# **EXPLORE!** Tour Notes

River Kwai & Jungle Adventure Summer (FOT 2014) **KOH SAMUI TEEN)** 



TOUR DURATION 14



- Bangkok See floating markets on the klongs, the network of waterways skirting the city's modern skyscrapers
- Bamboo Rafting Gentle rafting along the River Kwai
- Village Life Stay with local families in Klong Rosai
- Khao Sok NP Elephant rides and jungle treks through lush rainforest
- Koh Samui Coconut plantations and perfect palm fringed beaches

#### **Tour Essentials**

Accommodation: 3 nights Comfortable

Hotel

2 nights Simple Raft

House

1 night Basic Overnight

Train

2 nights Standard

Lodge

2 nights Basic Village

House

3 nights Standard Hotel

Included Meals: 12 breakfasts, 4

lunches, 4 dinners

Start Point: Join tour: Bangkok **End Point:** Tour ends: Bangkok **Transport:** Train, Boat, Minibus,

Ferry

**Countries:** Thailand Minimum Age: From 11 years

# River Kwai & Jungle Adventure

This trip is packed full of activities and experiences to give you an insight into traditional Thai life. We stay in raft houses on the famous River Kwai, walk through dense rainforest and experience the warm hospitality of local villagers in their homes. We try a little bit of everything: from cookery to cycling and cities to beaches.

#### Suitability

We've given each of our tours a comfort rating and a tour pace, walking or cycling grade to give you a general idea about the level of activity on each tour and the standard of accommodation you will be staying in at the end of your day's adventure.

Often you'll stay in different styles of accommodation during your tour; so we make an average rating across the entire tour. For more information on where you'll stay each night, please refer to the day by day tour itinerary.

#### **Tour Comfort: Standard**

Our mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en-suite facilities.

#### **Tour Style: Classic**

Packed with adventure, these tours offer inspiring destinations and authentic travel experiences at a reasonable price. Using all kinds of transport and accommodation, we'll take you off the beaten track to discover the true heart of the people and places you visit.

#### Tour Pace: Moderate

These moderately paced tours provide some busy days with plenty of experiences to enjoy, as well as time to relax along the way.

## Your tour itinerary

#### Tour itinerary notes

While our intention is to adhere to the day-by-day itinerary as printed below, a degree of flexibility is built in. Overnight stops may vary from those suggested.

#### Your Tour Leader

A Tour Leader is an integral part of any Explore tour and your tour will be led by one of our experienced tour leaders who have been handpicked and expertly trained. We believe that our Tour Leaders are the key to the success of our tours; they are passionate travellers who are bursting with first-hand local knowledge which they love to share. Your tour Leader will also take care of all the planning and organisation throughout your journey. Their passionate approach will make this tour fun and inspiring, bringing the destination to life whether you're travelling alone or with others.

# Join tour Bangkok; optional boat trips along the canals

Joining the tour in Bangkok today, there will be the opportunity to take an optional cruise along the city's Klongs (canals) in a traditional longtail boat. This is the ideal way to explore something of Bangkok's network of meandering waterways that lead away from the main channel of the Chao Phraya River. The excursion will also include visits to the Royal Barge Museum and Wat Arun, the poetically named Temples of the Dawn, one of Bangkok's most iconic landmarks, built to represent the towering slopes of Mount Meru, home to the gods of Khmer mythology. And what better way to end the day than with a traditional Thai massage, with options available for both a foot and a body massage (optional).

