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Icon Definitions



Easy

Although primarily sightseeing tours, these excursions do include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain. They also may include getting into/out of a helicopter or floatplane.



Moderate

Slightly more active, these excursions may include sitting for a period of time aboard a river raft or extended periods of standing, as while sportfishing, for example.



Strenuous

For the adventurous, these are our most active shore excursions. Activities such as canoeing, biking, hiking or kayaking are examples.



Wheelchair Accessible

This symbol indicates tours that can accommodate passengers who utilize a wheelchair. Most tour operators require that wheelchairs are collapsible. Space restrictions may preclude transport of electric wheelchairs and walkers.

Please notify the Shore Excursion Manager onboard your ship so that arrangements may be made prior to your arrival in port.



Meal Included

A meal and beverage is provided.



Snack Included

A snack is provided.



Shopping Opportunity

Shopping opportunities will be available during this excursion.

Categories

Sightseeing & City Tours

Guided tours that show you many of the top highlights of our port city and/or the local area.

Nature & Wildlife

Excursions that allow you to enjoy wilderness areas, view/interact with local fauna or marine life.

Activities & Adventures

Fun, exciting explorations that get you outdoors in the sun or surf: hikes, rides, water sports, beach visits, ziplines, flightseeing and more!

Special Interests

Focused excursions and walking tours that visit select highlights while exploring particular aspects of the port's appeal in greater depth: Cuisine, History, Art/Culture, Religion, or Guided Shopping.

Exploring On Your Own

Resources that help you make the most of an independent exploration of the area.

Badges

Most Popular

Our TOP recommendation as the ONE most representative experience for each port, these tours are always among the most popular excursions we offer.

Connoisseur

Intimate, exclusive experiences to groups no larger than 20 passengers. Each includes a special dining experience, special access or unique hard-to-duplicate experiences not offered on other tours.

Kid-Friendly

Specially designed to be enjoyable for children under 12. Lasting no more than four hours, they visit a limited number of individual sites specifically chosen based on interest/appeal to kids, offer kid-oriented commentary, activities and meals – and are priced affordably.

Off the Beaten Path

These excursions showcase distinctive, more unusual but less-frequented attractions of the port city or local area – perfect for return visitors or those looking for “something different.”

World Heritage Site

These tours visit one or more UNESCO World Heritage List properties.



Busan, South Korea

The second largest city in South Korea, Busan is your gateway to a fascinating land whose culture is a unique amalgam of old and new. Modern high-rise towers dwarf ancient Buddhist temples. The city's bustling business district offers a stark contrast to the serene grounds of Yongdusan Park. In short, Busan is a microcosm of South Korea, a nation whose startling economic success often obscures one of Asia's most sophisticated and venerable cultures.

Busan was the scene of bitter fighting during the Korean War. The United Nations Memorial Cemetery marks the final resting place for the troops from 16 nations who gave their lives during the conflict.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Haedong Yonggungsa Temple (Guided in English)

PUS-200 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$89



This serene and informative half day tour takes you to unique temple by the sea, past one of Korea's most popular beaches.

Accompanied by your friendly local guide, you will board the motorcoach at the pier for the breath-taking journey through glorious countryside, to the beautiful Haedong Yonggungsa Temple.

Without a doubt, this is one of the most beautiful temples in Busan, and its unusual location by the sea, only adds to the peaceful atmosphere. Expect to climb 108 steps to get a closer look at this amazing landmark, which boasts a three-story pagoda decorated with lions. Once inside, your guide will explain the legend of the Great Goddess Buddha, who lives in the sea and is said to appear on the back of a dragon.

Climb back on to the motorcoach for the drive along the beautiful Haeundae Beach. Considered to be Korea's most popular beach, Haeundae attracts many holiday-makers and takes its name from the 9th century Silla scholar and poet Choi Chi-won, who would write from a nearby pavilion.

Continuing along the coastal road, head for Dongbaekseom Island, and APEC House, which was built for the 2005 APEC Economic Leader's Meeting.

Another unique and picturesque location, the building is surrounded by beautiful woods of camellia and pine trees. It regularly hosts international conferences, and along with the many delegates who come here, you will also be able to view the Mermaid Statue, which stands on a rock formation on the shore.

Then there is some time for souvenir shopping as you make your way to the wonderful Gukje International Market which is packed with around 300 shops selling crafts, artworks, and antiques.

After a short browse, head back to the ship squeezing in one last photo-stop at the APEC Light House for views of the impressive 24,000 foot Gwangan Grand Bridge, which was completed in 2003, and is the longest suspension bridge in Korea.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

Visitors to Haedong Yonggungsa Temple must climb approximately 108 steps.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

Ja-Gal-Ch'i Market & Beomeosa Temple (Guided in English)

PUS-215 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$79



This relaxing yet fascinating half day excursion starts with a warm welcome at the pier from your local guide, before an enjoyable drive through the city's northern suburbs, passing by the impressive Municipal Museum.

Leaving the city you will journey through magnificent countryside to the serene Beomeosa Temple, one of South Korea's largest temples, which dates back to 678 A.D.

Cross over an arched stone bridge and mountain brook as you approach the temple's three handsome entry gates, also known as

the 'Gate of the Heavenly Kings'.

You will then wander the grounds, where you can view the temple's graceful 7th century three- stone pagoda, which was built during the Silla era, around 826-836 A.D.

Your guide will also show you the Beomeosa stone lamp, which sits in the temple's grounds and the colorful main temple hall, which was built in 1614.

Climbing back onto the bus you will then head to a lively part of town for your second stop of the day, the wonderful Ja-Gal-Ch'i fish market. This colorful explosion of local culture was established by women peddlers during the Korean War, and has become known over the years as 'Aunt's Market', in their honor.

Today, the market boasts amazing displays of seafood ranging from freshly caught whole fish such as flounder and eels, shellfish and exotic seaweeds. You will have time to wander freely, exploring this amazing slice of Korean life, before getting back on the motorcoach for the relaxing trip back to port.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

Visitors to Beomeosa Temple must climb a hill followed by approximately 100 steps. The floors at the Ja-Gal-Ch'i Fish Market are wet and slippery; wear non-skid, flat walking shoes.

A portion of the Ja-Gal-Ch'i Fish Market is closed on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

Beomeosa Temple & Cultural Performance (Guided in English)



PUS-205 Approximately 3.75 hours / From \$89

Explore the unique spirituality of Buddhism on a nearly four-hour excursion that includes a tour of the renowned Beomeosa Temple followed by a cultural performance. Shrouded in myths and serenity, the temple's pagodas, gates, temple halls, and shrines are recognized as South Korea's National Treasures and are exceptional sights to behold.

Your journey begins as soon as you board your motorcoach and make your way through Busan's northern suburbs. Keep an eye out for the Municipal Museum, which is noted for its exhibits dating back to Busan's ancient days.

Then, sit back and relax as your coach ventures into a picturesque landscape of evergreen trees and sparkling streams. Soon, you'll make your way to the lush slopes of Mt. Geumjeongsan. Here, nestled deep in the forest sits the 1,300 year-old Beomeosa Temple, one of the most spiritual spots in South Korea. One of the ancient legends surrounding the temple begins with its name. Translated as "Temple of the Nirvana Fish," it's believed that a fish traveled from heaven on a multi-colored cloud and landed in a well, marking the spot as holy and the future site of the temple. Constructed in 678 A.D., Beomeosa once contained over 360 rooms and more than a thousand monks lived here. The temple was burned to the ground in 1592 when the Japanese invaded but rebuilt in 1602. After crossing an ancient bridge you'll disembark, step down a number of steps and walk towards a set of impressive gates. The first gate you'll meet is called "One Pillar Gate." Constructed in 1614, the gate symbolizes the feeling of oneness you'll feel as you pass through and begin your tour. With the scent of incense filling the air you'll continue on past the 300-year-old Gate of the Four Heavenly Kings. According to Korean legend, the four statues standing inside the gate are guarding the entrance to heaven. Don't be alarmed by their ferocious looks - they're only meant to force unruly spirits to surrender to their will. (But it's believed that they might not let you enter and stroll around the temple grounds if your mind is not peaceful and pure.)

Then, you'll have the chance to leisurely wander around the spellbinding grounds. One of the sights not to be missed is the stone lantern in the courtyard. Erected in the 9th century, the octagonal lantern features a unique double-leaf lotus design and is believed to be a part of the original temple that was destroyed in the fire of 1592. Another must-see is the three-story stone pagoda. Built between 826 A.D. and 836 A.D. the pagoda offers a pearl-shaped stone on its base, engraved corner pillars, and large and small lotus leaves.

After your tour, Korean dancers and musicians, dressed in traditional costumes will perform for you before you climb back aboard your coach and travel back on a scenic trip to the port in Busan.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

Visitors to Beomeosa Temple must climb a hill followed by approximately 100 steps.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

U.N. Cemetery & Busan Museum (Guided in English)

PUS-220 Approximately 4 hours / From \$49



Following a long history of warfare with its neighbor, Japan defeated the Qing dynasty in 1896 and occupied Korea until the end of World War II followed by a civil war. Then, in 1950, hoping to unify Korea under a Communist government, the north launched a surprise attack and quickly gained control of most of the south. The United Nations intervened and sent troops to help South Korea. North Korean troops drove UN forces down the Korean peninsula to Busan but the city was one of the few cities that was not destroyed or invaded during the Korea War.

During this four-hour excursion you'll visit two sites that preserve the legacy of the war and the soldiers who bravely fought for freedom. There will be a moderate amount of walking so remember to wear a pair of comfortable shoes.

After leaving the pier, you'll be joined by a guide who will point out areas of interest along the way to the Busan Municipal Museum. In addition to a large collection of artifacts and exhibits that date back to ancient times, the museum also showcases the city's dramatic role during the war with a compilation of photos and film footage detailing the conflict.

Just a short distance away is the United Nations Memorial Cemetery. Sprawling out over 35 quiet acres, the cemetery was established by the UN in 1951 as a permanent tribute to the soldiers who died during 1950 to 1953.

A stroll through the immaculate grounds will lead you to the Main Gate, dedicated to fallen UN forces by the citizens of Busan. As you gaze upon the structure note that the roofline is said to symbolize heaven and the support columns in the shape of trees signify life. The surroundings are even more poignant as you walk past the neat rows of stone markers that form the final resting place for 11,000 soldiers and medical personnel from over 16 nations.

Continuing on you'll come to the Memorial Service Hall whose steep, triangular roof represents eternity and symbolically conveys the religious faiths represented in the cemetery. Also in the cemetery, you'll find the stone Monument of Dongnae, which was built in 1670 and sits at the south gate. It now serves as a memorial to those who died in the battle of Dongnae during the Japanese invasions of 1592 to 1598.

Shopping is next on the agenda. The Lotte department store is one of the largest in the country and boasts luxury goods, jewelry, electronics, fashion and more. After you disembark you'll have an hour to shop to your heart's content. When you've finished shopping, take a ride up to the 9th floor for spectacular views of the city.

After free time for shopping, you will then board the coach for the journey back to the ship.

Special Notes

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

Special Interests

Tongdosa Temple & United Nations Memorial Cemetery (Guided in English)

PUS-210 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



Step back in time on this truly wonderful half-day excursion in the company of your knowledgeable guide, who is eager to teach you all about the fascinating history and culture of Korea.

After meeting your guide and driver at the port, you will then travel through the city's northern suburbs, passing by the impressive Municipal Museum, and other city landmarks en route to the Tongdosa Temple.

Driving through the pine forest, you will then arrive at a truly unique location, the Tongdosa Temple. Tongdosa means "saving the world through mastering truth", and visitors can enjoy time for reflection at this temple which dates back to 646 A.D. Enjoy the picturesque grounds, centuries-old murals, and Buddhist relics brought from China in the 4th century.

After spending quality time enjoying the temple's peaceful atmosphere, you will then get back on the bus and head to your second location of the day, the United Nations Memorial Cemetery.

Spend quiet time walking through the neat rows of stone markers that form the final resting places for the soldiers and medical personnel who gave their lives during the Korean War.

The cemetery covers over 35 quiet acres and was established by the United Nations in 1951. You will be able to view the stone Monument of Dongnae which was built in 1670 and sits at the south gate. It now serves as a memorial to those who died in the battle of Dongnae during the Japanese invasions of 1592.

After strolling through the park's grounds, you will then board the coach for the picturesque journey back to the ship, through more beautiful countryside.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

A visit to Tongdosa Temple involves considerable walking. Wear comfortable and sturdy low-heeled shoes.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

Tea Ceremony & City Drive (Guided in English)

PUS-320 Approximately 3 hours / From \$99



For passengers who want to discover more about Korean culture, this wonderful half-day excursion is a great place to start.

After meeting your guide at the ship, you will then drive through the commercial district, passing city hall, hotels, banks and department stores before continuing on to Yongdusan Park, in the very heart of Busan. View the Busan Tower, which boasts panoramic views of the city before driving along the narrow valleys that are wedged between the Nakdong River and Suyeong River. Here, your guide who is local to the area, will reveal the region's history as you pass by this dramatic mountain backdrop.

You will then head to either the Beomeosa Temple, Tongdosa Temple, or Samgwangsa Temple for your first stop of the day.

Beomeosa, one of ten HwaEom temples in Korea, was established to realize the purpose of HwaEom which pursues life full of happiness and generosity. It was founded in 678 A.D., and is home to an impressive 7th century stone pagoda. Samgwangsa Temple, built at the foot of the Baekyang Mountains, boasts spectacular views of the city, while the Tongdosa Temple, founded in 646 A.D., features extensive grounds, centuries-old murals, and Buddhist relics brought from China in the 4th century.

After exploring the serene temple grounds you will then be invited to take part in an ancient tea ceremony. You will be taught the rituals and rules of this important tradition, before enjoying green tea and Korean rice cakes with your hosts.

After you have learnt more about the culture of this wonderful country, you will climb back on to the motorcoach and enjoy the glorious drive through stunning countryside back to your ship.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

Visitors to Beomeosa Temple must climb approximately 100 steps.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

Busan - Past & Present (Guided in English)

PUS-230 Approximately 4 hours / From \$49



Tranquil yet energetic, modern yet traditional, Busan is a city that embraces its past while keeping its eye on the future. Get to know Busan's many different faces with this four-and-a-half hour excursion that takes you on a tour of the city's past, present and future.

After meeting your guide at the pier, you'll travel into the heart of Busan, South Korea's second largest city. Known as Korea's summer capital for its superb beaches and impressive hot springs, Busan is also famous as a guardian of its history.

Your first destination is a step into the past at the Bokcheon Museum. Inside, you'll find relics and artifacts from the pre-historic era to the Three Kingdom period that spanned from the 1st century B.C. to the 6th century A.D. Among the fascinating exhibits you'll see are displays of ancient helmets, earthenware and weapons excavated from around Busan and the tombs of the nearby burial ground.

A stroll around the Bokcheon Tombs is a haunting reminder of ancient man and their contributions to the area. Over 9,000 architectural gems have been unearthed from this site, many of which can be seen in the museum. Take a stroll around the tombs and see wooden coffins and a few stone coffins covered with stone slabs.

