmet food and give enough time for personal pursuits and a try at Asian spa treatments. Bali and Indonesia in general have some of the finest crafts in the world.

Day 1 – Thu – Sep 10 – USA /Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Depart from North America for Asia. Cross the International Date Line. *Flying EVA Airlines a member of the Star Alliance, we do all possible to arrange flights with other tour members. Please call us for flight information- we do it all for your ease and comfort.*

Day 2 Fri – Sep 11 Arrive Kuala Lumpur

EVA Airlines arrives at 11:15 AM. We are met after customs and immigration and transferred to our hotel. *Rooms available from 14:00. Use your list of other travelers to connect during this time or rest before our spectacular dinner together .* **Sunset @ Twin Towers with dinner** 6.00 PM - As the sun starts to set, we visit the most iconic landmark in Kuala Lumpur, Petronas Twin Towers. Soaring to a height of almost 1500 ft, the 88 story twin towers are KL's crown jewel. The 45-minute guided tour includes panoramic and aerial views of the magnificent pink-tinged sunset transitioning to the night scene of Kuala Lumpur. The sky bridge between the two towers is on the 41/42 floors; site of many movie sets.

Our Welcome dinner is an authentic Malay experience in a local restaurant. Malay cuisine is known for its spicy and aromatic flavors commonly found in Southeast Asia. (Visiting time at Petronas towers is subject to availability).

Overnight: RENAISSANCE HOTEL (Superior room – East Wing) or similar

Day 3 Sat – Sep 12 Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur History and Heritage Tour (3 hours)

9.00 AM – Kuala Lumpur is rich with the history of evolution from a small tin-mining settlement to a modern skyscraper city. The city is further enhanced by its wonderful architecture, prominent landmarks and unique buildings. You will be amazed at the blend of Oriental and colonial parts of the city. Intertwined are interesting Moorish, Mughal-Tudor and Islamic buildings.

Our first visit is to Istana Negara, official residence of the Agong (Head of State or King of Malaysia). The sprawling palace was built in 1928. The Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia houses thousands of artifacts about Islamic civilization in this region- different from that of the Middle East. On the way to Independence Square, we pass the National Mosque and Kuala Lumpur's Old Railway Station. Set in front of the historic Sultan Abdul Samad Building, this is where the Union Jack flag was lowered August 31, 1957. Visit Orang Asli Crafts Museum as well as Pavilion Mall and Central Market. Lunch in a local restaurant. You can choose to linger here and return to the hotel by taxi. (instructions will be given by our guide) or return to the hotel.



Note: When meals are not included, our guides are available to help with suggestions and our group usually gets together. Just ask.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 4 – Sun – Sep 13 Kuala Lumpur / Malacca (2 hours)

Depart the city around 10AM and drive to Malacca. We'll stop for optional lunch before continuing to the hotel for check-in. In the afternoon tour this UNESCO World Heritage site on a Malacca Heritage Walking Tour. Malacca is a charming blend of Nonya and Peranakan, Malaysian and Chinese - one of the oldest cities in Malaysia. You'll find fascinating shops and antiques as well as many local artisans. After dinner visit the Jonkar Street night market, a fun experience.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight at: MAJESTIC HOTEL (Deluxe rooms) or similar

Day 5- Mon – Sep 14 Malacca /Singapore (3 hours)

After breakfast we continue our drive, cross the Johor Causeway and travel into Singapore. We are met by our Singapore guide and escorted to our hotel. **3:30 PM Afternoon Tea at Chihuly Lounge and Art Collection – 3.5 hours** Freshen up at the hotel before we depart for the Chihuly Lounge at the Ritz Carlton Millennia at 3:00. Relax and unwind in **Chihuly Lounge**, named for famed American glass artist Dale Chihuly. Linger over our 8-course afternoon tea in the presence of Chihuly's stunning glass sculptures. After tea we are free to enjoy on our own, the hotel's vast collection of art pieces of Dale Chihuly, Andy Warhol and other icons. Return to the hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast - High Tea

Overnight at: ORCHARD HOTEL (Deluxe Room) or similar

Day 6 – Tue – Sep 15 Singapore City Tour

9:00 AM Morning Tai Chi Session

Singapore City Tour with Lunch – 6.5 hours

We stop at Merlion Park, Thian Hock Keng Temple, Chinatown and visit to Little India. Visit the Botanic Garden with its world-famous Orchid Garden. Lunch today on a wonderful variety of **Dim Sum** in a local Chinese Restaurant. Drop-off those who wish at world famous **ION Orchard**, the multi-story experiential and lifestyle center with 660,000 square feet of space or return to the hotel

While we await the Grand Opening of Raffles Hotel Singapore, following restoration, our last stop is at the historic **Long Bar** fully restored for a taste of Singapore's very own concoction, '**the Singapore Sling**', . As the saying goes, 'If you have not been to Raffles, you have not been to Singapore'. We continue the tradition of throwing peanut shells on the floor as we sip a chilled glass of the hand-shaken Singapore Sling **Optional: Singapore Night Zoo Safari - the world's first nocturnal zoo and one of the most popular attractions in Singapore - Join-in tour**

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Day 7 – Wed – Sep 16 Singapore / Royal City of Yogyakarta

We transfer to the airport for Air Asia at 11:10 AM. We arrive at 12:25PM in Yogyakarta on the island of Java. We are now in a traditional and exotic Royal island. Formed mostly as the result of volcanic eruptions, Java is the 13th largest island in the world. A chain of volcanic mountains forms an east-west spine. Much of Indonesian history took place here: the center of powerful Hindu-Buddhist empires, Islamic sultanates, and core of the colonial Dutch East Indies. Upon arrival, we are met by our English-speaking guide, lunch at a local restaurant. Then continue to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to try the gorgeous Asian spa, lagoon pools or other amenities. Note: in Asia many hotels have connected shopping arcades if you wish to wander without leaving the premises.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at: MELIA PUROSANI HOTEL (Deluxe Room) or similar.