Overnight: Comfortable Hotel



#### Visit Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha and Wat Po; Afternoon free

Travelling by tuk tuk we head for the magnificent splendour of the Grand Palace, where we enjoy a tour of the site in the company of a local guide. Dating from the latter years of the 18th century, this huge edifice represents the emergence of the Thai nation once more from under the yolk of Burmese oppression. It is opulence on the grandest scale and is almost certainly the most impressive site in the city, with its unrivalled collection of palaces, golden stupas, wats (temples) and ornately decorative statues. The most impressive of the wats within the palace grounds is Wat Phra Kaeo (The Temple of the Emerald Buddha), where we find the small jade statue of Buddha, believed to have been created in Sri Lanka and reputedly discovered when a lightening storm split open an ancient chedi in the northern town of Chiang Rai during the early years of the 15th century. Believed to contain fabulous powers it is still worshipped by Thais to this day, from the king down to the lowliest commoner. After our visit we continue by foot to the rambling complex of Wat Po, older even than the city itself and home to the fabulous reclining Buddha, a 46 metre golden plated statue depicting Lord Buddha as he enters Nirvana. From here we return to the hotel by tuk tuk, so you can have the rest of the day free to enjoy this lively city. Bangkok abounds with museums and palaces, temples and markets, offering a number of fascinating options for you to enjoy at your leisure. One of its more unusual attractions is the house of the American adventurer and entrepreneur lim Thompson, who mysteriously disappeared into the jungles of Malaysia in the late 1960s. Eccentric to a fault and almost singlehandedly responsible for saving the Thai silk weaving industry, he went on to fill his graceful residence with all manner of traditional artefacts, arts and crafts, presenting a fascinating insight into a man and a culture that is sadly lost to today's modern world. Alternatively, you might just like to wander Bangkok's myriad of shops and markets in search of a bargain or two.

#### Overnight: Comfortable Hotel



## Morning Cookery course; PM boat along Kwai Noi River

This morning we visit the market to purchase the ingredients required for our cookery course, where an expert cook will teach even the most inexperienced amongst you the fundamentals of Thai cookery so that this fabulous cuisine can be recreated on your return home. There are five basic flavours to Thai cuisine - sweet, sour, salty, creamy and spicy and these courses will show you the best way to combine the rich tastes with the freshest ingredients, to conjure up a feast that will carry you back to these idyllic shores (until you have to do the washing up anyway). This afternoon we then drive on to Pakseang, where we board a longtail boat for the 45-minute ride along the Kwai Noi River, to the spectacularly located jungle raft houses where we will be spending the next 2 nights. The rest of the day is free to relax and enjoy at your own pace.

#### Overnight: Simple Raft House



## Bamboo rafting; Afternoon cycle to limestone caves

This morning we walk to a nearby Mon village, from where we board some bamboo rafts to explore more of this stunning landscape from the waters of the Kwai Noi. The Mon people are spread throughout Burma and the western provinces of Thailand and are believed to have originated in either India or Mongolia, travelling south into the Chao Phraya valley sometime during the 1st century BC. Founders of the Dvaravati Kingdom of the 6th to 11th centuries AD, the Mon have been accredited with introducing Theravada Buddhism to the area and the creation of some of the oldest Buddhist monuments in the region. However centuries of persecution, particularly at the hands of the repressive Burmese junta, has seen them lose their traditional homelands and seen their language and culture banned from schools. This afternoon we then take to the saddle, picking up bikes for a cycle ride out towards some nearby limestone caves.

#### Overnight: Simple Raft House



## Visit the Bridge of the River Kwai and then take overnight train to Punpin

A boat and bus journey brings us to the emotive setting of the Bridge on the River Kwai, where over 16,000 allied prisoners of war and an estimated 75,000 Asian forced labourers lost their lives building the infamous 'Death Railway'. One of the most notorious events of the Second World War, the bridge and its railroad was built between June 1942 and October 1943 by the occupying Japanese to link Siam with neighbouring Burma (Myanmar), intended as a means of carrying supplies to their fast expanding empire and by doing so cutting some 1300 miles off the sea routes from Japan. We will pay a visit to the Memorial Museum at Hellfire Pass and the bridge itself, before continuing on to the railway station at Nakhon Pathom, from where we board the overnight train south towards Punpin and the Gulf of Thailand.