At the conclusion of your tour you'll board your coach and continue on through the city. Your next stop is a walk into the present. Situated on the northern side of Yongdusan Park, the Modern History Museum details the city's recent history when Korea fell under Japanese rule in the late 19th century.

Shopping is next on the agenda. The Lotte department store is one of the largest in the country and boasts luxury goods, jewelry, electronics, fashion and more. After you disembark you'll have an hour to shop to your heart's content. When you've finished shopping, take a ride up to the 9th floor for spectacular views of the city.

When your exciting tour of Busan's highlights comes to an end, you'll return to your motorcoach, perhaps laden with gifts from Lotte department store, for the relaxing ride back to your ship.

Special Notes

This tour will not operate on Mondays as museums are closed.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.



Nagasaki, Japan

For most travelers, Nagasaki is a symbol of the horror and the inhumanity of war. An estimated 75,000 people perished in 1945 when the city became the second target of a nuclear attack. Today, Nagasaki's Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum draw visitors from around the world.

But this beautiful city on Kyushu offers other sights. Often described as the San Francisco of Japan, the city occupies verdant hills surrounded by a deep-water bay. For three centuries, Nagasaki was Japan's sole window on the world. The city is also celebrated as the setting for Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly."

Sightseeing & City Tours

Dejima, Peace Memorial Park & Atomic Bomb Museum (Guided in English)



NGS-100 Approximately 7 hours / From \$199

Board your motorcoach and drive to Peace Memorial Park. The Megami Ohashi Bridge offers sweeping views of the city and the Mitsubishi shipyard.

On August 9, 1945, Nagasaki became the second city to suffer a nuclear attack. Peace Memorial Park is located near Ground Zero, the center of the blast, and is home to a beautiful memorial fountain and the 30-foot-high "Statue of Peace." Nearby is the Atomic Bomb Museum, which chronicles the events leading up to the bombing and the event itself. The displays include photographs taken in the city immediately after the blast as well as artifacts that survived the explosion. A short walk from the museum leads to the Atomic Bomb Hypocenter, a black monolith marking Ground Zero.

Board your coach and travel past rebuilt Urakami Cathedral and the famed one-legged Torii gate of the Sanno Shrine. At the time of the blast the cathedral was the largest Christian church in Asia; the shrine's Torii gate was also damaged in the explosion.

Continue to Dejima Museum. Originally an artificial island, Dejima has long been joined to the mainland by land reclamation. For over 200 years during the Tokugawa Shogunate, Japan practiced a policy of strict isolation from the outside world. The outpost of Dutch merchants on Dejima Island was Japan's only contact with the Western world. Tour the Dejima Museum, housed in a blue, colonial era building. The Museum chronicles how the unique Japanese-Dutch trading system worked.

A local hotel or restaurant is the setting for a Japanese style lunch.

After lunch, walk up to the Glover Garden. After the Meiji Restoration, Westerners took up residence in the nearby Foreign Settlement. The Scottish merchant Thomas Glover was an important figure in modern Japan's early industrial development, instrumental in the formation of such iconic Japanese firms as Mitsubishi. Glover Garden provides panoramic views of the city and is the site of seven historic buildings, including Glover's residence, the first wooden Western-style house in Japan.

After your visit you have the option of returning to the ship on foot or remaining in the Foreign Settlement District for additional sightseeing and shopping. You are then responsible for your return to the ship.

Special Notes

The Atomic Bomb Museum exhibits sensitive material including graphic images depicting the atrocities of war.

This tour includes walking up and downhill to visit the Glover Garden. Guests are required to negotiate steps and uneven surfaces at Peace Memorial Park and Glover Gardens. Not recommended for passengers with limited mobility. Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes.

Change your currency to Japanese yen before disembarking the ship.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

The National Sports Competition will be held in Nagasaki October 12-22, 2014. Passengers should expect venues to be crowded and there to be traffic delays during this time.

Off the Beaten Path

Shimabara Castle & Samurai Village (Guided in English)

NGS-105 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$199



Board your motorcoach and travel northeast from Nagasaki, passing scenic Ariake Bay en route to the mountainous Shimabara Peninsula.

Shimabara Castle is situated in the center of this historic old town, and is a superlative example of the classic Japanese castle design known as the Flatland style. Matsukura Shigemasa initiated the construction of Shimabara Castle in 1618 and it took six years to complete. He raised taxes to pay for its construction, which was one of the factors behind the Shimabara Rebellion of 1637-38. Destroyed once, the present castle is a 1964 reconstruction, although the moat and stone walls are from the original structure. The castle is now used as a historical museum centering on the 1637 Battle of Shimabara. Exhibits focus on early Christianity in Japan as well as a collection of swords, armor and cultural artifacts.

A walking tour through the charming cobblestone streets of Shimabara is an opportunity to learn more about the historic area, and a visit to a traditional "samurai village" offers a glimpse into the ways of the Japan's warrior class.

Continue on to a local restaurant and enjoy a Japanese lunch.

Refreshed, depart on a short drive to Mizunashi Honjin. This small village was buried by ash during an eruption of Mt. Fugen in 1991. A few roofs remain visible above the ash and debris, and the area is now a memorial site where the volcano's devastation is preserved.

At the completion of your day, enjoy a picturesque ride back to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Nagasaki and Shimabara is approximately two hours each way.

This tour involves climbing steep stairs and crossing uneven ground. This tour is not considered suitable for passengers with walking difficulties. Wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes.

Passengers should bring local currency for any purchases.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

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Most Popular

Peace Memorial Park, Atomic Bomb Museum & City Drive (Guided in English)



NGS-200 Approximately 3 hours / From \$99

Board your motor coach at the pier for a scenic city drive through Nagasaki en route to the moving Peace Memorial Park and the Atomic Bomb Museum. In 1945, an estimated 75,000 people perished when the city became the second target of a nuclear attack. Today, Nagasaki's Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum draw visitors from around the world and serve as both a reminder of the tragedy and a memorial to all those who lost their lives.

On August 9, 1945, Nagasaki became the second city to suffer a nuclear attack. Peace Memorial Park is located near Ground Zero, the centre of the blast. It was created to represent the vow that such a tragedy would not happen again and offers hope for world peace. A Nagasaki native created the statue that is the focal point of the park. The 30-foot-high "Statue of Peace" is a symbol of world peace.

After your visit, your city drive continues through to the Urakami Catholic Church. The original structure was built in 1879 after a long ban on Christianity was lifted. When the atomic bomb was dropped it completely destroyed the church. In 1959 this stately Romanesque building was built on the original site. It was remodeled in 1980 and stands as a symbol of persecution. Displayed on the church grounds are statues and artifacts damaged during the bombing.

Peruse the adjacent Atomic Bomb Museum and view the permanent exhibit of photographs taken in the city immediately after the atomic blast. You will also see video displays and artifacts that survived the explosion.

Located near the Atomic Bomb Museum is a monument that marks the centre of the atomic blast that leveled the city. A black, square, stone column marks the exact point where the bomb exploded.

Your driving route also passes the famed one-legged Torii Gate. The ancient stone gate stands on only one pillar since the other was blown away by the atomic blast. The gate has been preserved in its post-explosion state as a reminder of the destructive force of the bomb.

At the completion of the tour, a scenic drive brings you back to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour may not be suitable for passengers with walking difficulties. Wear low-heeled, comfortable walking shoes. Passengers should bring local currency for any purchases.

This tour includes sensitive material including graphic pictures and displays on the atrocities of war.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

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City Drive & Mt. Inasa Lookout (Guided in English)

NGS-290 Approximately 2 hours / From \$79



Board your motorcoach at the pier and drive through the cosmopolitan city of Nagasaki. This lovely city is committed to remembering its past while celebrating its vital present and future.

For many visitors, Nagasaki is a symbol of the horrors of war. But this beautiful city on Kyushu offers timeless charm and picturesque scenery as well. Often described as the San Francisco of Japan, the city is nestled within lush, green hills surrounded by a deep-water bay.

A brief photo stop at Mt. Inasa Lookout point is an opportunity to take in wide views of Nagasaki (weather permitting). The port of Nagasaki wraps around the deep blue sea and the mountain slopes are dotted with colourful houses.

Your travel route continues through downtown Nagasaki, past the Atomic Bomb Museum, to the Peace Memorial Park.

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Your city drive takes in the historic Urakami Catholic Church. The original structure was built in 1879 after a long ban on Christianity was lifted. When the atomic bomb was dropped it completely destroyed the church. In 1959 this stately, Romanesque building was built on the original site. It was remodeled in 1980 and stands as a symbol of persecution. Displayed on the church grounds are statues and artifacts damaged during the bombing.

Your driving route also passes the famed one-legged Torii Gate. The ancient stone gate stands on only one pillar since the other was blown away by the atomic blast.

A scenic drive brings you back to port.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour involves very little walking at Peace Memorial Park. This tour does not include the visit to the top observation deck on the Mt. Inasa. The tour is specially designed for guests who prefer little walking contents; guests with wheelchairs are reminded that few steps are required to negotiate to board the coach.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

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Special Interests

Arita & Peace Memorial Park (Guided in English)

NGS-130 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$199



Board your air-conditioned motorcoach at the pier and enjoy a picturesque drive inland to the small mountain town of Arita, known as the birthplace of porcelain manufacturing.

A visit to a local ceramics kiln is a unique opportunity to learn more about the art of porcelain making. Your foray into Japanese ceramics begins with a tour of either the Genemon or Shingama kilns. You will note how carefully each piece is formed and painted by hand and you will learn how the ceramic designs blend modern sensibility with traditional technique. Observe traditional artisans at work as they demonstrate such techniques as throwing, painting, glazing and firing the material. The creativity and effort involved makes each piece a true masterpiece.

The charming streets of this quaint mountain town are lined with old and charming houses dating back to the 1930s. The houses are decorated with Tonbai fences made of used bricks and old-fashioned potteries. As you stroll through town you'll see small galleries that display and sell a choice selection of local ceramics. You will have chance to purchase one-of-a-kind treasures during your visit in Arita.

Your tour continues with a Japanese and Western lunch buffet at a restaurant in Arita before re-boarding the motorcoach and driving to the Peace Memorial Park.

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At the completion of your tour, enjoy a leisurely drive back to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers are required to negotiate steps and uneven surfaces in Arita and at Peace Memorial Park. Not recommended for passengers with limited mobility. Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes.

Change your currency to Japanese yen before disembarking the ship.

Observation of artisans at work at the Ceramics Kiln will not take place on Sundays and national holidays.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

The National Sports Competition will be held in Nagasaki October 12-22, 2014. Passengers should expect venues to be crowded and there to be traffic delays during this time.

Walking Tour of Nagasaki (Guided in English)

NGS-380 Approximately 3.5 hours / From \$99



From the pier, take a short walk to the station and board a local city tram. Enjoy a scenic drive through the bustling streets en route to the famed Peace Memorial Park. You will see many diverse sights and will get a comprehensive view of everyday life in Nagasaki.

On August 9, 1945, Nagasaki became the second city to suffer a nuclear attack.

Your walking route includes the famed one-legged Torii Gate, an ancient stone gate that stands only one pillar since the other was blown away by the atomic blast. The gate has been preserved in its post-explosion state as a reminder of the destructive force of the bomb.

Continue to visit the Atomic Bomb Museum, where you'll take in the permanent exhibit of photographs taken in the city immediately after the atomic blast, as well as artifacts that survived the explosion.

Located near the Atomic Bomb Museum is a monument that marks the center of the atomic blast that leveled the city. A black, square, stone column marks the exact point above which the bomb exploded and dominates the area.

Peace Memorial Park is located near Ground Zero, the center of the blast, and was created to represent the vow that such a tragedy would not happen again and the hope for world peace. A Nagasaki native created the statue that is the focal point of the park. The 30-foot-high "Statue of Peace" is a symbol of world peace.

At the completion of your walking tour, return to port via local tram.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour involves 3 - 3 1/2 hours of walking and standing. Nagasaki is hilly; passengers must walk uphill, climb steep steps and walk over uneven surfaces. Passengers must be in good physical condition and wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. No part of this tour is conducted by motorcoach.

Passengers should bring local currency for any purchases and a bottle of water.

This tour includes sensitive material including graphic pictures and displays on the atrocities of war.

The public tram is sometimes crowded and not designed with the comforts found in normal tourist transportation.

A minimum of 40 passengers is required for this tour to operate.

The National Sports Competition will be held in Nagasaki October 12-22, 2014. Passengers should expect venues to be crowded and there to be traffic delays during this time.



Shanghai, China

This fabled port on the Huangpu River has played a pivotal role in the history of modern China. One of seven treaty ports inflicted by the West on Imperial China, the city was famed for the Bund, an elegant section of riverbank lined with European mercantile houses and elegant mansions. Shanghai was also the cradle of the Chinese Communist Party, and it is here that the People's Republic created its vast commercial and industrial bastion. Shanghai is also one of the most fascinating cities on the face of the earth. Its streets are packed with individuals, cars and bicycles, weaving an extraordinary tapestry of humanity. Yet serenity and beauty are always present, be it a class practicing early morning tai chi or the serene repose of the city's jade Buddha.

Shanghai's attractions are legendary, from exquisite temples and superb museums to the Bund's elegant 19th-century European architecture. The city is also your gateway to the Grand Canal and the legendary city of Suzhou.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Shanghai Museum, Jin Mao Tower & Yu Garden

SHA-100 Approximately 10 hours / From \$129



Enjoy a 10-hour guided tour of China's most populated city. Be sure to bring your camera and wear comfortable shoes; there are many stunning sights to discover. Your adventure begins as you board your motorcoach and head towards Old Town, the first part of Shanghai to be settled in the 11th century. As you walk along the narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes of this ancient city, your guide will lead you past many historic buildings as well as gardens, temples, businesses, and restaurants.

Old Town is also internationally known for one of the most lavish and finest Chinese gardens in the region. Yu Gardens was first established in 1559 by Pan Yunduan as a private residence for his aging parents. Over the last 450 years, the gardens have been restored and modified to what you see today. Stretching out over five acres the Gardens contain six general areas featuring peaks, cliffs, winding caves, ponds, a lotus pool, stunning pavilions and grand pagodas.

You'll continue on to a tour of the Shanghai Museum. Located in the center of the People's Square, the Shanghai Museum is designed in the shape of an ancient cooking vessel called a ding. The building's round top and square base symbolizes the ancient Chinese perception of the world as "round sky, square Earth." Inside, the vast display of ancient Chinese art includes ancient coins, bronzes, ceramics, jades, paintings, seals, sculptures, furniture and more.

Next, you'll stop at the Jin Jiang Hotel for a delicious, lunch of classic Shanghai cuisine.

Your next destination is the Waima Silk Museum.

Famed for its exquisite and priceless cultural relics, the temple was built in 1918 to house two Buddhas. Both carved out of solid white jade, the Recumbent Buddha measures a little over three feet long; the Seated Buddha measures over six feet high and is adorned with semi-precious stones.