Day 8 – Thu – Sept 17 Borobudur & Prambanan

Breakfast is served at the hotel. Drive to Magelang to visit the world's largest Buddhist monument, **Borobudur**. This vast, ancient site features thousands of sculptures rising on seven levels and represents the peak of 8th - 10th century South Asian Buddhist art. It is the oldest Mahayana Buddhist Temple in Indonesia.. A main dome, is surrounded by 72 Buddha statues seated inside a perforated stupa. Later explore **Prambanan**, an ancient complex built in the style of Javanese - Hindu art that stands on the heights of the Dieng Plateau. The temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the largest Hindu temple in Indonesia, and is one of the largest and the most beautiful Hindu temples in Southeast Asia.. We also visit an exotic Bird Market. In the evening, we are transferred to a local restaurant to enjoy dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Day 9 – Fri – Sep 18 Yogyakarta / Bali / Sanur

Visit the elegant Kraton Royal Center with museums, temples, craft workshops and markets displaying the finest court architecture in Java. Dioramas with life-size puppets show the grandeur of earlier times, including a royal wedding. See fabulous batiks in production, for which the area is famous. The Kraton encompasses a main palace, Sultan's residence and a large residential area where the Sultan's servants lived. There are music and dance shows within the palace regularly. The Sultan maintains three gamelans (traditional music ensembles), and the pavilion nearest the entrance houses one of them. If they're playing, sit down and be patient, this music takes time. This afternoon fly to the island paradise of Bali. Upon arrival, we are met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of day is at leisure.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at: FAIRMONT SANUR BEACH (Fairmont Garden View Suite) or similar

Day 10 – Sat – Sep 19 Bali/ Lubuan Bajo

This morning we fly (1/1/2 hours) to Lubuan Bajo. *Leave main luggage in Bali and take a tote with your swimsuit and water sandals. Don't forget sunscreen.* Upon arrival at Komodo Airport in Labuan Bajo, meet with our guide then directly transfer to Labuan Bajo Harbor to embark on a local wooden boat with open deck. A short boat journey gets us to **Kelor Island** for snorkeling near the island (snorkeling gear is provided) or just admire the views. Lunch is served onboard. Continue to **Rinca Island**, one of the best locations to see the dragons in natural habitat via an approximate 2-hour soft trek on the island in search for the dragons, guided by a local ranger. Afterwards, continue sailing towards **Kalong Island** to observe bats filling the sky as they come home to roost at sunset. Transfer back to the main island towards Labuan Bajo and directly to our hotel for check-in. Set Menu dinner at the hotel. Our lovely accommodations overlook the beach.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Overnight BINTANG FLORES or similar

If you do not wish to go, we can book you to stay in Bali optionally.

Day 11 – Sun – Sep 20 Lubuan Bajo to Bali

Early check out from our hotel and transfer for our morning return to Bali. We drive to Ubud, the cultural center of Bali, where centuries-old traditions are preserved. Visit **Ubud Market**, world-famous treasures made here include intricate paintings, sculpture and wood carvings. Famous as an arts and crafts hub, much of the town and nearby villages consist of artists' workshops and galleries. We visit **Tirta Empul** Holy Spring Water Temple built in the 10th century. The Balinese believe in the healing powers of the waters. Transfer back to our hotel and enjoy evening at leisure.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Overnight at: FAIRMONT SANUR BEACH (Fairmont Garden View Suite) or similar



Day 12 Mon – Sep 21 Bali / Home

Enjoy a AM yoga session at hotel. 9: 30 AM depart for the center. Shopping and photo ops until we return to the hotel to freshen up before our farewell dinner. A Farewell dinner is served at the hotel with Balinese Dance performances. Depart for the airport at est. 10:30 PM (late check-out included) for a 01:10 AM flight.

Meals Included: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner

LAND ARRANGEMENTS 11 NIGHTS / 12 DAYS:

10-14 Paying Pax \$ 4,500 Per Person on Sharing basis

Single Supplement \$ 1,645 Per Person

Airfare Coach Class \$ **698 Per Person (*)**

Singapore/Yogyakarta/Denpasar, Bali/Lubuan Bajo/Denpasar

(*) Airfares quoted are prevailing airfares. We cannot quote / book air for Sep 2020 yet.

Optional: Singapore Night Zoo Safari – join-in tour \$60 per person

Above costs includes:

- Accommodation on sharing basis at hotels mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- All transfers and sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary by AC Vehicle on private basis.
- Entrance fees
- Local English-speaking guides for sightseeing
- Meet and greet at the airport
- **Bottled water on bus daily**

Value Added Inclusions:

- Flight Bag & Baggage Tags
- \$1Million USTOA Consumer Protection Plan

NOT INCLUDED:

- International Airfare.
- Internal airfare (Supplement advised separately)
- Meals other than mentioned in the itinerary.
- Any services during leisure time.
- Airport taxes
- Insurance
- Tipping/gratuities
- Necessary inoculations
- Items of personal nature such as visa fee, telephone, laundry, beverages, Any items not listed above.

Visas: US passport holders do not require a visa for Malaysia, Singapore or Indonesia. Please ensure that your passport is valid for six months beyond the return date of the tour.

Insurance: We strongly recommend Travel Insurance.

Inoculations: We recommend that you contact your doctor for questions regarding country-specific health counseling.

Tour documents: Invoice will be sent on receipt of deposit. Final tour documents including day-by-day itinerary, hotel listing, air tickets & vouchers are sent between 45-30 days prior to departure.