#### Overnight: Basic Overnight Train



## Arrive Punpin and drive to Khao Sok National Park; Afternoon elephant ride

Arriving in Punpin we may have the chance to visit a local market before driving to the verdant karst landscapes of Khao Sok National Park. Covering an area of some 65,000sq km the park is one of the oldest and most bio-diverse jungles in Southeast Asia, boasting a lush rainforest that is older than those of either the Amazon or Central Africa. Set against a spectacular backdrop of towering limestone mountains, the park is home to a rich diversity of wildlife including elephant, tiger and Malaysian sun bear and, with some 180 species of birds in residence, it is a haven for keen birdwatchers and novices alike. Later we clamber aboard elephants for a fabulous ride through this majestic and verdant landscape. This really is the way to travel and with a stop at a waterfall for some well-earned swimming, this promises to be a very special safari.



#### Overnight: Standard Lodge



#### In Khao Sok National Park; jungle walks and free time

Our second morning in the jungle sees us taking a guided walk through the surrounding bush. Keep your eyes peeled for mischievous monkeys playing in the canopy above and watch out for colourful hornbills and kingfishers as they dart amongst the trees. The park is also a haven for a wide variety of exotic plants, including bamboo, fig, palms and the carnivorous pitcher plant, which gruesomely consumes its prey in its specially adapted bag. The rest of the day is then free to indulge, explore or relax as you see fit.

#### Overnight: Standard Lodge



## Drive to homestay; Afternoon boat ride through mangrove forests

Today we drive to the village of Klong Rosai, located on the Tapi River in Surat Thani Province. We will be spending the next two nights staying in local houses, spreading ourselves amongst the villagers and staying with indigenous families. On arrival we will divide up to stay with different families; we will have a chance to settle in and take lunch with our hosts, before talking to the waters this afternoon for a cruise through the mangrove forests. The river and its myriad of channels were once infested with crocodiles, but the arrival of Indian merchants and the subsequent trade in the reptiles saw there numbers decimated, a factor that saw the villagers migrate away from traditional agriculture and rice farming to fishing the waters of the Tapi instead. Today fishing, along with coconut palm plantations, are the main livelihoods for these people and as we cruise through the backwaters we will hopefully have a chance to take in some of daily activities of rural life as we enjoy this idyllic setting from aboard local fishing boats. Returning to the village later this afternoon, dinner this evening will again be taken with our host families, after which we may have an opportunity to watch (and even join in) with some local folk dances.

#### Overnight: Basic Village House



## Full day's activities around Klong Rosai

With another full day to make the most of our time here we have an opportunity to spend it partaking in a number of activities around the village, perhaps trying our hand at working in the nearby rubber plantation, fishing or paying a visit to a local school, affording us a unique chance to join in with the local people as they go about their daily lives.

#### Overnight: Basic Village House



## Ferry to Koh Samui with opportunities to snorkel or relax on the beaches

Transferring by road to Surat Thani, we catch the morning ferry to the outlying island of Koh Samui, the largest and most developed of the islands in the Samui Archipelago, a distinctive mix of guiet palm fringed beaches, backpacker resorts and coconut plantations. Transferring by fast ferry we arrive at our beachside destination on the north of the island. This area is more relaxed than the bustling east coast and retains a laid back atmosphere that is perfect for families. The rest of the day is free for you to relax and explore at your leisure, perhaps taking to the waters with a mask and snorkel, or simply wandering the palm fringed beached and trails around the island. Koh Samui is slightly different from many of the other islands in Southern Thailand, owing in some part to the influence of the Hainan islanders who first settled the island some 150 years ago. The Chinese influence is still visible in some of the building in Na Thon and some descendants of the original settlers still live in the area.

#### Overnight: Standard Hotel



#### Boat trip to Ang Thong National Marine Park

Today we have the opportunity to visit teh beautiful chain of islands that make up the Ang Thong National Marine Park, once renowned as a haven for pirates, but now a stunning archipelago of pristine beaches, remote bays and virgin rainforest. These limestone islands are home to monitor lizards, dolphins and wild pigs and offer the perfect setting for both land based and aquatic exploration. There will be plenty of time to stop off for swimming and perhaps snorkelling. Lunch will be provided today.