The tour concludes with a drive along the Bund, a stretch of riverfront that features dozens of late 19th century European-inspired architecture.

Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour duration depends on the distance from your ship's berth to Shanghai. Grand Class ships dock approximately one hour from Shanghai. Smaller ships dock as close as 30 minutes from the city.

Photography is not allowed in the Shanghai Museum. A bag check is available for large purses, totes and cameras.

Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes.

Due to large crowds, the stop at Jade Buddha Temple may be replaced with a stop at Longhua Temple, Shanghai's oldest temple.

Suzhou, Humble Administrator Garden & Canal Cruise

SHA-105 Approximately 9.75 hours / From \$129



Your full-day tour begins at the pier as you board your motorcoach for a scenic two-hour drive through the countryside to Suzhou. Settled around 600 B.C. Suzhou is one of the oldest towns in the Yangtze River basin and one of the few cities in China to escape the ravages of the Cultural Revolution in 1966. Famous for silk production, legendary temples, and beautiful gardens, nine of which are on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list, this legendary city also boasts more historic bridges and canals than any other city in China.

Your first stop is one of the most famous gardens in China. The beautiful Humble Administrator Garden was created in 1509 during the Ming Dynasty. Stretching out over 12 acres the Garden is divided into three distinct sections of pavilions, terraces, towers, and bridges set among a maze of pools and an island.

Your next stop is the Suzhou Embroidery Research Institute. Long renowned for its elegant beauty and craftsmanship, Suzhou embroidery is used for exhibitions and official government presentations and has received international acclaim and prizes. You'll watch artisans at work, visit the small museum where their masterpieces are on display, and shop for hand-woven silk garments in the gift shop.

You'll drive to a local hotel for a delicious multi-course family-style meal of traditional Chinese dishes.

You'll then reboard your motorcoach and head to the Grand Canal for a cruise along the largest man-made waterway on Earth. Built over 1,300 years ago to transport food and commerce, the Grand Canal ranks alongside the Great Wall of China as the country's greatest engineering achievement. Today, your cruise offers the best views of the ancient city as well as the 2,500-year-old Panmen Gate.

After your cruise, you'll board your motorcoach for the return trip to the pier

Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour duration depends on the distance from your ship's berth to Shanghai. Grand Class ships dock approximately one hour from Shanghai. Smaller ships dock as close as 30 minutes from the city.

This tour requires walking over uneven surfaces and climbing some stairs. Wear comfortable, low-heel walking shoes with non-slip soles.

Rest stops are made at the halfway point on the approximately 2 1/2-hour drive to Suzhou.

Yu Garden, Jin Mao Tower & Old Town On Your Own

SHA-180 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$79



Your motorcoach will wind its way from the pier to the heart of Shanghai where you'll disembark and your guide will lead you to the Jin Mao Tower. At 88 stories, this stunning skyscraper reaches almost 1380 feet tall. Jin Mao, which means "Golden Prosperity Building" in Chinese, is a splendid combination of traditional Chinese architecture and modern technology. Take the elevator to the observation deck on top for stunning panoramic views of Shanghai.

You'll continue on to Old Town, settled in the 11th century, it's the oldest part of Shanghai. Walk along the narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes of this ancient city, past many historic buildings as well as gardens, temples, businesses, and restaurants. Old Town is also internationally known for one of the most lavish and finest Chinese gardens in the region. Yu Gardens was first established in 1559 by Pan Yunduan as a private residence for his aging parents. Over the last 450 years, the gardens have been restored and modified to what you see today. Stretching out over five acres the Gardens contain six general areas featuring peaks, cliffs, winding caves, ponds, a lotus pool, stunning pavilions and grand pagodas.

Then, you're off to discover Old Town on your own for three hours. Visit the Shanghai Museum to see its amazing collection of over 120,000 pieces of Chinese bronzes, ceramics, calligraphy, furniture, jade, ancient coins, seals and more, have lunch or shop in any of the shops that line the Bund.

Board your motorcoach at the predetermined time for a scenic ride back to your ship.

Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour duration depends on the distance from your ship's berth to Shanghai. Grand Class ships dock approximately one hour from Shanghai. Smaller ships dock as close as 30 minutes from the city.

Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes.

The Bund & Yu Garden

SHA-205 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$49



Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes.

Contemporary Historic Museum, Yu Garden & Old Town

SHA-210 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$69



Set out on a leisurely drive from the dock to Old Town, settled in the 11th century, it's the oldest section in Shanghai. Your guide will lead you through the narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes of this ancient city, past many historic buildings as well as gardens, temples, businesses, and restaurants.

Old Town is also internationally known for Yu Gardens, one of the most lavish and finest Chinese gardens in the region. Established in 1559 by Pan Yunduan as a private residence for his aging parents, the gardens have been restored and modified over the last 450 years to what you see today. The Gardens stretch out over five acres in six general areas featuring peaks, cliffs, winding caves, ponds, a lotus pool, stunning pavilions and grand pagodas.

Your next stop is the Shanghai History Museum, housed in the Pearl TV Tower, one of the world's tallest TV and radio towers. Designed with eleven steel spheres strung through a series of columns, this architectural wonder rests on a grassy field, which gives the Tower the appearance of pearls shining on a jade plate. Inside, the Shanghai History Museum contains 30,000 cultural relics including an impressive miniature of Shanghai as it appeared in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Then, walk along the manicured lawns, flowers beds, and vendors of the Riverside Promenade on the Huangpu River. A well-developed, wide-open area, the Promenade offers fine views of the Bund's 19th century buildings, city skyscrapers, restaurants, and shops.

Your tour concludes with a ride back to the pier through the same scenic route.

Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour duration depends on the distance from your ship's berth to Shanghai. Grand Class ships dock approximately one hour from Shanghai. Smaller ships dock as close as 30 minutes from the city.

Photography is not allowed in the museum. A bag check is available for large purses, totes and cameras.

Wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes with non-slip soles for your tour of Old Town and Yu Garden.

City Drive & Jin Mao Tower

SHA-290 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$69



Designed for those who prefer to see the major sights but with little or no walking, then this excursion is for you. You'll experience all the colorful sights and sounds of Shanghai on a narrated drive around this ancient city from the comfort of your motorcoach with photo opportunities along the way.

Your adventure begins at the dock where you'll board your motorcoach and set out on a scenic drive into Shanghai. The first stop is

the Jin Mao Tower in the Lu Jia Zui financial area. At 88 stories, this stunning skyscraper designed in glass, stainless steel, aluminum, and granite reaches almost 1380 feet tall. Jin Mao, which means "Golden Prosperity Building" in Chinese, is a splendid combination of traditional Chinese architecture and modern technology. While the first 50 floors are reserved for office space, conference rooms, banquet halls, and a recreation center, a five-star hotel occupies the top 38 floors making it the highest hotel in the world.

Next, is the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, one of the world's tallest TV and radio towers. Designed with eleven steel spheres strung through a series of columns, this architectural wonder rests on a grassy field, which gives the appearance of pearls shining on a jade plate.

En route to the People's Square, you'll drive over the Nanpu Bridge, one of the world's longest arch bridges. Located on the original site of an English colonial race course, People's Square is the site of Shanghai's municipal government headquarters, museums, exhibition halls, and shops.

You'll travel back to your ship along the Bund, one of Shanghai's most recognizable landmarks. A stretch of riverfront that features dozens of late 19th century European-inspired architecture, the Bund also is home to restaurants, shops, and contemporary businesses.

For tours that offer more in-depth exploration with actual visits to one or more sites, see the other options in this port.

Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Interests

Off the Beaten Path

Zhujiajiao: Qing Dynasty Post Office & Bridges

SHA-160 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$99



Board your motorcoach for a 90-minute scenic drive from Shanghai to Zhujiajiao south of the Yangtze River. Be sure to bring your camera and comfortable shoes for your guided walking tour of this ancient city. You'll travel across south China's fertile countryside, a landscape of verdant fields, rice paddies, and small villages. Located on the banks of Dianshan Lake, Zhujiajiao is connected by so many bubbling streams and crisscrossing rivers that the town has been called the "Venice of the East." Founded over 1,700 years ago, Zhujiajiao has still maintained the treasured buildings and customs of ancient China.

Spend the day on a guided walking tour exploring Zhujiajiao's historic streets and buildings including the Qing Dynasty Post Office and Tongtianhe Traditional Chinese Pharmacy. No visit to Zhujiajiao is complete without seeing the town's 36 bridges, which were built during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Each one is unique and different and made out of wood, stone or marble. One of the many sights you'll see is the famous five-arched Fangsheng Bridge, Zhujiajiao's longest, largest and tallest stone bridge. Built in 1571, a stone tablet named the Dragon Gate Stone, which is engraved with eight coiling dragons encircling a shining pearl, stands on the bridge. During your walk through Zhujiajiao, look for the many canal boats.

Next you'll walk over to the Tianhou Silk Factory, the largest silk factory in Shanghai. You'll visit the silk museum and watch how they make silk with the opportunity to browse for silk goods. After having worked up an appetite, head to a local restaurant for a family-style lunch of traditional Shanghai-style dishes.

Another scenic drive brings you back through Shanghai to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The walking portion of this tour covers uneven surfaces. Wear comfortable clothes and sturdy walking shoes. Not recommended for passengers with mobility issues.

Maglev Train, Jin Mao Tower & Lu Jia Zui Area

SHA-220 Approximately 4 hours / From \$79



While many of the buildings, gardens, temples, and pavilions in this 1,700-year-old city are eloquent reminders of its ancient past, Shanghai is rapidly becoming a city looking towards the future. This excursion includes Shanghai's most modern attractions. Your motorcoach will pick you up at the pier and travel to Long Yang Lu Station where you'll board the world's first and fastest magnetic-levitation (Maglev) train. With speeds of up to 267 miles-per-hour, the short yet exhilarating round trip will whisk you to Pudong Airport and back one-and-a-half times faster than a Formula Race car.

After your train adventure you'll travel to the Lu Jia Zui Financial district, known as the Wall Street of China. This bustling area has emerged as China's financial and commercial hub and is home to the Shanghai World Financial Center, the world's second tallest building, and 45 banks and financial institutions.

Your next stop is the Jin Mao Tower. At 88 stories, this stunning skyscraper designed in glass, stainless steel, aluminum, and granite reaches almost 1380 feet tall. Jin Mao, which means "Golden Prosperity Building" in Chinese, is a splendid combination of traditional Chinese architecture and modern technology. While the first 50 floors are reserved for office space, conference rooms, banquet halls, and a recreation center, a five-star hotel occupies the top 38 floors making it the highest hotel in the world. Take the elevator to the Tower's observation deck on the 88th floor for stunning panoramic views of Shanghai.

Your tour concludes with a scenic drive back to the dock and your ship.

Passport Requirements

Visa for China required

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Tour duration depends on the distance from your ship's berth to Shanghai. Grand Class ships dock approximately one hour from Shanghai. Smaller ships dock as close as 30 minutes from the city.

Wear comfortable, sturdy walking shoes.



Hong Kong, China

Skyscrapers form a glistening forest of steel and glass, junks and sampans ply the busy harbor waters, and the green, dragon-crested hills of Kowloon beckon. Welcome to Hong Kong, one of the world's great travel destinations. Now a semi-autonomous region of China, Hong Kong - literally "Fragrant Harbor" - has lost none of its charm, excitement or exoticism. Modern skyscrapers and luxury hotels climb the slopes of Hong Kong Island. Narrow streets are crammed with noodle vendors, fortunetellers and bonesetters. The endless array of shops offer the visitor everything from hand-tailored suits and ancient porcelain to the latest consumer electronics. And everywhere more than seven million people are moving at a breathtaking pace in one of the world's great monuments to capitalism, commerce and enterprise.

The former Crown Colony has enough attractions to last a lifetime. To take in the entire spectacle, head to Victoria Peak for panoramic views. Enjoy lunch on one of the city's floating restaurants. Walk down one of the crowded streets to take the city's rapid pulse. And whether you think you are in the mood or not - shop. After all, you are in the duty-free capital of the world.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Victoria Peak, Aberdeen & Harbor Cruise **HKG-100 Approximately 8.5 hours / From \$169**



Kick off your exciting, full-day, moderately active tour of Hong Kong's highlights at your pier where you will board your air-conditioned motorcoach. Then enjoy a short drive The Kowloon Public Pier.

Arrive at The Kowloon Public Pier where you will board a cruiser for a relaxing and breathtaking cruise through the glistening waters of Victoria Harbour. Enjoy a complimentary soft drink as you experience the beauty of the Hong Kong skyline from the air-conditioned comfort of the lower deck. Or indulge in the refreshing sea breeze from the open-air upper deck. As you cruise to Hong Kong's Eastern Harbour, passing the Central, Wanchai, Causeway Bay and North Point waterfronts your knowledgeable guide will provide you with information about the island's history and sights.

Back on land you will travel to Peak Tram Station for an 8-minute tram ride to the summit of Victoria Peak, 1,805 feet above sea level. Have your cameras at the ready as you take in panoramic views of the island, harbor and Kowloon Peninsula. Take time to peruse shops for souvenirs of your peak visit.

Re-board your motorcoach for a drive down Wongneichong Gap Road which offers views of Happy Valley Racecourse and the Hong Kong Jockey Club, founded in 1884 to promote horse racing.

Visit Aberdeen, a picturesque village that is home to thousands of "water people" who live aboard their junks and sampans (flat-bottomed boats). Board a sampan for a short tour of the calm waters of the Inner Harbour among the countless boats there. Step aboard one of the famous floating restaurants in Aberdeen to partake of a sumptuous, complimentary Chinese Dim Sum lunch with tea.

Visit a local jewelry factory where you can observe skilled artisans at work handcrafting fine jewelry. Peruse the stunning array of jewelry available for sale.

Travel to Stanley Market located on southeastern Hong Kong Island. One of the world's great bazaars, this fabled market features a dazzling array of stalls and shops that sell handcrafted souvenirs and jewelry, fashions, cameras and toys at reasonable prices. Enjoy free time to browse, shop or just sightsee prior to your relaxing and scenic drive back to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour is only available on voyages with full-day calls in Hong Kong.

Lantau Island & Po Lin Monastery **HKG-110 Approximately 6.5 hours / From \$139**



Embark on an exotic, full-day, moderately active tour that begins at your pier. Board an air-conditioned motorcoach and set off for a 90-minute scenic drive through Lantau Island. En route, a friendly and knowledgeable guide will provide you with commentary and

information about the island's history, sights and culture.

Drive west across the Tsing Ma Bridge to Lantau Island, the largest outlying island of Hong Kong. Twice the size of Hong Kong Island with a mere fraction of its population (some 25,000 souls live there) much of the island is designated parkland.

Drive through the Tung Chung New Town, situated on the north-western coast of Lantau Island. Meaning "eastern stream" this area was once a major defense stronghold against pirates and foreign military during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Today it is a rapidly developing region and home to a new airport.

