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Dear Ana,

Thank you for choosing Explorient! We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you on upcoming Asia Vacation. Please find the details below for your requested trip. Please note your hotels and land services are NOT yet confirmed. Reservation status is to be determined shortly upon receiving trip payment.

TOUR SUMMARY:

20 Day / 19 Night Custom Myanmar, Bhutan and Package – Land Only

- Economy Class Paro / Bangkok / Yangon / Bagan / Heho / Mandalay / Bangkok / Phuket / Bangkok Airfares
- 2 nights at Governor's Residence in Yangon (Deluxe Room)
- 1 night at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan (Jasmine Villa)
- 1 night at Inle Princess Resort in Inle (Lake View Chalet)
- 2 nights at Rumar Mandala (Deluxe Room) OR Sedona Hotel (Deluxe Room) in Mandalay
- 1 night at Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel in Bangkok (Superior Room)
- 2 nights at Taj Tashi Hotel in Thimpu (Deluxe Room)
- 1 night at Uma Punakha Hotel (Valley View Room)
- 3 nights at Una Paro (Forest View Rooms)
- 4 nights at The Regent Cape Panwa in Phuket (Sea View Pavilion)
- 2 nights at The Peninsula Bangkok (Grand Balcony Room)
- Hotel American Breakfasts Daily
- Other meals as specified per itinerary (food only)
- Private tour throughout: all transfers and sightseeing by private car, driver and Professional Guides

TOUR ITINERARY

Day	Activity Summary
Sep. 03	Arrive Yangon: Upon arrival in Yangon, be met and transferred to Governor's Residence for your next 2 nights' accommodations. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure to relax and recover from the long flight. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (D) ***Note: early hotel check-in is subject to availability.***
Sep. 04	Yangon: Enjoy a full day tour of Yangon with visits to the Shwedagon Pagoda. Considered the highlight of any visit to Yangon, this pagoda dates back 2500 years and was built to house eight sacred hairs of the Buddha; National Museum renowned for its Sihasana Lion Throne used by King Thibaw Min in the early 1900s; Scott Market, consists of over 2000 stalls and is the best place in Yangon to browse through the complete range of local handicrafts. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Overnight in Yangon. (B,L)
Sep. 05	Yangon / Bagan: Transfer to the airport for your early morning flight to Bagan, a spectacular plain stretching away from the Ayeyarwaddy River, dotted with thousands of 800-year old temple ruins. Commence sightseeing of Shwezigon Paya, a pagoda used to ensure relics of Buddha; Gubyaukhyi Temple, originally built in the early 13th Century that houses the colorful painting about the previous life of Buddha. Ananda Pahto, considered one of the finest, largest, best preserved and most revered of the Bagan temples; and Manuha Temple, built in 1059 by King Manuha that enshrines several unusual Buddha images. Later in the afternoon, enjoy the fabulous sunset view over the Bagan Temples from Shwesandaw Pagoda. Accommodations at Aureum Palace (or similar). Includes lunch at a local restaurant. (B,L)

