

Voyage of Southeast Asia: Singapore-Bangkok Extended Tour

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Overview

The Highlights

- Four nights aboard the *Eastern & Oriental Express* luxury train
- An overnight stay at Tiarasa Escapes, a luxurious glamping resort in the Janda Baik rainforest
- Choose from three excursions in Malacca: trishaw tour, culinary tour or bicycle tour
- Visit the island of Penang with a choice of excursions

- Island-hopping cruise aboard a catamaran through the Gulf of Thailand
- Dedicated 24-hour steward service on board
- House beverages included
- Daily multi-course meals while aboard the train

The Tour

The Voyage of Southeast Asia is a leisurely, luxury rail journey where guests gain unique insights from local people. Highlights include a [one-night luxurious 'glamping' stay in Malaysia's Janda Baik Rainforest](#), sightseeing in Malacca and Penang, and island hopping on a catamaran in the Gulf of Thailand.

The staff of the *Eastern & Oriental Express* stands at the ready to pamper you as you travel from Singapore to Bangkok on this extended tour.

Latest News: View owner [Eleanor Hardy's blog](#) about the *Eastern & Oriental Express*.

Itinerary

Day 1: Eastern & Oriental Express Departure from Singapore

On arrival at Raffles Singapore, you are greeted by the *Eastern & Oriental Express* team, who assist with your luggage and check-in formalities. You will be escorted to Woodlands Railway Station, where the gleaming green carriages of the *Eastern & Oriental Express* await.

Your steward, dressed in an exquisite Thai uniform, will greet you, hands pressed together in a gracious wai. A cool drink is served as you settle into your luxurious cabin. The whistle blows and the train begins its journey as it crosses the Causeway into Malaysia.

Make your way to the Bar Car for a cocktail reception hosted by the Train Manager. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other guests and the on-board speaker. After cocktails, an exquisite dinner of eastern and western specialties is served in the opulent dining cars. Before retiring, relax with a nightcap in the Bar Car and listen to our resident pianist play nostalgic melodies.

In preparation for your off-train stay tomorrow, please consider packing sun protection, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes and mosquito repellent. We advise you to bring a light wrap - shawl, jacket or sweater - as the evening and early-morning temperatures can be cooler. Your cabin steward will assist you with the overnight luggage transfer from the train to Tiarasa Escapes resort.

Day 2: Malacca & Overnight at Tiarasa Escapes

After breakfast, the *Eastern & Oriental Express* arrives at Tampin Station, where you transfer by coach to Malacca for your pre-selected morning excursion. There are three tours to choose from. Board a trishaw for a tour of historical landmarks, including Cheng Hoon Teng Temple and the Baba & Nyonya Heritage Museum.

Embark on a culinary tour of the city, visiting a local market, joining a cooking demonstration and sampling the locally renowned chicken rice balls. Or, if you prefer a more active excursion, pedal off on a bicycle tour, stopping at fascinating sites such as a tea house and shoemaker, and immerse yourself in local traditions.

After your excursion, return to the train and linger over lunch on board as we travel towards [Tiarasa Escapes](#). Disembark for a night at this luxurious glamping resort in the Janda Baik rainforest. Beautiful safari-style tents and treetop villas are surrounded by seven acres of pristine nature, filled with majestic trees and fruit-laden orchards, rare birds and vivid butterflies.

On arrival, you are shown to your charming tented villa. This evening, enjoy a relaxed barbecue dinner in the open air, followed by a performance from local musicians around the campfire. We recommend wearing a light jacket for the cooler evening air. Later, sit back under the moonlight and enjoy a screening of an old classic movie.

Day 3: Tiarasa Escapes

After breakfast, soak up your surroundings on a ranger-led nature trail through the jungle, or feel free to explore independently at your leisure. Return to your room to pack up your belongings for check out.

Re-board the train for lunch as we continue our journey north towards Penang. In the afternoon, unwind in the Observation Car and admire the passing landscapes, or participate in the afternoon's on board entertainment. Afternoon tea will be served in your cabin.

Come evening, relax with an aperitif in the Bar Car before enjoying a sumptuous dinner as the train glides on to our next destination.

Day 4: Penang

Arriving early morning at Bukit Mertajam Station, transfer to the island of Penang. Again, you will choose from three excursions. The options are: George Town Living Heritage Hunt, where you witness some of the city's vanishing arts, such as joss stick making, batik painting and rattan basket weaving; Taste of Penang, a market tour and cooking workshop with celebrated local food enthusiast Nazlina; and George Town's Colonial Legacy, which takes you back in time to 19th - century Penang, discovering the melting pot of cultures and architectural styles that makes this UNESCO World Heritage city so beguiling.

After your excursion, return to the train for a late lunch. Mingle with your fellow guests in the Bar Car, discussing the morning's highlights as the train travels towards Thailand.

This evening, traditional Thai dancers come on board to give a mesmerizing performance, before you sit down to dinner in one of the restaurant cars.

Day 5: Island Hopping

Disembark after breakfast for a full-day's island cruise. Board a catamaran and glide through the Gulf of Thailand, hopping from island to idyllic island. Step ashore to stretch out on white-sand beaches, wade into the water to watch the marine life, or at low tide stroll along the cliffs to spot birds.

A barbecue lunch is served on board the catamaran before you disembark to explore another of Thailand's beautiful islands. Bliss out under the palms, swim in the crystalline turquoise waters, or perhaps enjoy a relaxing beachfront massage. In the late afternoon, transfer back to the railway station to rejoin the *Eastern & Oriental Express* for your last night on board. Gather for a farewell cocktail party hosted by the Train Manager, before sitting down to a final exquisite dinner on the train. Enjoy local entertainment, including a saxophonist and a traditional puppet show.

Day 6: Bangkok

Your journey draws to a close as the train pulls into Bangkok this morning. The onboard team waves you goodbye and wishes you a pleasant onward journey.

Dates & Prices

2021 Dates

October 11 - October 16

ACCOMMODATION	Double	Single	Deposit
State Cabin	From \$7,500	From \$12,000	15%
Presidential Suite	From \$11,300	From \$22,600	15%

All prices are per person.

Pricing varies based on availability and is subject to change daily. Contact us to confirm pricing.

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Please note: *The Eastern & Oriental Express* travels over rough track in Thailand. If you have back issues or other health issues that would be exacerbated by rough track, you may

be more comfortable on a different train. Call us or e-mail us to discuss which journey is right for you.