Enjoy a stop at Cheung Sha Beach, one of the longest beaches in Hong Kong. This pristine beach stretches for some two miles along the coast and features calm, glistening waters perfect for wind surfing.

Journey to Tai O, a traditional fishing village where life is much as it was over a century ago. Take a 30-minute walking tour of this charming village known as "Hong Kong's Little Venice". Take in the lovely sights which include colorful fishing boats, stilt houses, canals and racks filled with drying fish.

Tour the beautiful Po Lin Monastery, a Buddhist retreat in Lantau's western hills. The island's most popular attraction features the largest seated, outdoor bronze Buddha in the world. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of your surroundings as you indulge in a complimentary Chinese vegetarian lunch with tea prepared at the monastery's refectory. Following your satisfying meal, choose to walk down the 268 steps to rejoin your motorcoach or ride down with the bus.

Visit the nearby Ngong Ping Village, a cultural themed village designed to reflect the spiritual integrity of the area. It boasts several major attractions including "Walking with Buddha" an immersive, multimedia attraction that allows visitors to follow the life of Siddhartha, the man who became Buddha. Also featured is "Monkey's Tale Theatre" a charming and traditional, comic tale.

Take time to browse the village shops for souvenirs prior to boarding your motorcoach for your scenic drive back to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Kowloon and Lantau Island is approximately 90 minutes each way.

Wear comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes.

This tour is only available on voyages with full-day calls in Hong Kong.

World Heritage Site **Off the Beaten Path**

Macau: St. Paul Cathedral, Museum & A Ma Temple
HKG-115 Approximately 9 hours / From \$179



Enjoy a full-day, moderately active, guided excursion to explore the stunning city of Macau. Begin at your pier where you will board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a brief scenic drive to Hong Kong Ferry Terminal.

Board a turbojet for a one-hour turbo jet voyage through the glistening waters that offers views of Cheung Chau and Lantau Islands.

Your destination is Macau. Established in 1557 by the Portuguese as a trading post and a bastion of Christianity, this former colony is an exotic blend of Chinese and Portuguese cultures.

Tour the ruins of St. Paul Cathedral, Macau's most famous building built in the early 17th century by an Italian Jesuit. Only the façade remains of this exquisite cathedral, as the interior was destroyed by fire during a typhoon in 1835.

Visit the Museum of Macau, home to a vast collection of cultural and historic art, artifacts and memorabilia which trace Macau's history from its colonial heyday to the present. Enjoy time to browse for souvenirs among the vendors at St. Paul Cathedral and in the gift shop at the museum.

Take in the tranquil beauty of the A Ma Temple, erected in the 15th century by Chinese fishermen as a shrine to the goddess A Ma, for whom the city is named. This Chinese temple consists primarily of four halls which sit in perfect harmony with the natural environment.

Step out of the past and into the present with a visit to the top of the spectacular Macau Tower. Opened in 2001, this 1,109 foot tower (which is the 10th highest building in the world) offers breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. Featuring glass elevators and an observation deck with sections of glass flooring, you will feel as if you're soaring in the air!

Indulge in a tasty, buffet lunch in the Tower Revolving Restaurant located on the 60th floor of the Macau Tower. Take in the 360 degree view as you relax and dine.

You'll have the opportunity to peruse the tower's gift shops prior to returning to the Macau Ferry Pier for your catamaran journey back to Hong Kong Terminal and ultimately your ship in the harbor.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

Passengers are required to carry their passports with them on this tour. Immigration information for this tour must be transmitted prior to the voyage; this tour will be non-refundable once the voyage begins. Delays and lines may be encountered during the immigration process in Macau.

This tour is only available on voyages with full-day calls in Hong Kong.

The Museum of Macau is closed on Mondays; on these calls visits to the Macau Maritime Museum will be substituted.

Connoisseur**Hong Kong by Vintage Tram**

HKG-150 Approximately 6 hours / From \$139



Step aboard a vintage double-decker tram (featuring fore and aft viewing balconies) for a fun-filled evening tour of Hong Kong Island's hottest nightspots!

Marvel at the sights of this vibrant and bustling city as your tram winds its way from the Western Market through the island's Central, Wan Chai and Admiralty Districts to Causeway Bay and back. All the while your friendly and knowledgeable guide will narrate, bringing the street scenes around you to life and pointing out landmark buildings decorated with traditional Chinese motifs and illuminations.

By motorcoach, take in the hundreds of brilliantly colored neon signs that illuminate Nathan Road, Hong Kong's "Golden Mile" of shops.

Indulge in some retail therapy with a stop at Temple Street Night Market, an amazing shopping district featuring rows of brightly lit stalls hawking an astonishing variety of inexpensive goods including clothing, jewelry and accessories to CDs, electronic gadgets and luggage. Keep a keen eye out for fortune-tellers who cluster at the Yau Ma Tei end of the street along with Chinese opera enthusiasts seeking kindred spirits for impromptu performances.

No tour of Hong Kong's hottest highlights can be complete without a sampling of the delicious local cuisine. Indulge in a complimentary, sumptuous 8-course Chinese dinner at one of Hong Kong's fine restaurants.

Satisfied and spent, sit back and relax as you enjoy your return motorcoach ride back to the pier and your ship in the harbor.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

The vintage double-decker tram is not wheelchair accessible. Not recommended for passengers with limited mobility.

City Drive, Victoria Peak & Aberdeen

HKG-200 Approximately 5 hours / From \$69



See the stunning sights of Hong Kong on this exciting, half-day, moderately active, guided tour that begins at your pier where you will board your air-conditioned motorcoach. Then sit back and enjoy a scenic drive through the Cross Harbour Tunnel to vibrant and bustling Hong Kong Island.

Travel to Peak Tram Station where you will step aboard one of the world's oldest funicular railways for an 8-minute tram ride to the summit of Victoria Peak located 1,805 feet above sea level. Have your cameras at the ready as you take in panoramic views of the Hong Kong Island, glistening Victoria Harbour and the Kowloon Peninsula. Take time to peruse the many shops located at the peak for souvenirs of your breathtaking visit.

Re-board your motorcoach for a visually remarkable drive down the Wongneichong Gap Road which offers views of Happy Valley Racecourse and the Hong Kong Jockey Club, founded in 1884 to promote horse racing.

Visit Aberdeen, a picturesque village that is home to thousands of "water people" who live aboard their junks and sampans (flat-bottomed boats). Board a sampan for a short tour of the calm waters of the Inner Harbour. As you glide among the hundreds of boats there, keep an eye out for Aberdeen's famous floating restaurants.

While in Aberdeen, visit a local jewelry factory where you can observe skilled artisans at work handcrafting all manner of fine adornments. Peruse the fabulous selection of jewelry available for sale.

Your journey continues taking you pass by Repulse Bay, the island's most spectacular beach resort boasting azure waters and golden sand. Its name comes from a 19th century battle in which the British army repulsed attacking pirates.

Indulge in a shopping excursion at the fabled Stanley Market located on southeastern Hong Kong Island. Stanley Market is one of the world's great bazaars, featuring a dazzling array of stalls and shops that sell handcrafted souvenirs and jewelry, fashions, cameras and toys at reasonable prices. Enjoy free time to browse, make purchases or just sightsee prior to your relaxing and scenic drive back to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Hong Kong by Night

HKG-860 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$99



Experience the vibrant energy of Hong Kong at night with this four and a half hour, moderately active excursion that begins at your pier. Board an air-conditioned motorcoach and travel along bustling Nathan Road, Hong Kong's "golden mile" of shops.

Visit the Avenue of Stars, Hong Kong's answer to Hollywood's famous Walk of Stars. View commemorative plaques honoring Hong Kong's world-renowned film community and see the hand and foot prints of its movie stars. Have your cameras at the ready as the Avenue features a towering Hong Kong Film Awards statuette and a life-size statue of the legendary Bruce Lee.

Witness the "Symphony of Light," a multimedia spectacle employing colored lights, lasers, holograms and searchlights synced to music which transforms 33 buildings along glistening Victoria Harbour. Hailed as the "World's Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show" by Guinness World Records, Symphony of Light commemorates the energy, spirituality and diversity that is Hong Kong.

Indulge in some retail therapy with a stop at Temple Street Night Market, an amazing shopping district featuring rows of brightly lit stalls hawking an astonishing variety of inexpensive goods including clothing, jewelry and accessories to CDs, electronic gadgets and luggage. Keep a keen eye out for fortune-tellers who cluster at the Yau Ma Tei end of the street along with Chinese opera enthusiasts seeking kindred spirits for impromptu performances.

Take time out from your exploration to relax and indulge in 8-course traditional Beijing duck dinner served at one of Hong Kong's fine restaurants.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The market only accept local currency for purchases.

Sequence of tour stops may vary. If your ship docks at Ocean Terminal, the tour will take place mostly by foot as all venues are within walking distance of the berth except Temple Street Night market/Pier will be transferred by motorcoach.



Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My), Vietnam

Over three decades have passed since the Vietnam War ended with the fall of Saigon. Today, the name of this bustling metropolis on the Mekong River is Ho Chi Minh City. Yet, the essence of the city, a major trading center since the 18th century, remains unchanged. The air is filled with the cries of street hawkers and honking horns. Bicycles, motorbikes and automobiles fly down the boulevards at dizzying speeds. And everywhere, friendly faces and warm greetings meet you.

The port of Phu My (pronounced "Foo Me") is your gateway to Ho Chi Minh City and the seaside resort of Vung Tau.

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Best of Ho Chi Minh City

PH1-100 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$159



Your excursion begins at the pier where you'll board your air-conditioned motorcoach for the approximately two-hour drive to Ho Chi Minh City. The route follows the Saigon River to Ho Chi Minh City, passing through a landscape of small villages, rice paddy fields, and oil and rubber trees.

Upon arrival in Ho Chi Minh City, you'll visit the National History Museum of Vietnam. Their collection traces the cultural history of Vietnam with exhibits that feature stone and bronze artifacts, Champa art, ceramics and traditional costumes. At the National Museum Theater, traditional Vietnamese water puppet shows are performed. Enjoy watching a performance of this national art form.

You'll drive past the Botanical and Zoological Gardens, Notre Dame Cathedral, the French Colonial Post Office and Ho Chi Minh Park. You'll stop for photo opportunities at Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Hall, City Hall, and the site of the U.S. military's weekly updates at the Rex Hotel, home of the infamous "Friday Night Follies."

Drive through Chinatown past the vast Binh Tay Market for a visit to Thien Hau Temple, home to the sea goddess who travels on the clouds rescuing seafarers from storms and shipwrecks. Explore the interior of this historic pagoda before lunch.

Next, you'll head to a deluxe hotel restaurant in downtown Ho Chi Minh City for a lunch buffet where both western and Vietnamese entrees will be available. Enjoy traditional Vietnamese entertainment.

After lunch, you'll stop at Minh Phuong Lacquer Factory. See the art of lacquerware-making, one of Vietnam's most popular exports. Take in a brief demonstration of the lacquering process and see a variety of lacquerware pieces, ranging from small boxes to large pieces of furniture. You'll have a brief time to shop before heading back on the return route to the pier and your cruise ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive from Phu My to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately two hours each way and includes a restroom stop.

This tour is not available on all voyages.

History Museum, Lacquer Factory & Dong Khoi Street

PH1-105 Approximately 9 hours / From \$159



Your excursion begins at the pier where you'll board your air-conditioned motorcoach for the approximately two-hour drive to Ho Chi Minh City. The route follows the Saigon River to Ho Chi Minh City, passing through small villages, rice paddy fields, oil and rubber trees.

In Ho Chi Minh City, you'll first visit the National History Museum of Vietnam. Explore a collection that traces the cultural history of Vietnam, including exhibits that feature stone and bronze artifacts, Champa art, ceramics and traditional costumes. Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show at the National Museum's theater. Afterward, visit the Minh Phuong Lacquer workshop.

Travel past the Botanical and Zoological Gardens, Notre Dame Cathedral, the French Colonial Post Office and Ho Chi Minh Park. You'll stop for photo opportunities at Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification Hall, City Hall, and the site of the U.S. military's weekly updates at the Rex Hotel, home of the infamous "Friday Night Follies."

For lunch, you'll head to a deluxe hotel restaurant in downtown Ho Chi Minh City for an east-west buffet with both western and Vietnamese dishes accompanied by soft drinks and beer. Enjoy traditional Vietnamese entertainment while you dine.

After lunch, head to one of Saigon's busiest streets, formerly Rue Catinat of Author Graham Greene's Vietnam, Dong Khoi Street has regained its prestige. Explore the many shops and try your hand at bargaining for porcelain figurines, cinnamon boxes and other souvenirs. You'll have time to shop on your own before rejoining the motorcoach for the drive back to the pier and your cruise ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive from Phu My to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 2 hours each way and includes a restroom stop.

This tour is not available on all voyages.

World Heritage Site**Grand Overland: Cambodia's Angkor Wat & Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City - Double Accommodations****PH1-806 Approximately 3 days / From \$1699**

Have a passion for exploring world treasures? This 3-day Grand Overland Tour to Angkor Wat provides an active Indiana Jones-style adventure deep into the heart of Southeast Asia. And it includes lavish meals, deluxe accommodations, and convenient international flights and transfers for exceptional value.

Your first full day begins in Ho Chi Minh City with a visit to the National History Museum and a Water Puppet show. Photo stops at the Notre Dame Cathedral, the French Colonial Post Office, and the City Hall provide indelible images of Vietnam's largest city.

You'll also shop at the Minh Phuong Lacquer Factory, tour the Sea Goddess Temple in Chinatown, and enjoy a bountiful buffet lunch with traditional music. And you'll make a Photo stop at the Rex Hotel before continuing to the airport for departure to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Here, you'll fly to Siem Reap, gateway to Angkor Wat. Meet your tour guide; transfer and check into your hotel, then relax over a lavish dinner starring fine local cuisine.

After breakfast on Day 2, set off for the haunting beauty of Ta Phrom Temple where the massive roots of ancient trees have grown right into the stone. At the Banteay Srey Temple, marvel at the intricately carved pink sandstone reliefs. Then, after a relaxing lunch at the Tara Hotel, continue to Angkor Thom, an astounding 10-square-mile city complex that is home to the majestic Bayon Temple and The Terrace of the Leper King.

The highlight of your travels will undoubtedly be Angkor Wat, one of the world's most awe-inspiring monuments. Here, a richly woven tapestry of temples, over 100 in all, reveals the ancient splendor of the Khmer civilization. Constructed between the 9th and 12th centuries, the site honors the Hindu god Vishnu and is a symbolic representation of Hindu cosmology. An enormous temple gives form to the mythical Mt. Meru and draws upon inter-nested walls and moats to represent mountain ranges and the cosmic sea.

The short dimensions of the vast compound are precisely aligned along a north-south axis, while the east-west axis has been deliberately diverted to provide observers with a three day anticipation of the spring equinox. Leaving Angkor Wat, you'll drive to the Central Market for shopping and then transfer to your hotel for a poolside dinner. Enjoy a performance of traditional Apsara dances before turning in at the hotel.

