

# EXPLORE!

**BIG 15 SALE**

**Family Saigon to Bangkok Explorer**  
14 days

Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam - Trip code FQBK



## Family Saigon to Bangkok Explorer

This action-packed journey across Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand takes us to many of South East Asia's great sights: from vibrant cities to dense jungles and tropical beaches. We explore the Cu Chi tunnels from the Vietnam War, discover the impressive temples of ancient Angkor where Tomb Raider and many other films have been filmed and visit the floating markets of the Mekong Delta.

### Trip highlights

- ★ **Ho Chi Minh City** - Learn about the resourcefulness of the Viet Cong at the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ★ **Mekong Delta** - Riverside stilt houses and fascinating floating markets
- ★ **Siem Reap** - Gateway to the iconic and awe-inspiring Khmer temple complex of Angkor
- ★ **Pranburi** - Golden sand beaches and warm waters of the Gulf of Thailand
- ★ **Bangkok** - Explore the glittering Grand Palace complex and the beautiful temple of the Reclining Buddha (Wat Po) (Optional)

#### ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

##### Standard

Our standard, 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.

#### TRIP PACE:

##### Full on

Full on paced trips are for travellers who like their holidays packed with activities and experiences, moving on quickly from place to place with lots of early starts and long, busy days. Some may find them tiring, but others get a buzz from packing their precious holiday-time as chock-a-block full of new experiences as possible!

#### GROUP SIZE:

##### 14 - 20

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

### DAY 1 - Join tour Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

Arrive Ho Chi Minh City and check-in at the hotel. Also referred to as Saigon we start our adventure in Vietnam's largest, and arguably most exciting, city in Vietnam. Saigon is an eclectic mix of the traditional and the new, where pagodas and markets compete alongside the trappings of Vietnam's newly discovered entrepreneurial spirit. Your time is free to settle in.



**Accommodation: Liberty 4 Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: None

### DAY 2 - Morning visit to Cu Chi Tunnels; Afternoon cyclo tour of Saigon

After breakfast this morning we head out to visit the infamous Cu Chi tunnels. First constructed by the Vietnamese during their colonial war with the French, the tunnels were later greatly expanded and went on to achieve notoriety during the Vietnam War, when they served as an underground command base for 10,000 Viet Cong troops. Exploring Cu Chi gives some idea as to the conditions that the Vietnamese and their American adversaries had to endure but, be warned, the tunnels are narrow and can be quite claustrophobic. Please note that we will share the transport to and from Cu Chi with other tourists. This afternoon we take a cyclo tour of Saigon, visiting Chinatown and the bustling Binh Tay market.



**Accommodation: Liberty 4 Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 3 - Drive to the Mekong Delta and cycle ride. Drive to Can Tho via Cai Be floating market

Leaving the city, we drive to the Mekong Delta and catch a boat to the start point of our cycle ride. We cycle for around 10-12 km along the flat Cai Thai village path with constant views of the delta as we wind our way around its many tributaries. The route is often shaded which is helpful to combat the humidity (the boat can pick up cyclists at various stopping points if required). Along the way, we visit Mrs Nani's home who will show us how to make rice paper in the traditional way and Mr and Mrs Chin's home who will provide refreshments that include her famous 'Banh Tieu' (traditional doughnut).

We return to the boat where we have lunch on-board and sail close along the delta to the Cai Be Floating Market, an opportunity to soak up the atmosphere of this unique trading point, a vast network of rivers and islands that crisscross agricultural villages, paddy fields and mangrove swamps before we continue our journey to Can Tho.



**Accommodation: Fortuneland Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch

## DAY 4 - Morning boat cruise to Cai Rang floating market and Ba Lang canal then drive to Chau Doc

One of the most colourful attractions of the Mekong is its floating markets and this morning we visit the biggest in the Delta, at Cai Rang. We spend some time paddling through the market, be prepared to get plenty of friendly attentions from the local traders. Along the way there is normally the opportunity to board a local boat and meet the traders and perhaps buy a pineapple on board. We then visit the Binh Thuy Ancient House, a beautiful old property which dates back to the end of the 19th century - the house is filled with a wonderful collection of antiques and memorabilia. After our visit we drive to Chau Doc.



