

September 5, 2014

Dear Julie & Steven,

Thank you for choosing Explorient. We are delighted to have the opportunity to serve you on your Anniversary Trip of the Orient. Below please find the summary of services for your trip. All services have been confirmed at this time.

TOUR SUMMARY:

16 Night Air & Land Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos & Thailand from LAX

- Economy Class Roundtrip Transpacific Air via Cathay Pacific from LAX
- All Intra Asia Airfares per itinerary
- 2 nights at Angkor Miracle Resort in Siem Reap (Deluxe Garden View Room)
- 1 night at Victoria Hotel in Can Tho (Superior Room)
- 1 night at Pullman Saigon Hotel in HCM City (Superior Room)
- 3 nights at Sunrise Resort in Hoi An (Sunrise Suite)
- 1 night at Movenpick Hotel in Hanoi (Superior City View)
- 1 night on board the privately chartered Halong Legend Cruise
- 3 nights at Luang Prabang View Hotel in Luang Prabang (Superior Room)
- 3 nights at Puripunn Baby Grand Hotel in Chiang Mai (Puripunn Deluxe Room)
- Hotel American Breakfasts Daily
- Other meals as specified per itinerary
- Private Tour Throughout: Airport transfers and sightseeing provided by private vehicle, driver and professional guides (except Patara Elephant Farm & Pantawan Cooking Lesson. Transfers and sessions are operated on JOIN basis with other participants)

TOUR OUTLINE

Day	Activity Summary
Feb. 11/12	Depart USA: Depart LAX on a late evening flight for Siem Reap via Cathay Pacific Airways, connecting in Hong Kong.
Feb. 13	Arrive Siem Reap: Upon morning arrival in Siem Reap, be met and transferred to Angkor Miracle Hotel for your next 2 nights' accommodations (NOTE: Early check-in is subject to hotel availability). This afternoon, embark on a by a culturally inspiring boat trip to Tonle Sap Lake at Kempong. Tonle Sap, or the Great Lake, swells up to seven times its original size during the monsoon season with an ecosystem that is one of the richest and most diverse in the region. Explore the lake's primitive floating fishing communities by boat, passing submerged forests and fishing farms. Return to Siem and the afternoon.
Feb. 14	Siem Reap: This morning, enjoy a tour of the magnificent Angkor Wat, the most impressive of Angkorian Temples and the symbol of Cambodia. Afterwards, visit the fortified city of ANGKOR THOM that covers an area of 10 square km enclosed by a wall and wide moats. Next visit, Ta Prohm - one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared and it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them. (B)

Feb. 15	Siem Reap / Can Tho: Enjoy a morning visit of Banteay Srei Temple. Seemingly miniature in comparison to the other Angkor temples, BANTEAY SREI is considered to be the jewel of classical Khmer art. Built in pink sandstone, the walls are covered in exquisitely preserved carvings of unusual delicacy. Afterwards, visit the mid 12 th century temple of Banteay Samre before boarding an afternoon flight for HCM City. Upon arrival, proceed to Can Tho (approx. 4 hours) by road and check-in at Victoria Hotel for your overnight accommodation. (B)
Feb. 16	Can Tho / HCM City: Enjoy an early morning excursion to Southeast Asia's largest and most bustling floating Market at Cai Rang. We explore the floating market by long tailed boat dotted with fruit and vegetable vendors from all over the region where buyers and vendors have haggling and trading for centuries. Continue on to explore the quiet canals and backwaters in the delta before traveling by road northbound to the Upper Mekong Delta at Ben Tre. Take a boat ride on Ben Tre river to observe the daily life along river and visit several local villages famous for their respective crafts with lunch at a local restaurant. Continue by road to HCM City and check-in at Pullman Saigon Hotel for your overnight accommodation. (B,L)
Feb. 17	HCM City / Hoi An: Enjoy a morning city tour of HCM City visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, Reunification palace, Hotel de Ville (City Hall), Opera House, Central Post Office and Ben Thanh Market. Board an afternoon flight for Danang. Transfer to Hoi and check-in at the Sunrise Resort for your next 3 nights' accommodations. (B)
Feb. 18	Hoi An: This morning, enjoy a ride on a Buffalo cart through the amazing countryside to a wharf in Cam Thanh for a boat ride along Hoi An river to TRA QUE vegetable village. Take part in the numerous activities including: raking soil, preparing soil to grow vegetables and sow seeds, cultivating vegetables and watering greens. Learn how to make white rice from brown rice: grind paddy by husking mill, winnow, pound and sift rice; grind white rice to make wet flour and make rice cakes. Sample local before returning to Hoi An town for a boat trip down the Thu Bon River visiting a wood carving and pottery village en-route. Overnight in Hoi An. (B)
Feb. 19	Hoi An: Full day free at leisure to relax, explore Hoi An on your own as well observing the festivities of the Lunar New Year (Tet). (B)
Feb. 20	Hoi An / Hanoi: Early morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Hanoi. Upon arrival, commence a city tour of Vietnam's Capital visiting Hanoi's Old Quarters, one Pillar pagoda, Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem Lake, the Opera House, Museum of Ethnology and "Hanoi Hilton" prison. Overnight at Movenpick Hotel. (B)
Feb. 21	Hanoi / Halong Bay: Morning overland transfer to Halong Bay. Upon arrival, board your privately chartered Halong Legend Cruise for a fantastic cruise around Halong Bay. Activities today a visit to a floating fishing village, wine tasting, a cooking lesson and "squid fishing". Lunch and dinner are served on board. (B,L,D)
Feb. 22	Halong Bay / Luang Prabang: This morning, try a Tai Chi lesson and work up your appetite for brunch. Continue cruising to Lan Ha Bay and enjoy a guided kayaking tour around Dark & Bright Tunnel under a karst mountain. Upon disembarkation, transfer to Hanoi Airport for your early evening flight to Luang Prabang. Check-in at Luang Prabang View Hotel for your next 3 nights' accommodations. (B,L)
Feb. 23	Luang Prabang: Morning tour of Luang Prabang Town visiting the local morning market and the famous temples for which this UNESCO World Heritage Site is famous. Visits include: Wat Visoun, Wat Aham, Wat Xieng Thong, the National Museum (Royal Palace) and Wat Mai. Afternoon free at leisure to relax and explore Luang Prabang on your own. (B)