On day three, you'll wake up to a bountiful breakfast and then transfer to the airport for your return flight to rejoin your vessel.

Excursion Length

3 Days / 2 Nights

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

The tour is non-refundable unless cancelled 45 days prior to the cruise. Waitlisted requests also become non-refundable if confirmed either onboard or within the 45 day period prior to the cruise. Any cancelled requests inside of 45 days prior to the voyage (i.e. bookings cancelled on the Cruise Personalizer) will be assessed cancellation fees on your shipboard account. Waitlisted requests will be cleared in the order received and are subject to the same cancellation policy; waitlisted requests must be cancelled 45 days prior to the cruise to avoid cancellation costs in the case we are able to accommodate you on the tour.

Final hotel/flight manifests must be provided well in advance of the tour, therefore we recommend passengers book overland options no later than 45 days prior to your voyage.

An individual visa is required for travel to Cambodia and Vietnam. These visas are purchased upon arrival in each country; two passport photos will be required. Four blank passport pages are required to accommodate the visas on this tour.

Your fare includes the following:

- * Sightseeing as described subject to timing
- * Transportation via motorcoach and plane
- * English speaking guide
- * Accommodations in Angkor Wat
- * Meals as stated
- * Entrance fees

Your fare does not include the following:

- * Refreshments
- * Telephone calls
- * Laundry
- * Gratuities
- * Room Service

Be advised that there is extensive walking over uneven ground at Angkor Wat; passengers should wear comfortable walking shoes. Be prepared for hot and humid conditions; not all venues are air-conditioned.

A minimum number of participants are required to operate this tour.

Tour itinerary may be changed based on flight schedules or hotel availability. All sightseeing is subject to flight arrival times.

World Heritage Site

Grand Overland: Cambodia's Angkor Wat & Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City - Single Accommodations

PH1-807 Approximately 3 days / From \$1899



Have a passion for exploring world treasures? This 3-day Grand Overland Tour to Angkor Wat provides an active Indiana Jones-style adventure deep into the heart of Southeast Asia. And it includes lavish meals, deluxe accommodations, and convenient international flights and transfers for exceptional value.

Your first full day begins in Ho Chi Minh City with a visit to the National History Museum and a Water Puppet show. Photo stops at the Notre Dame Cathedral, the French Colonial Post Office, and the City Hall provide indelible images of Vietnam's largest city.

You'll also shop at the Minh Phuong Lacquer Factory, tour the Sea Goddess Temple in Chinatown, and enjoy a bountiful buffet lunch with traditional music. And you'll make a Photo stop at the Rex Hotel before continuing to the airport for departure to Siem Reap, Cambodia.

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On day three, you'll wake up to a bountiful breakfast and then transfer to the airport for your return flight to rejoin your vessel.

Excursion Length

3 Days / 2 Nights

Special Notes

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- * Transportation via motorcoach and plane
- * English speaking guide
- * Accommodations in Angkor Wat
- * Meals as stated
- * Entrance fees

Your fare does not include the following:

- * Refreshments
- * Telephone calls
- * Laundry
- * Gratuities
- * Room Service

Be advised that there is extensive walking over uneven ground at Angkor Wat; passengers should wear comfortable walking shoes. Be prepared for hot and humid conditions; not all venues are air-conditioned.

A minimum number of participants are required to operate this tour.

Tour itinerary may be changed based on flight schedules or hotel availability. All sightseeing is subject to flight arrival times.

Special Interests

Vung Tau, Lang Ca Ong Whale Temple & Home Visit PH1-135 Approximately 7.5 hours / From \$129



Soaring mountains, breathtaking coastlines, resplendent rice fields and a culture that is at once exotic and quaint. Vietnam offers its bountiful harvest of beauty to those who take the time to discover it.

And you can do just that during this full-day, guided adventure to explore Vung Tau, one of the country's most beautiful cities. It all begins at your pier where you will board an air-conditioned motorcoach and set out on a scenic drive through the lush and verdant countryside.

The loveliness of Vung Tau envelopes you as you journey through its main streets. A resort town, it is located in the province of Dong Nai and features two famous mountains - Large Mountain and Small Mountain, nestled against a glistening ocean.

Visit the mystical Whale Temple erected in honor of whales which, legend has it, protect local fishermen and their ships. In fact, when a whale dies and washes ashore, the locals drag it to the temple. A festival follows, complete with traditional songs and dancing. And the whale bones are buried at the temple for three years, then dug up and put on display.

Photo and shopping opportunities abound during your visit to Front Beach. Located west of the city where the sun concludes the day in a brilliant show of colors, this gorgeous beach is lined with restaurants, shops and elegant hotels, making it a popular tourist stop.

Take a break from your exploring to enjoy a delicious buffet lunch at the Bihn An Resort. Binh An means "peace" and that is what you'll experience as you indulge in Vietnamese and Western cuisine amidst a setting of serene, landscaped gardens, rocky cliffs and a coastal view of the South China Seas.

A countryside tour is part of your adventure, and you'll visit a village temple and the Old House, a local, family-owned market. Here

you will be treated to demonstrations of local rice wine, rice paper and rice noodle making. Then experience the loveliness of the lush grounds as you enjoy fresh seasonal fruits in the farmer's fruit garden. It's a delicious and refreshing way to cap off your day of exploration prior to re-boarding your motorcoach for your scenic drive back to your ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour only operates on selected voyages.

The Mekong Delta

PH1-140 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$179



Your excursion begins at the pier where you'll board your air-conditioned motorcoach for the approximately three-hour journey to My Tho Island in the Mekong Delta. You'll travel through the lush tropical countryside, passing small villages, verdant rice paddy fields and acres of rubber trees.

Upon arrival at the Mekong Delta, you'll board a motor launch for a cruise along the winding canals that comprise much of this rich brown waterway system. The canals teem with river traffic, ranging from dugout canoes and barges to houseboats and ferries. Look for the eye symbol painted on the bows of the boats to protect them from evil spirits.

To access the smaller canals of My Tho Island, you'll take a four-person sampan ride. Be sure to try the local fruits as you'll get a chance to sample a tropical assortment during your visit to My Tho, which is famous for its tropical fruit plantation that produce longans, grapefruits, jackfruits, bananas and mangoes.

Once on land at My Tho Island, you'll visit a traditional Delta home and learn Vietnamese traditions and Delta customs. See the family altar, a typical kitchen and the common areas. Often, there are three generations of one family living under one roof.

You'll also take a tour of a coconut-candy factory. Visit the house where the candy is made and learn the process of this sweet sticky candy production. Vietnamese coconut candy is a sweet treat that comes in many flavors, including made with peanuts, durian fruit or sesame seeds. It also makes a great souvenir.

During your walk through the village, enjoy entertainment by children singing traditional Vietnamese folk songs. The musical accompaniment includes a one-string Vietnamese instrument called a "dan bau."

Afterwards, you'll be served traditional Mekong Delta cuisine at an authentic Vietnamese restaurant for lunch before leaving My Tho for the port.

Child Price

12 years and under only

Special Notes

This tour involves extensive walking as well as entering and exiting small motor launches. Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with limited mobility.

The journey to My Tho is approximately three to four hours each way depending on traffic.

Market Visit & Cooking Class

PH1-145 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$149



In the Vietnamese culture, creating a delicious meal does not end with the cooking. Food decoration is an important part of the culinary experience. So much so that it is considered an art. Villages even send their most skilled food artists to compete in regional food decorating competitions!

You, too, can learn this tantalizing and visually stunning culinary art during this full-day, guided adventure that has you taking lessons from an expert chef! It all begins at your pier where you will board an air-conditioned motorcoach for a scenic two-hour drive to Ho Chi Minh City.

Honking horns, cries of street hawkers, zooming vehicles and a sea of friendly faces! This is how Ho Chi Minh City greets you! Upon your arrival, enjoy a photo stop at two prominent landmarks: the Notre Dame Cathedral, built in the 1880s by the French and the vast Buu Dien Truong Tam (Post Office) which houses a huge portrait of Ho Chi Minh.

Next, step into a pedi-cab for a ride to the famous Ben Thanh market. Considered one of the symbols of the city, this bustling market has been alive for centuries with the noise of barter and extravaganza of colors!

It is here you will meet your culinary expert - the chef from the luxury Rex Hotel. Together you will venture through narrow aisles crowded with vendors hawking their wares. Among them: local handicrafts, textiles, áo dài (the Vietnamese national costume), and delicious local cuisine. It's a perfect place to pick up souvenirs.

Your expert chef will peruse the food stalls, picking and choosing items to be used for your cooking lesson. Then it's off (via motorcoach) to the Rex Hotel to try your hand at food decorating!

With a backdrop of a high-end elegance that permeates this hotel, your chef will take you step-by-step through the process of carving food into lovely and intricate shapes and designs that not only please the palate but the eye as well. You'll practice constructing artful delicacies from seafood, pork, chicken and vegetables. You may learn to peel the skin of a tomato then roll it into the shape of a delicate rose bud. Or transform a slice of cucumber into a graceful design of curls and spikes!

As you fashion food into art, you'll learn all about the important role of skillful food decoration in preparing Vietnamese dishes. Then it's time to sit down and enjoy the results of your lesson! You may discover what the Vietnamese people already know - that enhancing the beauty of food actually enhances its flavor! Delicious!

Following your lesson, you'll enjoy a stop to marvel at the brilliant reds, vibrant yellows and glistening gold colors of the breathtaking Ngoc Hoang Pagoda (or Jade Emperor Pagoda). Featuring a mixture of Taoist and Buddhist styles, it is dedicated to various Chinese-Vietnamese divinities, and holds numerous statues and delicate woodcarvings.

A perfect way to fully immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty that is the Vietnamese culture.

Exploring On Your Own

Lacquer Factory, Central Market & Dong Khoi Street

PH1-180 Approximately 9 hours / From \$99



Your excursion begins at the pier where you'll board your air-conditioned motorcoach for the approximately two-hour drive to Ho Chi Minh City. Travel along the Saigon River where you'll pass small villages, green paddy fields and orchards of tropical trees. En route, you'll stop at Minh Phuong Lacquerware Factory. See the art of lacquerware-making, one of Vietnam's most popular exports. Take in a brief demonstration of the lacquering process and see a variety of lacquerware pieces, ranging from small boxes to large pieces of furniture.

The city tour drive introduces the major highlights of bustling Ho Chi Minh City, still commonly referred to as Saigon. Pass grand old buildings such as the "wedding cake" style Hotel d'Ville and the historic Rex Hotel. The streets are lined with colorful street markets selling everything from chilies to French baguettes and filled with a sea of bicycles, cyclos and motorbikes.

You'll drive past the Botanical and Zoological Gardens, Notre Dame Cathedral, the French Colonial Post Office and Ho Chi Minh Park. And travel to Saigon to visit Ben Thanh Central Market, which features thousands of products such as readymade clothes, shoes, watches, bags and local foods. Next, you'll stop for a photo opportunity at historic Reunification Hall, the former presidential palace that holds a museum and exhibition center today.

Continue on downtown to one of Ho Chi Minh City's busiest streets, formerly Rue Catinat of Author Graham Greene's Vietnam, Dong Khoi Street is still a fascinating place to see. Explore the many shops and try your hand at bargaining for porcelain figurines, cinnamon boxes and other souvenirs. You'll have time on your own to shop for souvenirs before rejoining the motor coach for the drive back to the pier and your cruise ship.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive from Phu My to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately 2 hours each way and includes a restroom stop.

Ho Chi Minh City On Your Own

PH1-185 Approximately 8 hours / From \$99



You'll board an air-conditioned motorcoach for the approximately two-hour scenic drive to Ho Chi Minh City.

En route to your drop-off point at the Tax Trade Center Hotel, receive a brief introduction to the city. You'll drive by the former U.S. Embassy, Reunification Hall, Botanical and Zoological Gardens, Notre Dame Cathedral, French Colonial Post Office and Ho Chi Minh Park.

At the Tax Trade Center (opposite the famed Rex Hotel), your guide will provide you with your time of departure for the port, and then you are free to explore the city on your own. Visit the colorful markets, take a stroll through the Botanical Gardens, or simply people-watch at a sidewalk café. A tour representative will be stationed at the Tax Trade Center (opposite the famous Rex Hotel) in case you need assistance in any way.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive from Phu My to Ho Chi Minh City is approximately two-hours each way and includes a comfort stop.



Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand

Laem Chabang is your gateway to Bangkok. This enchanting city on the Chao Phraya River is a magical place where graceful dancers perform in shimmering silk gowns, temples with gold-leaf spires harbor priceless Buddhas and riverboats cruise a maze of canals. The only nation in Southeast Asia to escape colonial rule, Thailand offers a rich and ancient culture that flowered unhindered by Western influence. Proud and strongly nationalistic, the Thai people call their nation Muang Thai - "Land of the Free."

Founded in 1782 by King Rama I, Bangkok is home to more than eight million people. The capital's proper name is Krung Thep - the "City of Angels."

Sightseeing & City Tours

Most Popular

Grand Palace, Wat Trimitr, Wat Pra Keo & Cruise LC1-100 Approximately 10.5 hours / From \$139



Board your motorcoach at the pier and enjoy a scenic drive to Bangkok. Travel through the tropical countryside, passing tapioca fields, and rural towns and villages. Once you arrive in Bangkok, your tour takes you to the magnificent Temple of the Golden Buddha.

Wat Trimitr, the Temple of the Golden Buddha, houses one of the world's largest statues of the Buddha, carved from solid gold in the Sukothai style. In the 18th century, the Buddha was covered in plaster to protect it from invading armies. It was then "rediscovered" in 1957 when the statue was being moved by a crane. The plaster-covered Buddha slipped and landed in the mud, only to be found by a workman. Through a small crack in the plaster, he saw a sliver of gold and the magnificent work of art was revealed.

Continue by a drive past Chinatown and the colorful flower market en route to the grounds of Bangkok's Grand Palace, where you will discover Wat Phra Kaew, also known as the Royal Chapel of the Emerald Buddha. This is one of Buddhism's most magnificent monasteries and one of the most celebrated sites in all Thailand. At the heart of the monastery is a Buddha carved from a single piece of emerald-green jasper, perched atop a gilded pedestal. The Emerald Buddha wears a costume that is changed throughout the year to reflect the seasons. In the summer months it wears a crown and jewelry, in the winter it is wrapped in a gold shawl, and in the rainy months it can be seen in a headdress and gilt robe. The Thai king, in a ritual ceremony that ushers in the new season and celebrates good fortune, is given the honor of changing the Buddha's costumes.

A walking tour of the Grand Palace takes you through its ornate and elaborate courtyards. The city's most spectacular landmark, the palace complex, once the residence of the Kings of Thailand, is now reserved for royal ceremonies and state occasions. Beautifully situated on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, the palace's major buildings, although designed in the European style, are crowned with glittering spires richly decorated with gilt and colored-glass mosaics.

After your palace tour, walk a short distance to the Chao Phraya River to board your riverboat for a scenic cruise.

