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CAMBODIA-LAOS-MYANMAR

Siem Riep – Angkor Wat – Luang Prabang
Vientiane – Yangon – Bagan – Mandalay
Heho – Inle Lake

Tour : 04 Nov 2012 to 17 Nov 2012 **Price: $3,645.00+Taxes+Visa**

Myanmar's visa will be processed in US before entering this country

Myanmar offers natural beauty and historical artifacts including dazzling waterfalls, graceful lakes, enchanting caves, ravines, unique cultures of multiple ethnic groups, and ancient golden pagodas. Laos is a land-locked country of stunning natural beauty, rich in culture and history, beautiful temples, strong spiritual traditions, and it remains relatively unexplored. The Kingdom Of Cambodia, formerly Campuchia, is famous for Angkor Wat – the Heritage of Humanity and World Wonder. Singapore is a highly advanced country with a number of attractions that would both amaze and make you feel at home.

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Itinerary:

Day01: Depart in the morning by Airbus 380, the largest aircraft in the world.

Day02: Arrive **Siem Reap**. This town is our base for exploring the world famous temples of the ancient city Angkor, which was the capital of the powerful Khmer Empire from 802 AD to 1350 AD.

Day03: Enter **Angkor Thom** via the Southern Gate and explore the ancient city, then proceed to visit the ruins at Bayon, Baphoun, the Royal Palace, the Elephant Terraces and the Leper King Terrace.

Day04: Visit the village and take a boat trip in a traditional wooden boat on the Tonle Sap Lake, the Great Lake of Cambodia, one of the wonders of Asia. In the afternoon, visit to the magnificent **Angkor Wat** with its extraordinary architecture will provide an opportunity to experience a spectacular sunset over the monuments. We stroll around this massive monument, exploring the many galleries with columns, libraries, pavilions, courtyards and ponds full of water reflecting the towering temple.

Day05: Visit the graceful 11th century Temple of Shiva – Banteay Srei – and the Banteay Samre Temple. Continue to visit the jungle covered temple of Ta Prohm is an incredible sight. There are enormous fig trees & gigantic creepers which embrace themselves in the stone foundations of the structure giving the impression of man's creation being reclaimed by the powerful forces of nature.

Fly to **Luang Prabang**, is best known for its beautiful scenery and numerous ancient temples. This former royal capital has a rich variety of architecture, from the old facades of French colonial homes to the glittering temple rooftops. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check-in. In the evening, explore Luang Prabang's night market.

Day06: You will have an early rise today to participate in the daily early morning ritual of saffron-clad monks being given offerings from local people. Then, embark on a city tour, visit the Royal Palace Museum, which hosts a valuable collection of artifacts. You will then pay a visit to magnificent Wat Xiengthong with its roofs sweeping low to the ground representing classical Laotian architecture. You will also visit the impressive stupa of Wat Visoun and the shrines of Wat Aham and Wat Mai. Later in the day adjourn atop the Mount Phou si for a spectacular views of the town and a great sunset. A leisurely jaunt around Luang Prabang Market and antique shops gives you a closer look. Your journey commences with a visit to the Phousi Market, where you will be amazed by diverse local commodity on display such as dried buffalo skin, local tea, saltpeter, chicken, vegetables and hill-tribe brocades.

Day07: Begin the drive south to **Vientiane**, on the way, visit minority villages along 13th north route, via Vang Vieng where unspoiled natural resources remained and enjoying the view of mountain and beautiful landscape. After a short stop, we are heading out to Vientiane, a capital city of Laos, built by the French on the site of Wieng Chan, the 16th century capital of Lane Xang. Wieng Chan was already bristling by the time Europe was emerging from obscurity, and today is a small bustling city that retains an air of its French colonial past.

Day08: Early morning, you will set off on a city tour with visits to the major temples of Vientiane including Wat Sisaket, a temple of thousands of miniature Buddha statues, and the former royal temple of Wat Prakeo, which previously housed the famous Emerald Buddha Image. Visit Laos national icon - That Luang Stupa and stop for some pictures of the imposing Patuxay Monument, which is Vientiane's own Arc de Triumph. Fly Vientiane to Yangon via Bangkok with Thai Air.

Day09: **Yangon** lies in the fertile delta of southern **Myanmar**, on the wide Yangon River. The city is filled with tree-shaded boulevards, while shimmering stupas float above the treetops. The city became the capital only in 1885, when the British completed the conquest of Upper Myanmar and Mandalay's brief period as capital of the last Burmese kingdom ended. Start the day at the Sule Pagoda, a gleaming octagonal pagoda that stands squarely at the center point of the city. Afterwards, visit the National Museum to gain an insight into Myanmar. See the eight meter high Sihasana Lion Throne, used by the last Burmese king, and other fascinating artifacts from Burmese history and culture. Enjoy a break at Bogyoke Market, a pleasant covered market containing crafts from all corners of Myanmar, gems, fabrics and more. (The market is closed on Mondays and public holidays). In the afternoon, visit some of the more well-known pagodas, including Botataung Pagoda, named after the 1000 military leaders who escorted relics of the Buddha from Inda over 2000 years ago.