Sep. 06	Bagan / Inle Lake: Transfer to the airport for your early morning flight to Heho. Upon arrival, proceed to Inle Lake by vehicle and by boat. En-route visit Taungyi, a pine-clad hill station which provides a cool break from the heat of the plains with a visit to its Central Market, catching a glimpse of the colorful hill tribe people famous for their basket making. Check-in at Inle Princess Resort (or similar) Dinner is served at the hotel this evening. (B,D)
Sep. 07	Inle Lake / Mandalay: Enjoy a morning boat trip of Inle Lake. Located in Shan State, the beautiful Inle Lake boasts calm waters dotted with patches of floating vegetation and fishing canoes and surrounded by high hills on all sides of the lake. The lake's shore and islands bear 17 villages on stilts, mostly inhabited by the Intha people. Enjoy the spectacular scenery and observe the skilled fishermen using their leg-rowing technique to propel themselves around the lake. Visit the floating gardens, a market and a Intha village around the lake. The day sightseeing also includes a visit to the Phaung Daw Oo Pagoda, Inn Paw Khon Village famous for Lotus and silk weaving. and the Nga Phe Kyaung Monastery. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Afterwards, transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Mandalay. Dinner is served at a local restaurant. Overnight in Sedona Hotel OR Rupal Mandalay (or similar) Mandalay. (B,L,D)
Sep. 08	Mandalay: Full day sightseeing of Mandalay, the last capital of Royal Burma. Mandalay is one of the largest cities in Myanmar, and a cultural and spiritual center. Neighboring Sagaing is home to over sixty percent of the country's monks, while the artisans of Mandalay continue to turn out the finest crafts in Myanmar. In the morning, head to Amarapura, also a former royal capital, and visit Mahgandayon Monastery where monks and novices line up to receive their daily alms offering from faithful Buddhists. Pause to enjoy the atmosphere of U Bein's Bridge, a picturesque teak bridge which extends over one kilometer across Taungthaman Lake, and the highlight of any visit to Amarapura. Visit Mahamuni Paya which houses the most venerated image in Myanmar covered in over 15 cm of gold leaf. Observe the laborious process of "Gold-Leaf Beating", where gold is painstakingly hammered out into tissue-thin squares. Continue to Shwenandaw Kyaung, or the Golden Teak Monastery, built entirely of golden teak. Continue your visit to several other famous Mandalay temples including Kyauktawgyi Paya, Kuthodaw Paya and Shew Kyin Old Monastery. Last not least, enjoy an easy climb to Mandalay Hill for panoramic views over the palace, Mandalay and the paya-studded countryside. Includes lunch. (B,L)
Sep. 09	Mandalay/ Bangkok: Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Bangkok. Upon arrival, proceed to Novotel Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel by shuttle van for your overnight accommodation. (B) Note: Airport shuttle at Bangkok Airport is provided by Novotel and operates on join basis with other staying guests. Upon baggage retrieval and exiting customs, proceed to terminal exit (2 nd floor outside arrival hall) at "Gate 4" for Novotel Hotel Shuttle.
Sep. 10	Bangkok / Paro / Thimpu: Transfer to the airport by hotel shuttle for your early morning flight (4:45am) for Paro. Upon arrival, be met and proceed to Thimphu by road. Visit the Memorial Chorten and enjoy a stroll through the main street of Thimphu. Check-in at Taj Tashi Hotel for your next 2 nights' accommodations. Includes Lunch and Dinner at the hotel or local restaurant. (B,L,D)
Sep. 11	Thimpu: This morning, visit the School of Arts & Crafts, National Library, Folk Heritage Museum and Institute of Traditional Medicine. In the afternoon, enjoy a short hike to Cheri Goemba, the monastery where the first monastic body was established. Afterwards, visit the Handicrafts Emporium and local crafts shops, to browse through example of Bhutan's fine traditional arts. Here you can buy hand-woven textiles, thanangka paintings, masks, ceramics, slate and wood carvings, jewelry made from local materials. (B,L,D)
Sep. 12	Thimpu / Punakha: This morning, embark on a 2.5 hour overland journey for Punakha, passing through Dochula Pass with spectacular views of the Himalayan Ranges. Visit the 17th Century Simtokha Dzong, one of Bhutan's first fortress monasteries en-route. Upon arrival in Punakha, visit Punakha Dzong, one of the most spectacular in the country, Crown Prince's Monastery, Temple of the Devine Mad Man and Wangdu

	Dzong. Includes lunch at a local restaurant. Dinner and accommodations at UMA Punakha. (B,L,D)
Sep.13	Punakha / Paro: This morning, visit the Crown Prince's Monastery, Temple of the Devine mad Man and Wangdu Dzong. Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Afternoon transfer to Paro visiting several ruins and monuments en-route. Upon arrival in Paro, check-in at UMA Paro. Dinner is served at the hotel. (B,L,D)
Sep. 14	Paro: Sightseeing today includes visits to the Ruins of Drugyel Dzong, Kyichu Lhakhang, Ta Dzong and the National Museum housed in an ancient watchtower, and Paro Dzong representative of some of the finest Bhutanese architecture. Overnight in Paro with dinner at the hotel. (B,L,D)
Sep. 15	Paro (Tiger's Nest Trek): Enjoy a morning trek (5 hrs) to Taktshang Monastery, also known as Tiger's Nest. Tiger's Nest is one of the most famous of Bhutan's monasteries perched on the side of a cliff 900m above the Paro valley floor. This site has been recognized as a most sacred place and visited by Shabdrung Ngawang Namgyal in 1646, and now visited by all Bhutanese at least once in their lifetime. Enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure to relax and explore charming Paro on your own. Dinner iat the hotel. Overnight in Paro. (B,L,D)
Sep. 16	Paro / Phuket: Transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok followed by a connecting evening flight to Phuket. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to The Regent Cape Panwa Resort & Spa for your next 4 nights accommodations. (B)
Sep. 17	Phuket: Full day free at leisure in Paradise. (B)
Sep. 18	Phuket (Phi Phi Islands): Enjoy a full day excursion by speed boat to Phi Phi Islands -- Phi Phi Don and Phi Phi Ley renowned for the movie hit "The Beach". Discover the scenic, amazing cliffs, long beaches and its clear blue and emerald water where you can enjoy snorkeling and swimming. Includes lunch. (B,L) ****Transfers and cruise operated on join basis (non-private)****
Sep. 19	Phuket: Full day free at leisure. Optional tours (cooking lesson, evening shows, elephant trek, canopy/zip-lining, Phang Nga Cruise, etc.) are available upon request. (B)
Sep. 20	Phuket / Bangkok: Transfer to airport for your flight to Bangkok. Transfer to the Peninsula Hotel upon arrival and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. (B)
Sep. 21	Bangkok: Enjoy a morning tour of Bangkok City visiting the Royal Grand Palace, Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha and Wat Trimit). Afternoon at leisure to relax, shop and explore Bangkok on your own. (B)
Sep. 22	Return Home: Transfer to the airport for your morning flight home. (B) ****END OF PROGRAM****

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