Bangkok has long been hailed as the "Venice of the East." You'll float down the canals of the city's Thonburi district and possibly cruise past Wat Arun, known as the Temple of the Dawn, which once served as the Royal Chapel. The riverboat could also take in Phra Prang, a 260-foot high pagoda decorated with ceramic tiles and fragments of multi-colored porcelain. Numerous photo opportunities abound.

Once docked, a short walk brings you to a local restaurant where you are treated to a buffet lunch of international dishes and Thai favorites.

Refreshed, enjoy free time to shop for souvenirs at a nearby reputable shop.

A relaxing motorcoach drive back to port completes your day.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive between Laem Chabang and Bangkok is approximately 2.5 hours each way.

Suitable attire is required for palace and temple visits. Shorts are not permitted. Women must have their shoulders and knees covered. Turtleneck shirts for men are not allowed. Wear comfortable low-heeled, closed-toe (no open toes or heels) walking shoes. Footwear must be removed before entering temples.



Bangkok's Hidden Treasures with Tuk Tuk Experience

LC1-150 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$99

Your full-day tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, two-hour drive to Bangkok, considered the "Venice of the East." En route, you'll travel through tropical countryside offering picturesque views of tapioca fields and small rural towns. Keep your camera ready for a myriad of photo opportunities.

Your first destination is the awe-inspiring Wat Po, one of the largest and oldest wats (temples) in Bangkok. Founded in the 17th century, Wat Po is home to more than one thousand Buddha images, as well as the Reclining Buddha, one of the largest single Buddha images. In 1832, King Rama III enlarged the temple and turned it into a center of learning, making it Thailand's first university. The temple is also considered the pre-eminent place of learning for the ancient Thai medicinal art of massage.

You're free to browse for souvenirs in the small local gift shop inside the temple before boarding your motorcoach for a short drive to a local restaurant. After savoring a delicious international buffet, you'll make your way to Wat Suthat, known for its Phra Sri Sakyamuni Buddha statue, an impressive bronze Buddha image that stands over 25 feet tall, and its magnificent doors and giant swing. You're sure to marvel at the huge red teak arch, the remains of an original swing, once the center of an annual ceremony where young men would try to swing high enough to retrieve a sack of gold tied to a pole in the air. So many men died in the attempt that the ceremony was banned in the 1930s.

Inside, the cloisters are lined with 156 gilded Buddha statues, six feet in height. Twenty-eight Chinese pagodas, representing the 28 previous lives of Buddha, envelope the monastery where the main Buddha statue is installed. Paintings cover an area of 27,450 sq. ft., and are perhaps the most extensive and important of their kind in Thailand. Take note of the doors to the cloister. Each is painted and gilded with colorful scenes from the Ramakien, Thailand's national epic, derived from the ancient Sanskrit epic, Ramayana.

Next, you'll take a ride on a tuk tuk, a motorized rickshaw named for the sound of its engine. You'll travel around the inner part of Bangkok and stop at the Jessadabordin Ground. Here, you'll witness a stunning Thai architectural-styled, open pavilion, and catch a glimpse of the Golden Stupa Mountain Temple, the highest temple in Bangkok, famed for its central golden mound-like structure. You'll also see Radchanadda Temple, best known for the Loha Prasat, a multi-tiered structure 118 feet high with 37 metal spires, signifying the 37 virtues toward enlightenment. Also within sight is the Makahan Fort, just one of the two remaining fortresses of medieval Bangkok.

Before calling it a day, you'll visit a reputable shopping venue and have ample time to browse for handicrafts, jewelry, souvenirs and gifts. You'll board your motorcoach and enjoy a relaxing two-hour drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

The drive between Laem Chabang and Bangkok is approximately 2 1/2-hours each way.

Suitable attire is required for palace and temple visits. Shorts are not permitted. Women must have their shoulders and knees covered. Turtleneck shirts for men are not allowed. Wear comfortable low-heeled, closed-toe (no open toes or heels) walking shoes. Shoes must be removed before entering the temples, Jim Thompson House and Vimanmek Mansion. Access to some venues requires climbing stairs.

Space for this excursion is limited.

This tour only operates on selected voyages.

Special Interests

World Heritage Site

Ayutthaya

LC1-125 Approximately 11 hours / From \$109



In order to discover any country, you must learn about its history. In Thailand, the ruined city of Ayutthaya is a must for any visitor. The magnificent ruins afford a glimpse of the original island city of moats, palaces, and grand temples with rows of enigmatic stone Buddhas. Once known as the "Venice of the East", its pagodas and palaces were much admired by ancient travellers.

After boarding your motorcoach at the pier and a drive through the tropical countryside, passing tapioca fields, rural towns and villages, you will first visit the beautiful and important 200-year-old Bang Pa-In Summer Palace with its eclectic blend of Thai, European and Chinese influences. The palace consists of five imposing buildings: a delightful Thai-style pavilion standing in the middle of an artificial lake, a two-storey pavilion built in European style that serves as a hall for state ceremonies, a pavilion formerly used as a residence during the high-water season, a Chinese-style pavilion where the court generally resided during the rainy and

cool season, and an observatory on a small island commanding wonderful views over the surrounding countryside.

Then a drive to the town of Ayutthaya and visit the Yaichaimongkol Temple; a perfect photo opportunity. The temple was built by King U-Thong in 1357 for meditation. the massive ruined pagoda can be seen from a great distance.

Drive to a nearby local restaurant before enjoying an international/Thai buffet lunch. Next you will be amazed with your visit to the Mahathat Temple, where the Buddha's head cased in fig tree roots. This is the world famous and familiar sight appearing on many world travel magazines.

Last but not least a final visit to Phra Srisanpej and the ruined Royal Palace, the location of the former capital of Thailand. Learn how we have moved the capital city further down the river to Bangkok before returning to the pier.

Special Notes

The drive between Laem Chabang and Ayutthaya is approximately 3 hours each way.

Suitable attire is required for palace and temple visits. Shorts are not permitted. Women must have their shoulders and knees covered. Turtleneck shirts for men are not allowed. Wear comfortable low-heeled, closed-toe (no open toes or heels) walking shoes. Footwear must be removed before entering temples.

Off the Beaten Path

Nong Nuch Gardens & Cultural Performance

LC1-205 Approximately 4 hours / From \$59



Board your motorcoach at the pier for a leisurely drive to Nong Nuch Village. Your picturesque route takes you along orchid farms and coconut and mango plantations.

Nong Nuch Gardens is a privately owned, 250-acre village set against lush green hills. Coconut and mango plantations abound and elephants, ostriches, iguanas, and monkeys make the wooded parkland their home.

Take a short stroll through the manicured grounds and botanical gardens, taking in the brightly hued flowers and their intoxicating floral scents. The vast area includes abundant flora and fauna, two lakes, miniature bonsai trees, stately cactus plants, bromeliad gardens, and a hothouse for orchids and ferns.

In the Thai Village Theater you will be treated to a colorful cultural performance of traditional Thai folk songs and ceremonies. See folk dances from various regions in Thailand and thrill to a demonstrations of Thai boxing and perhaps sword fighting.

A highlight of any visit to Nong Nuch Village is the charming elephant show. Elephants are the symbol of luck in Siam and these gentle giants perform a variety of tricks under the careful guidance of their trainers. You might even get into the act yourself and engage in a friendly game of elephant tug-o-war! The grounds also have a mini-zoo where smaller animals are housed.

Visit the local reputable gift shop in Pattaya for a wonderful array of souvenirs, Thai silk, post-card, semi-precious stones and handicrafts.

At the completion of your tour of this enchanting attraction, enjoy a motorcoach ride back to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

The drive to Nong Nuch is approximately one-hour each way.

Seating is on a first-come basis during the performances some passengers may have to stand.

Sanctuary of Truth

LC1-230 Approximately 5 hours / From \$59



Your half-day tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, one-hour drive to the Sanctuary of Truth. This remarkable structure is dramatically set on a rocky point off the coast just north of Pattaya, a popular tourist resort on the Gulf Coast of Eastern Thailand.

The building, which resembles a temple, is close to 345 feet high, the equivalent of a 20-story building. The sanctuary used Thai building methods from days gone by, and is held together using wooden pegs and adorned with intricate wooden carvings on every square inch.

The project was initiated as an idea of Thai businessman Lek Viriyaphant in 1981, and is scheduled to be completed in 2025. Its four towers represent images from the Buddhist and Hindu religions and mythologies of Cambodia, China, India and Thailand. It was hoped that within this complex, visitors could understand Ancient Life, Human Responsibility, Basic Thought, Cycle of Living, Life Relationship with Universe and Common Goal of Life toward Utopia.

Your tour continues with a drive around Pattaya City, followed by a visit to Royal Garden Plaza, a vibrant complex with a wide variety of boutiques, restaurants and souvenir shops, or Central Phuket Festival, the consummate one-stop shopping, non-stop entertainment complex.

You'll have ample time to pick up a gift or souvenir or two. After 90 minutes, you'll board your motorcoach for a relaxing drive back to the pier.

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

Safety helmet is compulsory as the place will never stop adding annex or building to its place.

Activities & Adventures

Elephant Kraal

LC1-440 Approximately 4 hours / From \$69



Board your motorcoach at the pier for a scenic drive to the Elephant Kraal. You'll travel through a tropical landscape of tapioca fields and coconut palms and small rural villages en route to this exotic attraction.

Elephants have played an integral role in Thai history and culture for centuries and even today they are an enduring symbol of Thailand. Elephants have been used to clear forests and to haul timber and in the construction of temples. The ancient kings of Siam rode elephants into battle and the animals, especially the white elephants, were seen as symbols of status and power.

A visit to The Elephant Kraal is a truly fascinating experience. One of the world's oldest Elephant Kraal, it dates back to the 1500s, a time when elephants were trained to be part of the strong Thai army. Now the area is conservation center, which is also a non-profit organization, housing over ninety elephant families, including some adorable calves.

Nowhere else in the world can you see such a gathering of wild elephant herds. Here, you will have an opportunity to experience an up-close encounter with the magnificent beasts. All of the elephants featured are well trained, well cared for and healthy. You will learn about their lives and the upkeep required from the mahout, the person who trains the animals. Witness techniques used in a wild elephant "roundup," attend a variety of shows and presentations, and learn a great deal about elephants while being entertained.

For a truly memorable experience, you can have your photo taken as you sit on an elephant's back. What a wonderful souvenir of your trip!

At the end of your day, enjoy a brief shopping stop at a local reputable shop in Pattaya before a scenic drive that returns you to port.

Child Price

12 years & under only

Special Notes

This tour operates in the afternoon only.

Exploring On Your Own

Wat Po & Time on Your Own in Bangkok

LC1-180 Approximately 9.5 hours / From \$59



Your full-day tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, two-hour drive to Bangkok, considered the "Venice of the East." En route, you'll travel through tropical countryside offering picturesque views of tapioca fields and small rural towns. Keep your camera ready for a myriad of photo opportunities.

Your first destination is the awe-inspiring Wat Po, one of the largest and oldest wats (temples) in Bangkok. Founded in the 17th century, Wat Po is home to more than one thousand Buddha images, as well as the Reclining Buddha, one of the largest single Buddha images. In 1832, King Rama III enlarged the temple and turned it into a center of learning, making it Thailand's first university. The temple is also considered the pre-eminent place of learning for the ancient Thai medicinal art of massage.

You're free to browse for souvenirs in the small local gift shop inside the temple before boarding your motorcoach for a short drive to a drop-off point in Bangkok (Asia Hotel), which provides easy access to taxis, skytrain, river cruises, shopping and restaurants. Enjoy ample free time for independent sightseeing and shopping. The local currency is the Thai Baht and it is required for entrance fees to most venues. Currency exchange is available in the city at major hotels and various local banks within the vicinity of Asia Hotel.

At the end of your day, meet the motorcoach at the designated time at Asia Hotel and enjoy a relaxing journey back to port.

Special Notes

The drive between Laem Chabang and Bangkok is approximately 2.5-hours each way. Due to local traffic conditions, motorcoaches are not allowed to park and wait for guests to get back on in the area of old inner city (Grand Palace, Reclining Buddha Temple, and nearby places) of Bangkok. Asia Hotel is the best location utilized for a 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' point.

Suitable attire is required for palace and temple visits. Shorts are not permitted. Women must have their shoulders and knees covered. Turtleneck shirts for men are not allowed. Wear comfortable low-heeled, closed-toe (no open toes or heels) walking shoes. Footwear must be removed before entering temples.

Local currency is required for entrance fees to most venues. (The local currency is the Thai Baht.) Currency exchange is available in the city at major hotels and numerous local banks.

Nature & Wildlife

Tiger Zoo

LC1-260 Approximately 5.5 hours / From \$39



Your half-day tour begins as you board your motorcoach for a scenic, one-hour drive to the Sri Racha Tiger Zoo in Pattaya, a popular tourist resort on the Gulf Coast of Eastern Thailand.

Upon arriving, you'll be mesmerized by the impressive collection of tigers on over 100 acres of land. The main attraction is the compound of 250 Bengal tigers, many of which were born through the zoo's remarkable breeding program. The zoo also claims a population of nearly 10,000 crocodiles, the largest population in the world, thanks to the zoo's May-to-August hatching festival.

Prepare yourself for dazzling animal shows. Watch as tigers jump through hoops and perform acrobatic feats, witness how trainers tame crocodiles, and elephants greet people, dance, and walk on poles. You'll capture unforgettable photos with the tiger cub and baby crocodile. You'll also witness a kind-hearted pig feeding tiger cubs with her own milk along with her piglets.

Your tour concludes with a drive to Pattaya's local reputable store. Here, you'll have free time to shop for jewelry, handicrafts, clothing and gifts before departing for the pier.

Child Price

12 years and under

Special Notes

Activities run as scheduled with more than one round in a day.



Singapore

Singapore - the very name summons visions of the mysterious East. The commercial center of Southeast Asia, this island city-state of four million people is a metropolis of modern high-rise buildings, Chinese shop-houses with red-tiled roofs, sturdy Victorian buildings, Buddhist temples and Arab bazaars. Founded in 1819 by Sir Stamford Raffles of the fabled East India Company, the city is a melting pot of people and cultures. Malay, Chinese, English and Tamil are official languages. Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Hinduism and Christianity are the major faiths. Singapore is an ever-fascinating island boasting colorful traditions, luxurious hotels and some of the finest duty-free shopping in the world.

Lying just 85 miles north of the Equator at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, the island was a haven for Malay pirates and Chinese and Arab traders.

Sightseeing & City Tours

DebarK Tour - Discover Singapore (for Passengers with Princess Transfers)



SIN-960 Approximately 4.5 hours / From \$69

Board your comfortable motorcoach and begin your action-packed day at the city's pride and joy, the National Orchid Garden at the spectacular Singapore Botanic Gardens, a lush 129-acre oasis blooming with exotic flowers, lush jungle and manicured lawns.