Feb. 24	<p>Luang Prabang: This morning, take a boat trip along the Mekong River to Pak Ou Buddha Caves. Located in the steep rock cliff at the confluence of the Mekong River and Ou River, the caves are filled with Buddha images of varying styles, ages and sizes. A picnic lunch (simple box lunch) is served en-route. Return to your hotel in the afternoon and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. (B)</p>
Feb. 25	<p>Luang Prabang / Chiang Mai: Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for your early afternoon flight to Chiang Mai. Upon arrival, be met and transferred to Puripunn Baby Grand Hotel for your next 3 nights' accommodations. Later in the afternoon, enjoy a fun-filled Thai Cooking Lesson at the exclusive Pantawan cooking school to prepare your very own Thai Dinner. The school is a Thai classic teak wood house style equipped with 12 luxury wooden cooking stations, nicely set up and with big space for each person. Pantawan Cooking School has about one acre for the beautiful garden and the organic farm is part of it. This is where you can see the each kind of herbs grow and use some of them for your cooking lesson. (B,D)</p> <p><i>***Remarks:</i> 1. <i>Transfers and cooking lesson operate on JOIN basis with other participants**</i></p>
Feb. 26	<p>Chiang Mai (Patara Elephant Farm): Today's memorable excursion takes you to Patara Elephant Farm for a fantastic day "Elephant Experience". Located in the hills outside Chiang Mai, Patara Farm provides the skills needed to handle an Elephant. Activities include elephant riding (bareback), behavior training, elephant bathing and feeding. Below is a sample outline of your day at Patara Farm:</p> <p>Sample Itinerary:</p> <p>7:45 Pick up from hotel in Chiang Mai and transfer direct to Patara Elephant Farm. Briefing on history of domestic elephant in Thailand.</p> <p>8:15 Arrive at the Patara Elephant Farm. Registration. Get changed to our training outfit. Prepare for training.</p> <p>8:30 Training session includes, hiking to find the elephant in the bush. Learn about elephant farm management and our breeding program. Train to approach and be near an elephant. Learn to observe elephant temperament. Morning feed. Daily health care for elephant. Pregnancy test for elephant and care taking for mother with small baby. Train to unchain and walk your elephant to the river. Learn about elephant skin care and bath your elephant in the river. Instructed training to get on the elephant neck using different techniques, sitting on the elephant, basic riding skill and spoken commands for elephant Practice on getting on and off the elephant.</p> <p>10:00 Bare-back riding session. Practice on easy riding trip within the farm and a short trip to visit local temple.</p> <p>11:00 Setting of for a long up hill trip to visit waterfall for picnic lunch and refreshing in the water with your elephant.</p> <p>14:00 Elephant riding trip back to the farm for evening feed.</p> <p>15:00 Farewell and photo taking with your elephants.</p> <p>16:00-17:00 Transfer back to your hotel.</p> <p><i>***Remarks:</i> 1. <i>Transfers are provided by Patara Elephant Farm on join basis (non-private) with other tour participants. Hotel pick-up time is 7:45am</i> 2. <i>Please bring comfortable shoes and change of clothes/bathing suits</i></p>

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Feb. 27	Chiang Mai (Trekking & Hill Tribe Visit): This morning, depart from Chiang Mai on an open air truck northbound on a scenic ride to Phrao district. Visit a Karen hill tribe village, one of six main branches of hill-tribes in the Northern Thailand, followed by a trek up the mountain through the forest. Arrive at the Nature Lodge before continuing on to Buatong water fall for a swim. Return to Chiang Mai in the afternoon. Includes lunch. (B,L)
Feb. 28	Chiang Mai / Phuket: Morning at leisure and relax and explore Chiang Mai. Transfer to the airport you're your flight to Phuket. Passengers on own arrangements in Phuket upon arrival. (B)
Mar. 01	Phuket: Full day free at leisure in Paradise. Hotel and land arrangements in Phuket on passengers' own arrangements.
Mar. 02	Return Home: Board your afternoon departure flight to LAX, connecting in Hong Kong. Arrive the same evening. ****END OF PROGRAM****

Kindly review the trip information above for accuracy and feel free to contact me with any questions. We appreciate your business and look forward to serving you on your special anniversary trip!

Sincerely,

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