#### Overnight: Standard Hotel

## On Koh Samui with option to try a Thai cookery course

A final free day in paradise affords the opportunity for some more swimming or beachcombing trips around the island. Alternatively, there is the opportunity to partake in another Thai cookery course.

#### Overnight: Standard Hotel



# Morning free; Afternoon fly to Bangkok

After a free morning we transfer back to Samui's airport for a short flight back to Bangkok, arriving back in the Thai capital later this afternoon

Overnight: Comfortable Hotel

Tour ends Bangkok

Our tour ends today in Bangkok.

## Ability to swim required

#### **Accommodation and Meals**

#### Food & Drink

Included meals: 12 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners included in the price of this tour. Please be prepared to pay for non-included meals. Please note that costs for drinks and meals can vary depending on location.

## **Budgeting for your Tour**

You will need some extra money to cover meals and drinks not included in the tour price, any optional sightseeing, souvenirs and items of a personal nature such as laundry.

#### Other Sightseeing & Activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations.

Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

#### **Optional Excursions**

Bangkok - Long tailed klong boat trip \$18; Thai massage from \$7; Jim Thompson's House \$30.

Koh Samui - Thai cookery course \$38.

Krabi - Half day kayaking \$28 (adult), \$21.50 (under 12's). Full day kayaking to Koh Hong incl. lunch \$56 (adult) \$43 (under 12's). Thai cookery course \$33.

#### **Tipping - Tour Leader**

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

#### **Tipping - Local Crew**

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, the Tour Leaders may organise a group's tips kitty and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

#### Foreign Exchange

#### **Thailand**

ATM Availability: ATMs are available in Bangkok but are limited on the islands.

Credit Card Acceptance: Major stores and restaurants.

Travellers Cheques: Can be exchanged banks and exchange offices throughout the tour although rates may not be as favourable.

Local Currency: Thai Baht

Recommended Currency for Exchange: We recommend that you bring your money in GBP or US\$. Where to Exchange: Most major towns and on the islands - your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.



## **Joining your Tour**

#### **Flight Information**

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

#### Booking a land only package with Explore

For passengers making their own travel arrangements, please ensure you join the group as described on day one of the tour itinerary. If you are considering purchasing your own airline tickets, you can book these through any travel agent, directly with an airline or through an online flight consolidator. In all cases, we would be happy to arrange transfers to and from the joining point of your tour if required.

#### Joining Tour Abroad

Clients booked on 'Land Only' arrangements should make their own way to the joining point. Please refer to separate 'Joining Instructions' for time and place of rendezvous with tour leader

#### Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## **Important Information**

#### **Travel Insurance**

It is a condition of joining any of our tours that you must have valid travel insurance. It must indicate that you have cover for (at least) medical expenses and emergency repatriation in the event of illness or injury. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling in England and Scotland. We also strongly recommend your policy includes curtailment, personal effects and cancellation protection as all deposits paid are non-refundable.

If you require travel insurance for your tour, Explore Worldwide is an appointed representative of Campbell Irvine Limited, who is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services authority. Our travel insurance policy is specially tailored to the needs of the adventure traveller and will cover you for any included activity on any Explore trip. You can either purchase this at the time of booking or call us on 0844 499 0903 after you have booked.

#### Visa Information

Thailand: Visas are not required by UK, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens for a stay of less than 30 days. All passports must have at least 6 months validity remaining on entry to Thailand. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

All visa information is subject to change. You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

#### **Lone Parents**

#### **Thailand**

Single parents or other adults travelling alone with children should be aware that some countries require documentation confirming that the individual has authority to travel with the minor. It is crucial that you contact the Thailand embassy for further information on exactly what may be required.