The National Orchid Garden is the jewel in the crown, displaying the world's largest collection of orchids in full splendor. It houses over 1,000 species and 2,000 hybrids of orchids. See the "dignitaries," such as Margaret Thatcher, Nelson Mandela, Laura Bush and Princess Diana in the VIP (Very Important Plants) Garden.

You'll enjoy the bright colors in the gardens and the vibrant hues of the newly restored shops in Singapore's exciting Chinatown. Narrow streets centered on the pagoda lead you to a treasure trove of apothecary shops, quaint teahouses, calligraphers happy to demonstrate their art, and a cornucopia of stalls selling trinkets.

Within Chinatown, you'll find the oldest Hindu temple (circa 1827) in Singapore, Sri Mariamman. The focal point of Hindu tradition and culture, this magnificently and elaborately ornamented building is used in festivals and celebrations and contains a shrine dedicated to the goddess Sri Mariamman, known for curing disease.

Next, board a bumboat for a scenic cruise along the Singapore River. Drift past the history of early Singapore showcased in the beautiful colonial architecture, restored riverside warehouses and sculpted bridges, contrasting sharply against the cosmopolitan skyscrapers that loom over the city's financial district.

It's time to meet Singapore's very own tourism mascot, the Merlion, a fountain sculpted with a lion's head and the body of a fish standing guard in the foreground at Merlion Park, paying tribute to Singapore's ancient sea town history. Dominating the Marina Bay waterfront is the fantastic work of visionary architect Moshe Safdie. The Marina Bay Sands, considered the world's most expensive resort casino property, dominates the skyline and Singapore's new financial district.

No tour would be complete without a visit to the grand dame of Singapore, Raffles Hotel. Opened in 1887, the then little bungalow was named after Sir Stamford Raffles, the founder of modern Singapore. Declared a national monument in 1987, it's been lovingly restored and renovated and is one of the city's grandest and most beloved showplaces, frequented by celebrities and royalty. Your brief stop includes time for photos as well as a visit to the gift shop.

The last stop on this exciting, whirlwind tour is the exotic quarter known as "Little India," where stalls are perfumed with fragrant jasmine garlands and aromatic spices. Merchants offer fresh fruits and vegetables, perfect for an afternoon pick-me-up, and everything from saris and jewelry to intricate ornaments. One of the most popular souvenirs to bring home is a brass oil lamp. Rub it and make a wish hopefully returning to Singapore again.

After an exhilarating day, your motorcoach will serve as transportation to the airport.

Special Notes

This tour is available to disembarking passengers with flights after 4:30pm.

DebarK Tour - Singapore Sojourn (for Passengers with Princess Transfers)



SIN-965 Approximately 6 hours / From \$99

Board your comfortable motorcoach and embark on an exotic adventure that explores some of Singapore's most treasured and most beautiful cultural spots. Your day starts with a high point as you drive through the streets of Singapore on your way to Mt.

Faber, the highest part of the town. Take out your camera and capture the magnificent panoramic views of the harbor, Sentosa Island and the downtown district.

From the tallest sight to the most beautiful, your next stop is the National Orchid Garden, perched on a hill atop the Singapore Botanic Gardens. The National Orchid Garden is the jewel in the crown, displaying the world's largest collection of orchids in full splendor. It is designed with four colored zones to match the seasons and houses over 1,000 species and 2,000 hybrids of orchids. See the "dignitaries," such as Margaret Thatcher, Nelson Mandela, Laura Bush and Princess Diana in the VIP (Very Important Plants) Garden.

Orchard Road might sound like the perfect place to pick apples, but it's actually Singapore's most fashionable shopping district. You'll be dazzled by the modern architecture as you drive down the streets en route to Merlion Park.

Here, you'll come face to face with Singapore's most popular tourism icon, The Merlion - a fountain sculpted with a lion's head and the body of a fish. The lion is representative of the animal that a Sumatran prince saw, and the fish pays tribute to Singapore's history as an ancient sea town.

Dominating the Marina Bay waterfront is the fantastic work of visionary architect Moshe Safdie. The Marina Bay Sands, considered the world's most expensive resort casino property, dominates the skyline and Singapore's new financial district. The next stop is the exotic quarter, known as Little India, where the intoxicating scent of jasmine wafts through the air and stalls display colorful saris, dazzling jewelry, and local fruits and vegetables.

You're sure to work up an appetite, so you'll welcome the stop at a lovely Chinese restaurant located right in the middle of Little India. The delicious food is served family-style, so you'll have an opportunity to chat with your friends over the meal.

Refreshed, you're off to Chinatown, the original section where Chinese immigrants lived, worked and built a life. This native area is filled with quaint and cultural sights and wonderful traditional stores that you can browse. Learn about Chinese medicine, check out a teahouse and watch talented calligraphers create masterpieces with paper and ink.

At the completion of your exciting day, the motorcoach will return you to the Princess post-cruise hotel or Singapore airport.

Special Notes

This tour is available to disembarking passengers with flights after 6:00pm or staying at the Princess post-cruise hotel.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF TAKING ORGANIZED EXCURSIONS?

A. There are a number of advantages to taking organized tours offered by Princess, such as:

Quality: We have carefully inspected all of our ports and we offer you excursions from only the most reputable local tour operators

Variety: All our tours are designed both to feature the most popular and interesting attractions in each port and to satisfy the diverse needs and interests of our passengers.

Service: What could be easier than letting us arrange your tours for you? Either by having your tours organized onboard so you can best maximize your time in port and avoid having to make independent, last-minute arrangements, or by pre-reserving all your excursions at princess.com. Princess is at your service.

Safety: Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us and they are the primary consideration in the development and operation of our tour programs.

Value: We endeavor to select local tour operators who provide excursions of the highest quality and we carefully monitor prices to ensure that you are receiving good value. Remember to book early to receive the best possible price.

Q. WHAT DOES PRINCESS DO TO ENSURE MY SAFETY WHILE I'M ASHORE?

A. Our primary concern at Princess is your safety and security. We are in continual contact with authorities concerning any travel advisories that might impact our cruises. If the U.S. State Department advises against travel to specific locations we visit, we would make the necessary changes to the published itinerary. Although such itinerary changes occur infrequently, please understand that these changes are for your own safety and security and are beyond our control.

Despite all of our efforts and in light of recent world events, we remind all of our passengers that they must ultimately assume responsibility for their actions while ashore. In this regard, we would like to remind you of some common sense precautions when visiting ports-of-call:

- Stay in the normal tourist areas and don't travel to out-of the way places without the benefit of a guided tour offered through Princess.
- Do not leave any of your belongings unattended in public areas.
- Be generally aware of people and activities around you.
- Do not accept packages from anyone you don't know personally.
- Keep a low profile - dress and behave conservatively.
- Be careful when eating and drinking ashore.

We thank you in advance for following these recommendations, which we believe will enhance the enjoyment of your cruise or cruisetour.

Q. WILL I MISS THE SHIP IF I GO ON A SHORE EXCURSION?

A. One very important feature of taking a shore excursion organized by Princess is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our tours. Therefore, our ships do not sail until all of our organized tour transportation has returned, so you can be assured that you won't miss the ship. Please keep in mind that when you make your own arrangements in port, or if you leave an organized tour, we will no longer be aware of your whereabouts; so be sure to schedule ample time to return to the ship before it sails.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY SHORE EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISE?

A. Visit our website at princess.com for the most up-to date shore excursion information, full tour descriptions and to request your shore excursions up until 5 days prior to your cruise. The Cruise Personalizer is the fastest and most convenient way to reserve your shore excursions. Please keep in mind that you will receive your tickets when you arrive onboard and all of your shore excursion purchases are charged to your shipboard account. Advance payment is not accepted. Since shore excursions have limited capacity, we encourage you to reserve your tours as early as possible to avoid disappointment and confirm the best price. Reservations are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may change shore excursion requests, but be advised that shore excursion prices may change. Requests to add tickets at a later time can be made but these tickets may be at a higher price than those previously booked. If you request a shore excursion which you previously cancelled, these requests will be confirmed at the current shore excursion price, which may be higher.

Q. HOW DO I RESERVE MY LAND EXCURSIONS IN ADVANCE OF MY CRUISETOUR?

A. When you are ready to pre-reserve your land excursions, go to the Cruise Personalizer and have your booking number and credit card information ready to enter. A credit card must be registered for each passenger that wishes to participate on a land excursion and we accept Princess Visa, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diner's Club. Credit cards used to pre-reserve land excursions must be valid through the full length of your cruisetour and may also be used to establish your shipboard account. Although a credit card is required to reserve your excursion(s), guests are able to pre-reserve all of their land excursions with no deposit required. An auto-charge of all pre-reserved excursions will take place two days prior to your first Land Excursion booking. Confirmed pre-reserved excursions can be viewed at any time in your detailed itinerary in the Cruise Personalizer. The Cruise Personalizer will remain open until your cruisetour departure date so you may add or cancel tours prior to the cancellation deadline without penalty. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty. Note that excursion availability is based on cruisetour date, capacity limitations, and suitable weather conditions. Excursions are subject to change at any time and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Guests are encouraged to book early as space is limited and flightseeing tours in particular may not be available for pre-reserving right up to tour departure date. Prior to travel, print your Travel Summary which will have a listing of all of your pre-reserved land excursions. You will also receive information on confirmed excursions in your Welcome Envelope upon arrival at each location.

Q. HOW CAN I BE SURE I AM CONFIRMED ON THE EXCURSIONS I WANT?

A. When you book your excursions online at princess.com, you receive an immediate confirmation of the status and price of your requested excursion. The site shows the remaining capacity on all tours, so you know if you are confirmed or waitlisted. To avoid disappointment and confirm the best price, please reserve your excursions as early as possible. If the specific tour time you requested is fully booked, Princess may schedule you on an alternate departure that corresponds with your other tour selections.

If your shore excursion choice is not available, we will put you on a waitlist and attempt to obtain more space on the shore excursion. If you have companions traveling with you in your stateroom or in other staterooms and would like everyone to be on the same shore excursion departure, order all the excursions under one name. Requests made individually, even if at the same time, may cause you to be booked on a different departure than your companions or waitlisted on an excursion for which your companions are confirmed.

Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

Q. MAY I TAKE MORE THAN ONE TOUR IN A SINGLE PORT OF CALL?

A. Yes. In Alaska, Canada/New England, the Caribbean, Panama Canal, Hawaii and Mexico, allow at least 30 minutes between each tour. In all other regions, allow at least 60 minutes between each tour. All tours depart from, and return to, the cruise ship pier. By scheduling the appropriate amount of time between tours, you will have sufficient time to take multiple excursions.

Q. CAN I CANCEL AN SHORE EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter flights and private vehicle options, these shore excursions are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation.

For all other shore excursions, a "Closing Time for Bookings" for each port of call is listed on the Tour Order Form you will receive onboard in your stateroom. This is the time when the bookings for the tours in that port close and we notify the local operators of the final shore excursion requirements. You may cancel an excursion if it is prior to the closing time whether you reserved in advance or onboard. We cannot cancel a shore excursion if it is past this closing time, nor can we refund shore excursions on which you choose not to go. All shore excursions operate rain or shine unless cancelled by the tour operator.

Q. CAN I CANCEL A LAND EXCURSION I'VE REQUESTED?

A. Due to the exclusive nature and advanced planning required for excursions involving hotel accommodations, airline flights and some flightseeing tours, these excursions are not refundable within 30 days of sailing. A fee will be assessed onboard for any of these tours cancelled within 30 days of sailing.

Land Excursions, pre-reserved through the Cruise Personalizer, may be cancelled up to the Land Excursion cancellation deadline which is two days prior to your first land excursion booking. At the cancellation deadline, all pre-reserved land excursions will be auto-charged using the credit card that you provided in the Cruise Personalizer to reserve your tours. Excursions cancelled once the auto-charge has been processed are subject to a 100% penalty, unless the operator, at their sole discretion, is unable to operate the program due to unforeseen circumstances. All sales of tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of an operator approved cancellation.

Q. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REFUNDED FOR MY LAND EXCURSION.

A. In the event of any excursion being cancelled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. Land

Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor. Should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances.

Q. HOW DOES THE PRINCESS EXCURSIONS PROGRAM OPERATE ONBOARD?

A. Our Shore Excursion Manager runs the onboard portion of the Princess Shore Excursions program. Tour Office staff are available to answer questions and make shore excursion reservations for you. Once onboard in your stateroom, you will find tickets for the shore excursions you reserved in advance. If you have not yet reserved tours or would like to purchase additional shore excursions, you will find a Tour Order Form in your stateroom. You will also find a schedule of daily activities, the Princess Patter, which features important program information including Tour Office hours and the closing time for shore excursion bookings. Remember, tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and space on shore excursions is limited, so book early. A Tour Order Form drop box is located near the Tour Office where you may deposit your order form at any time.

Q. ARE THERE CHILDREN'S PRICES AVAILABLE?

A. Yes, on some tours for children age 12 and under. If you are traveling with children, please pre-reserve the number of child tickets you would like on the Cruise Personalizer. If the adult and child price is the same, please order all tickets as adult. Once onboard the ship or at one of our land excursion destinations, check your tour tickets to ensure you have received the correct number of adult and child tickets. Visit the Tour Office as soon as possible to make any necessary adjustments. Parents are also responsible for bringing a safety seat for their child.

On most helicopter and flightseeing tours, children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant. Children under the age of 24 months are not able to participate on a helicopter tour.

Q. ARE PRIVATE SHORE EXCURSION OPTIONS AVAILABLE WHERE I CAN CUSTOMIZE MY TOUR?

A. Yes, in many ports we offer shore excursions that can be customized to your specifications. On these tours you are able to book exclusive use of the tour vehicle (automobile, boat or plane) and tailor the tour to include activities and venues you want to experience.

Due to the limited capacity and highly specialized nature of these excursions, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation or prior to the booking closing time for the port which is listed on the onboard Tour Order Form (whichever is first). Once onboard the ship, you may be provided with a preference card to advise the tour operator of your selected itinerary and interests. The onboard Tour Staff will gladly assist you and provide recommendations.

Please note these shore excursions are sold per transport, not per person, so only one passenger should make the reservation for the entire group. This is a private arrangement and those accompanying you are the guests you choose; Princess does not match up individual passengers to form a private group for the vehicle. The price listed includes the means of transport and/or private guide and does not include gratuities, meals and attraction entrance fees (unless indicated otherwise) as these will vary based on your choices.

Q. ARE THERE AGE OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TOURS?

A. For most tours, there is no minimum age for children as long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian. Passengers under the age of 18 years cannot participate without a parent or guardian. Please review the tour description notes for the most current restrictions and any exceptions; a few operators may allow an unaccompanied minor on tour if a waiver is signed by the parent or guardian in the operator's presence. Any other restrictions imposed by the tour operator are listed in the "Special Notes" section of each tour description.

Q. IS A VISA REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE PORTS I VISIT?

A. Please review the information detailed in the "Itinerary" section of the Cruise Personalizer regarding any applicable visas for your specific voyage.