Day10: **Fly from Yangon to Bagan**, a spectacular plain stretching away from the Ayeyarwaddy River, dotted with thousands of 800-year old temple ruins. Although human habitation at Bagan dates back almost to the beginning of the Christian era, Bagan only entered its golden period with the conquest of Thaton in 1057 AD. Shwezigon Paya: King Anawrahta started the construction of the Schwezigon Pagoda to enshrine some relicts of Buddha. The construction was finished by his successor, King Kyansittha between 1086 and1090. Originally the Shwezigon Pagoda marked the northern end of the city of Bagan. The stupa's graceful bell shape became a prototype for virtually all later stupas over Myanmar. Gubyaukhyi Temple at Wetkyi-Inn: This Temple was built in the early 13th Century and repaired in 1468. The great colorful painting about the previous life of Buddha and the distinguished architecture make this temple an interesting site for a visit. This temple is not to be confounded with the Gubyaukgyi Temple in Myinkabe. Ananda Pahto: one of the finest, largest, best preserved and most revered of the Bagan temples. Thought to have been built around 1105 by King Kyanzittha, this perfectly proportioned temple heralds the stylistic end of the Early Bagan period and the beginning of the Middle period. Gubyaukgyi Temple at Myinkaba: Built in 1113 by Kyanzittha son Rajakumar, this temple is famous for its well-preserved Stuccos from the 12th century on the outside walls. The magnificent paintings date from the original construction of the temple and are considered to be the oldest original paintings in Bagan. Manuha Temple: The Manuha Temple was built in 1059 by King Manuha, the King of Thaton, who was brought captive to Bagan by King Anawrahta. It enshrines the unusual combination of 3 seated and one reclining image Buddha. It is said that this temple was built by Manuha to express his displeasure in Bagan.

Day11: **Flight from Bagan to Mandalay**. The last capital of royal Burma, Mandalay is still 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 Mahagandayon Monastery; in the morning, monks and novices line up to receive their daily offering of alms and food 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. From Amarapura, turn back to Mandalay itself, stopping first at Mahamuni Paya. The Mahamuni image enshrined here is perhaps the most venerated image in Myanmar, covered in over 15 cm of gold leaf. Worshippers flock daily to the shrine at four in the morning to observe the unique face-washing ceremony. Continue to Shwenandaw Kyaung, or the Golden Teak Monastery. Built entirely of golden teak, this intricately carved wooden monastery was once part of the Mandalay Palace, used as private apartments by King Mindon and his chief queen. Continue to Kuthodaw Paya, known also as "the world's biggest book". Around the central stupa are miniature pavilions, each housing a slab of marble Numbering altogether 729, these slabs are inscribed with the entire Tripitkata, or Buddhist scriptures.

Day12: **Flight from Mandalay to Heho, drive from Heho to Inle Lake**, located in Shan State, is beautiful, with very calm waters dotted with patches of floating vegetation and fishing canoes. High hills rim the lake on all sides. 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 fisherman using their leg-rowing technique to propel themselves around the lake. Visit the floating gardens, a market and a Intha village around the lake.

Day13: **Flight from Heho to Yangon**. Visit Chaukhtatgyi Pagoda, the reclining Buddha is almost as large as the enormous figure in Bago. It's housed in a large metal-roofed shed on Shwegondaing Lan, only short distance northeast, beyond the Shwedagon Paya. Finally, continue to the Shwedagon Pagoda, the highlight of any visit to Yangon. Towering over the city, this pagoda is the most sacred spot in the country, built to house eight hair relics of the Buddha. The Shwedagon and surrounding shrines are at their most beautiful during the sunset hour, as the golden stupa reflects the changing colors of twilight. In the evening, explore Yangon's bustling Chinatown night market.

Day14: Fly Yangon to Los Angeles or pay extra for flight to visit your family in Saigon

Tour includes:

- International roundtrip ticket departing from Los Angeles - All in economy class.
- Hotel 4 – 5 stars with dual occupancy rooms. For single room, add extra charge of $750.00
- Deluxe coach between cities - All meals a day
- International travel insurance
- Daily sightseeing tours with professional English & Vietnamese speaking local guides.

Not included:

- Myanmar, Cambodia & Laos' visas fee
- Personal expense, porterage at hotel, gratuity to driver & tour guide

Option tour:

- If you already visited Siem Riep, Cambodia, you can visit Chiang Mai & Chiang Rai, Thailand for 4days/3nights then join with the group for tour Laos – Mynamar: + $100.00
- At the end of the tour you can fly to Saigon and return to Los Angeles: + $300.00

Terms and Agreements:

* A deposit of $300.00 per person is required. The final payment is due 45 days prior to departure.
* 50% of deposit is non-refundable for cancellations made 45 days prior to departure. Cancellations made between 44 days to 7 days prior to tour departure are subject to a cancellation fee equal to 50% of tour price
*Tour participants are required to have a passport valid for at least 6 months before the return date. It is the responsibility of the tour participants to submit valid and proper travel documentation. Non U.S. citizens should check for visa requirements.
*Single room add extra charge of $750.00