#### **Vaccinations & Protection**

#### **Thailand**

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and infectious hepatitis. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on different prophylaxis available against malaria. Although not compulsory, travellers may also wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/ and from your local healthcare provider.



## **Preparing for your Tour**

#### **Climate**

#### Thailand

Generally hot with high humidity. There is some rainfall from April to September with most days being hot (around 33 Degrees) and a light breeze on the islands. If it does rain, it will be more of a heavy tropical downpour that lasts a few hours. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at http://www.explore.co.uk/weather.

#### Clothing

Pack essentially for 'Hot Conditions'. Bear in mind that the region is tropical (humid) and that days can be very hot. Lightweight rainwear or an umbrella is advisable all year. Casual clothes are the most practical (something with long sleeves, and long trousers for evenings and also for the forest treks), and tight fitting garments should be avoided. Bring a swimming costume. Laundry facilities are available on the islands.

Please Note: shorts, vests, revealing or casual clothes and open backed sandals are not permitted in the Grand Palace.

#### **Equipment**

A small torch, insect repellent, water bottle and a dry bag for kayaking. Bring a beach towel and high factor sunscreen. If you intend to do much snorkelling we recommend you bring your own mask and snorkel, as local equipment is not always top quality. A disposable waterproof camera can be useful whilst snorkelling and any qualified divers should remember to bring logbooks and certification with them if intending to dive. You should also bring a cycling helmet for the trip to the caves on day 4, as local equipment may not be sufficient.

#### **Footwear**

Comfortable shoes and sandals. Flip-flops are useful when hopping on and off boats.

#### **Luggage: On Tour**

One main piece of baggage and daypack. Remember you are expected to carry your own luggage so don't overload yourself.

Luggage allowance on tour: 20kg

## **General Information**

#### Food

The prices for meals and drinks can vary greatly depending upon location and the prices detailed below are an average guide. In general you would expect that drinks purchased in a supermarket or local bar to be less expensive, whilst drinks in an upmarket bar or restaurant may be more expensive. The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

#### **Thailand**

Lunch £: 2.50 **Dinner £:** 4.00

#### **Drink**

#### **Thailand**

Bottle of Beer £: 1.50

Water £: 0.50

#### **Country details**

#### **Thailand**

Population: 67,000,000

Size of Country: 514,000 sq km Major Language: Thai, English

Religion: Buddhist

Time Difference to GMT: +7



#### **Electric Supply & Plugs**

#### **Thailand**

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## **Why Choose Explore**

We've been creating award-winning pioneering adventure holidays for over 30 years, earning the trust of thousands of delighted customers, who feel safe in our hands. Our tour leaders have expert local knowledge and our tours are designed to take you off the beaten track to see the most exotic, inspiring and dramatic places in the world.

- With over 30 years experience, we are passionate about what we do.
- Pioneering small group adventures & tailormade holidays.
- Award winning tour leaders who you can trust.
- Responsible travel is and always has been one the driving principles of Explore.

Our adventure holidays are full of exciting things to see and do, exploring in small groups travelling by bus, boat, plane, rickshaw, camel, elephant, or any number of unusual forms of transport. Often you will stay in family run hotels and village houses and enjoy authentic local cuisine. In this way, it's easy to discover the true heart of the people and the place you travel to - and make some new friends along the way. Each tour is uniquely different, so please feel free to browse through our tours to see what may whet your appetite.

#### Our commitment to the environment

We are passionate about sustainable travel and work hard to create tours where your holiday delivers real benefits to the local communities. We minimise our impact by travelling in small groups, respecting local cultures and traditional, reducing waste and offsetting 100% of the CO2 from our flights.

When you travel with Explore, you are directly contributing to local economies and helping empower the people you meet. We currently support a range of charities and good causes, including: The Sunshine Orphanage (which cares for abandoned children in Luxor, Egypt), Education for All (sponsoring children through their secondary education in Morocco), The Hope Foundation (helping an Indian Village to recover from the 2004 Tsunami) and the Mufindi Orphanage, which support AIDS orphans in Tanzania.