Q. IS ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Passports, visas and other documentation may be required on certain shore excursions. Please review the "Special Notes" section of the shore excursion for full details. Notarized written consent is required for children crossing international borders without both parents.

Q. ARE THE EXCURSIONS GUIDED?

A. Yes. All of our excursions include local English-speaking guides except for On Your Own tours and where otherwise noted.

Q. SHOULD I TIP THE TOUR GUIDE?

A. Tipping is a discretionary matter; however, it is customary, if one is pleased with their tour, to tip the tour guide. A

general rule of thumb is \$2 per person for a half-day tour and \$5 per person for a full-day tour.

Q. WHAT TYPE OF CLOTHING SHOULD I WEAR WHILE ON TOUR OR IN PORT?

A. During your cruise, the climate can range from temperate and cool to hot and humid. Please plan to dress in layered, light- to medium-weight clothing and comfortable, low-heeled walking shoes. Since weather conditions may vary, we suggest you also pack a sweater, a light jacket and an all-weather coat. In addition, don't forget a hat or visor, a collapsible umbrella, sunglasses, sun screen and of course your camera and extra film and batteries. Please note that for water-related excursions where we suggest you wear your bathing suit, cover-up and hat, we have placed a symbol next to the shore excursion description.

If you plan to participate on an overland tour and will need to recharge video equipment or use a hair dryer, we suggest you bring an international adapter. Whenever you plan on going ashore, we highly encourage you to leave your valuables and jewelry onboard. While ashore, please take care in protecting your purses, cameras and other personal items. Minimizing personal belongings brought ashore could expedite the security process when reboarding the ship. We suggest you carry a photocopy of your passport when going ashore as you may need your passport number to exchange currency.

Please be mindful that in some of the countries you will visit, the local people may have somewhat more conservative views concerning dress than those to which you are accustomed. Generally shorts, tank tops, and short skirts are not acceptable dress when visiting churches or places of worship. Specific information regarding appropriate dress in these ports is provided with the shore excursion. For all golf tours, collared shirts and either long pants or Bermuda-style shorts are required (no cut-offs, bathing suits, etc.).

Q. WILL I MISS MEALS IF I GO ON SHORE EXCURSIONS?

A. Our wide variety of dining venues, including a 24-hour buffet, means there are always meal options available onboard that fit within the shore excursion timing you select.

Q. IS THERE TIME FOR SHOPPING ON THE EXCURSIONS?

A. Shopping is, for many, an important part of travel and, wherever possible, time for this activity is allowed within the framework of many of our shore excursions. Please note, however, that the actual amount of time available for shopping is generally limited.

Q. DO THE EXCURSIONS INCLUDE MUCH WALKING AND STAIR CLIMBING?

A. All of our excursions involve some walking and some excursions include more walking and stair climbing than others. Walking may be over uneven surfaces such as cobblestone city streets or the rocky pathways of ancient ruins. On many excursions, it is necessary to negotiate stairs. Please keep in mind that many of the buildings you will be visiting may have been constructed well before conveniences such as elevators were invented and have been preserved in their original state. Please refer to our tour symbols with each excursion description for more information and guidance.

Q. WHAT ELSE SHOULD I ANTICIPATE IN PORTS?

A. Keep in mind that some sites you will be visiting are extremely popular among both tourists and locals. Therefore, you may encounter crowded conditions, whether participating in one of our tours or sightseeing on your own. Regrettably, we have no control over this situation. With regard to photography, some venues may prohibit the use of flash cameras, so fast-speed film is recommended. In some places, photography or video may be prohibited altogether or a fee may be imposed. We ask that you observe any restrictions and, if in doubt, ask your guide for assistance.

Q. AM I REQUIRED TO WEAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON TOUR?

A. Yes, on certain tours it is mandatory that you wear the appropriate safety equipment in order to participate. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to snorkel vests, life vests, helmets, etc.

Q. WHAT IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CERTIFIED DIVE TOUR?

A. An open-water scuba certification card must be presented in order to participate in a certified dive tour. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate divers with either a Junior Open Water or a Scuba Diver rating due to the depth limitations imposed by these certifications. The sport-diving industry recommends that divers take an update course if they have not been diving within the last six months. Please note that some dive operators may reserve the right to refuse to take divers who cannot provide proof of the date of their last dive or scuba review course. We recommend you bring a log book or proof that you have recently completed a review course.

There are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or the need to take medication to control blood pressure, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraines headaches, recurrent ear problems, severe motion sickness and presently taking prescription

medicines with the exception of birth control. Passengers are welcome to bring and use their own personal equipment, but it must be stored in their stateroom and there is no reduction in the tour price.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN AN INTRODUCTORY/DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you must complete a medical history form and liability waiver/release form that will be provided on board or by the tour operator at the beginning of the tour. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For Introductory Scuba Diving tours there is a minimum age of 10. Passengers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SNUBA DIVING, HELMET DIVING OR UNDERWATER SCOOTER TOUR?

A. Yes, there are certain medical conditions that may prevent your participation. Accordingly, you will be required to complete a medical-history form and liability waiver/release form that will be supplied onboard or by the tour operator. Following is a non-inclusive list of several medical conditions that may prevent you from safely participating in scuba diving. Any of these conditions would also require an examination prior to your cruise by a qualified physician to obtain written permission to participate in scuba diving activities. Heart disease or previous heart attack, diabetes, epilepsy or seizures, high blood pressure or take medicine to control blood pressure, presently taking prescription medicines with the exception of birth control, pregnancy, asthma or any form of lung disease, recent surgery, blackouts, sinus problems, fear of closed spaces, recurring complicated migraine headaches, recurrent ear problems, and severe motion sickness. For helmet or SNUBA tours there is a minimum age of 8 years and passengers must weigh at least 75 pounds. For underwater scooter tours there is a minimum age of 10.

Q. ON SPORTFISHING EXCURSIONS, DO I GET TO KEEP THE FISH I CATCH?

A. Most sportfishing tours offered by Princess are part of a catch-and-release program. Fish that are edible and not endangered are typically landed and kept by the boat crew. Please remember you have purchased an opportunity to catch fish, not a guarantee of doing so. As one of our boat captains said, "We guarantee fishing, not catching."

In Alaska only, if your tour is not designated as catch and release, your catch can be processed and shipped home for an additional charge as arranged by the tour operator. Because of its perishable nature and U.S. Customs regulations, your catch may not be sent outside of the United States in most cases. Due to federal regulations, your catch may not be stored onboard the ship, but may be prepared for dinner onboard. Fish caught while at our lodges in Alaska, needs to be shipped home if not part of a catch-and-release program. In Alaska, fishing licenses are required and can be purchased on your boat for \$20 per person in cash (rates subject to change). Fishing for king salmon requires an additional \$10 retention tag (rates subject to change). Children under 16 do not need a license. Fish runs are dependent on spawning seasons, so during May and late-September fish stock may be more limited. Go to www.adfg.state.ak.us for more details on licensing requirements and fishing regulations in Alaska.

Q. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW BEFORE TAKING A HELICOPTER TOUR?

A. Due to weight and balance limitations, as well as passenger safety and comfort, the helicopter excursion companies have advised that passengers weighing 250 pounds or more (fully clothed) will be assessed a surcharge to reserve adequate space onboard the helicopter. The surcharge amount will be indicated in the "Special Notes" section of each tour.

Because of the limited capacity and high demand for helicopter tours, they are not refundable unless cancelled by 12:00pm on the day after embarkation. Children 24 months of age and older are required to have their own seat. Children under 24 months are considered lap infants and may ride free of charge if the tour operator can accommodate them - with prior arrangement through the onboard Tour Office. Parents must show proof of age to the tour operator for any lap infant.

Carry-on bags are not allowed and limited secure storage is provided at the heliport. Helicopters may carry up to six guests depending on combined group weight. The flight length is approximate and flight route may vary due to weather conditions. Helicopter tours may be cancelled on short notice due to weather or safety issues. Warm clothing and sunglasses are recommended on helicopter tours. Dressing in layers is practical and lets you adjust your attire to meet changing conditions.

For helicopter tours in Denali National Park, a surcharge is not charged for guest over 250lbs. The helicopter company will assign aircraft and seats based on weight and balance. While every consideration is made to keep traveling companions and/or families together, this is not always possible for safety reasons.

Q. DOES PRINCESS OWN THE TOUR COMPANIES IN THE PORTS?

A. No, all of the shore excursions are operated by local, independent companies not by Princess; Princess retains a

portion of the total sale. We selected only the most reputable companies available to provide your excursions. The companies providing your excursions are selected by Princess based on their excellent reputation for service and safety.

Q. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED PASSENGERS?

A. Our answer, of course, depends on the type and degree of the disability. The goal of Princess Cruises is to provide a safe comfortable cruise experience for all passengers. If you will be using a mobility device during your sailing we strongly recommend you travel with a person physically fit to assist with your needs both onboard and ashore.

If passengers are able to walk on their own, we recommend tours designated as requiring a moderate level of activity. The transport on some tours may be able to accommodate a collapsible wheelchair stored below the bus; scooters or motorized wheelchairs are often too large. If confined to a wheelchair, we would recommend reserving the excursions identified as wheelchair accessible (see Tour Symbols listed for each tour) or a private vehicle shore excursion. We also recommend that non-ambulatory passengers be accompanied by someone who is able to assist them throughout the duration of their day. Our Tour Staff can provide more information on touring options for non-ambulatory guests. Physically challenged passengers participating on a shore excursion must contact the Tour Office at least 48 hours prior to your excursion to ensure arrangements can be made to meet your particular needs.

Embarking and disembarking can be challenging for those with limited mobility. Many major ports of call provide easy access for wheelchairs and scooters. However due to various conditions: steepness of the gangway, weather, shoreside facilities and tidal and sea conditions, passengers using mobility devices may be required to transfer to a stair climber or be precluded from going ashore. Princess staff will make every effort to assist but are not allowed to individually physically lift more than 50 pounds (22 kg).

Some ports of call require the ship to anchor off shore. Passengers are then taken to shore by small boats or tenders. When tendering is required, passengers using mobility devices will not be transferred into or out of the tender, if lifting in excess of the above limitation is required. Many tender ports do not provide wheelchair access so even if the passenger can board the tender they may not be able to disembark ashore. Again the shoreside facilities, movement of the tender, weather and tidal conditions can also preclude tendering.

The decision to allow any passenger to board a tender or disembark the vessel will be made by the Captain on the basis of the safety and welfare of all involved and is final. If passengers are unable to tender or disembark because of circumstances outlined above there will be no refund or credit for missed ports. While Princess recognizes your disappointment the safety of both passengers and crew takes precedence.

For more information on the terms and conditions for Princess Shore Excursions, please refer to the Special Information section. Every effort will be made to accommodate all passengers on the tour of their choice but, tours are operated by independent local companies and not by Princess. The final determination to let any passenger participate is made by the tour operator and therefore if, in the judgment of the tour operator, the safety or comfort of any passenger is in question, guests may be denied participation. This evaluation may not be able to be determined until meeting directly with the local tour operator.

Special Information

CONDITIONS In selling tickets (including coupons or vouchers) or otherwise promoting or making arrangements for Excursions— whether for air, land or local water transportation; tours; sports or any other recreational activities; shore accommodations or meals or for any service, facility or activity other than onboard Princess' cruise ships – Princess acts only as agent for the independent tour operator supplying such excursions or services. Participation by a passenger in Excursions is conditioned upon such passenger's acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth in the Passage Contract contained in the Cruise Ticket, the Excursion Ticket and, depending on the activity, other documents which, among other things, expressly release Princess from any liability for such participation. Participation may also be subject to the independent tour operators' own terms and conditions.

EXCURSION TIMINGS Departure times for each tour will be listed on princess.com in the Cruise Personalizer. For Shore Excursions, they will also be listed on the Tour Order Form, which you will receive onboard. These have been published according to information from our Tour Operators, but are subject to change should the vessel's arrival time at any port be delayed, or the itinerary for any particular excursion be amended. Please note that the time shown will be the time the last tour vehicle leaves the pier or hotel. Passengers are requested to report to the specified departure location (either onboard ship or shoreside) at the designated time, as delay on your part can interfere with the pleasure of your fellow passengers.

EXCURSIONS WITH LIMITED PARTICIPATION Shore Excursions may be purchased in advance of your cruise departure or onboard ship on a first-come, first served basis. Many of our excursions have limited participation and reservation requests will be processed in the order received. When excursions are fully subscribed, additional requests will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Land Excursions can not be waitlisted but we actively request more space wherever possible from our tour operators; if a tour is sold out we encourage guests to revisit the Cruise Personalizer at a later date and they can also check for more availability at the tour desks in our Alaska ports.

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS Coats, wraps, umbrellas, cameras, handbags, traveling bags and similar personal articles remain at all times through the tour under the passenger's custody and control. Be careful that you do not leave your possessions unattended at any time in the car or coach in which you are traveling.

PRICES The prices for Excursions are subject to change without notice; are per adult, per child or in some cases per vehicle. Prices are confirmed at the time of booking. All quotations made include conveyance according to the itinerary and, where applicable, meals, refreshments, guides and entrance fees, unless otherwise stated. Children, other than infants in arms, will be charged full fare unless noted otherwise.

SHOPPING Where possible, time for shopping has been allowed within the framework of some excursions. However, excursions are not primarily designed for shopping, and time allowed for this purpose may be limited.

REFUNDS No refunds can be made on any ticket, coupon or voucher unless notice of cancellation is given before the closing date indicated on the booking form for the excursions involved. The times when bookings will close will be published onboard. In the event of any excursion being canceled for reasons beyond our control, a full refund will be made. However, should any excursion have to be abandoned through force majeure or difficulties en route, the best possible refund will be arranged according to the circumstances. Land Excursions that were pre-reserved, charged and then cancelled due to weather or other operator approved cancellation will be refunded using the same credit card used to book your excursions. These refunds will typically be reflected on your credit card statement between 7-10 business days after cancellation. Tours booked while on your land tour are considered final at the time of purchase and are 100% non-refundable except in the case of a cancellation by the vendor.

TRANSPORTATION Passengers should appreciate that standards of transport vary considerably throughout the world. Air-conditioned coaches are not available in many areas, and in some, local buses are the best available. Cars or taxis are also used at some ports where coach or bus transportation is not available or limited. Passengers wishing to travel with friends should all leave the ship together, as this will help the Tour Staff to allocate them space in the same vehicle. For the comfort of all passengers, smoking is prohibited aboard all sightseeing vehicles.

WITHDRAWAL OF TOURS The Tour Operator reserves the right to withdraw any excursion through lack of demand and to make any alterations that they may deem advisable for the comfort of the passengers, bearing in mind the convenience and best interest of each group.

ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT. It is our policy to maintain a positive and proactive position in relation to the environment. We realize that there is much work to be done to achieve our company goals. To this end we are continually striving to increase awareness of any environmental issues that are likely to affect any of the excursions we offer. We work closely with our local agents to convey any environmental messages in our shore excursion programs and therefore ask you to support us in our efforts by respecting the cultures, customs and environmental issues of the various destinations we visit.