We also care passionately about the world's wildlife. We are patrons of the Born Free Organisation, Travel Operators for Tigers (helping save the Bengal Tiger from extinction) and Friends for Conservation. We have also adopted a beautiful Sri Lankan Elephant called 'Serendip'.

We are delighted to have received a Five Star sustainable tourism status from the Association of Independent Tour Operators in recognition of our on-going commitment to sustainable tourism.

#### **Cool Earth**

Explore are delighted to support Cool Earth to reduce carbon emissions through preventing the illegal deforestation of the South America rainforest. One of the top sources of global carbon emissions, rainforest deforestation equivalent to the USA's annual emissions, it also destroys flora and fauna, sometimes to the point of extinction. It also degrades the lives and communities of the 350 million residents of the rainforest.

Cool Earth prevents the deforestation through its support of local communities as forest guardians and by focussing on areas in immediate danger of deforestation. It has so far protected over 350,000 acres of rainforest, with each acre saving an emission of 260 tons of CO2, as well as protecting rare animals and plants. When you travel on an Explore holiday we make a donation to Cool Earth that exceeds the impact of our customers flights each year. In addition to mitigating emissions, when you travel with Explore, you are helping to protect the source of 20% of the world's fresh water and oxygen, as well as the livelihoods of the 1.6 billion people who are reliant on the rainforest. www.coolearth.org

#### **Earth Matters**

The Travel Foundation

Explore are active members and supporters of the Travel Foundation which has established a variety of sustainable tourism projects in destinations and works with industry to improve practice. Visit their website www.thetravelfoundation.org.uk

Tourism Concern

Explore support the work of Tourism Concern who campaign for fairly and ethically traded tourism, and are part of its Ethical Tour Operator Group www.tourismconcern.org.uk

For further information on responsible travel go to http://www.explore.co.uk/ResponsibleTourism/

#### Know before you go

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Advice follow the link at http://www.explore.co.uk/essential-travel-information/travel-resources/travel-safety



## **Booking Your Holiday**

#### Peace of mind - book with confidence

You can book your Explore holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected. Explore is a fully bonded tour operator licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and by ABTOT.

The air holiday packages (Tours including flights) that we advertise are ATOL protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 2595. In addition, As a member of the Association of Bonded Travel Organisers Trust Limited (ABTOT), Explore has provided a bond to meet the requirements of the Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992. Please note that packages booked outside the UK are only protected when purchased directly with Explore.

#### Reserving your place

To reserve your place on this tour you will need to check availability on the Explore website or through our dedicated call centre based in the UK where you can. Our tours can fill up quickly so you are advised to book as early as possible. If your chosen date is 'Available' or 'Guaranteed' we will be able to provisionally hold you a space for up to 48 hours.

The easiest way to confirm your booking is through our website. When you are ready to book, we normally require a 10% nonrefundable deposit, but for some holidays this may be more to cover such items as permit fees, internal flights or other non-refundable services. If your travel starts within 60 days of booking, full payment will be required at the time of booking

#### 100% No Surcharge Guarantee

The price paid for our holidays is no longer subject to change. Once booked and confirmed we will guarantee the price you pay will not increase, whatever the circumstances. You will not be approached to pay fuel surcharges unlike the vast majority of other adventure tour operators. The price guarantee applies to all new bookings departing between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2014.

#### **Tour Itinerary Versions**

Itinerary details may vary depending on departure date and alternative itineraries for this tour may exist. Please refer to the dates and prices page on our website to check which itinerary operates on each departure date.

Please ensure that you have an up-to-date copy of these tour notes immediately before you travel, as from time to time our itineraries may be amended, either for operational reasons or in response to feedback from customers. You will be informed of any major changes to your tour but small changes may just be added to these tour notes.

Please note: 2014 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing in 2014. 2015/16 itinerary versions are applicable to tours departing from 1st January to 31st December 2015.

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