**Accommodation: Chau Pho Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 5 - Morning speed boat to Phnom Penh

Driving to the jetty in Chau Doc this morning, we board an early morning speed boat to Phnom Penh, a four and a half hour river journey that takes us up the Hau Giang River into neighbouring Cambodia. Tonight we head out to dinner at a local restaurant in Phnom Penh (included).



**Accommodation: Mekong Dragon Boutique Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

## DAY 6 - Market bartering and cooking lesson with local school visit in Phnom Penh

Our first morning in Cambodia includes a visit to the local market to barter and buy fresh ingredients which will be used for the group to prepare a traditional Khmer meal at the La Rose restaurant, one of the finest Khmer cuisine restaurant's in the region. We then meet local children at a school giving the opportunity to learn some Khmer language as well as teach English to these children. We may also be able to arrange some activity between both sets of kids such as a game of football or taking on the locals at a traditional Cambodian board game. Our base tonight is Cambodia's historic capital, Phnom Penh, which sits at the confluence of the Sap, Mekong and Bassac Rivers. A rich testament to the country's ancient and colonial past, the city is filled with reminders of its diverse cultural heritage such as the grandeur of the Royal Palace and the National Museum to the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek, gruesome reminders of life under the brutal Khmer Rouge.



**Accommodation: Mekong Dragon Boutique Hotel** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch

## DAY 7 - Travel to Siem Reap. Afternoon orientation tour

Travelling by private bus, we head next for the jungle temples of Siem Reap, one of the most expansive and famous archaeological sites anywhere in South East Asia. After our day's journey, we check in to our hotel and take an orientation tour of the town on foot.



**Accommodation: MotherHome Boutique** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 8 - Full day visits to Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat

Following in the footsteps of Lara Croft, we visit the Angkor Wat temples at Siem Reap today which span a period of some 600 years, from the 9th to the 15th centuries. Travelling by local tuk tuk, we visit two of the most famous temple sites today, those of Angkor Thom and Angkor Wat. The fortified city of Angkor Thom was originally built at the end of the 12th Century and was a formidable sight in its day; surrounded by eight metres walls, towering gates and a crocodile filled moat. Our second visit is to the beautiful setting of Angkor Wat, without doubt the most renowned and impressive of Siem Reap's jungle temples.



**Accommodation: MotherHome Boutique** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 9 - Free in Siem Reap with opportunity to visit the Ta Phrom, made famous in the Tomb Raider film

Today has been left free for you to enjoy Siem Reap at your own pace. A great way to explore is by bicycle or rickshaw, travelling around the sites with the freedom to come and go as you please. You can visit the atmospheric ruins at Ta Phrom, made famous in the Tomb Raider film, or take a boat trip along the Roulous River to the floating villages and forests on Tonle Sap (the largest freshwater lake in South East Asia). Another possibility is a visit to the fascinating Landmine Museum, just to the south of Banteay Srei Temple.



**Accommodation: MotherHome Boutique** (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 10 - Morning bus to border. Afternoon bus to Bangkok

We take another bus this morning to Poipet on the Thai border. Meeting our Thai guide on the other side of the border control around lunchtime, we then continue in a private minivan to Bangkok (taking around 3 1/2 hours) with time to explore this amazing city when we arrive.



**Accommodation: Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel** (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 11 - Free in Bangkok to visit the Grand Palace or cruise along the city's Klongs. Afternoon transfer to our beach resort

We have a morning to enjoy the Thai capital with free time to pay a visit to two of Bangkok's most impressive monuments; the 18th century Grand Palace and the rambling complex of Wat Po, which is older than the city itself and home to the fabulous 46 metre reclining Buddha. Another option is to take a cruise along the city's Klongs in a traditional long-tail boat. This is the ideal way to

explore something of Bangkok's network of meandering waterways, taking in the Royal Barge Museum and the iconic Wat Arun (the Temple of the Dawn) along the way.

After lunch, we travel west along the coast to our beach resort in the Pranburi area. The journey takes around 3-4 hours and is well worth it to enjoy the beaches, national parks, ocean and relaxation that this area provides.



### Accommodation: The Green Beach Resort (or similar)



Standard Bungalow



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 12 - Free day on the coast for snorkelling or to relax on the beach

The beach resort is off the country's southwest coast in Pranburi and is surrounded by shady trees, gardens and the beach as well as the Samroi-yot National Park. Pranburi offers pristine beaches, clear waters of the Gulf of Thailand and provides the feel of a sleepy coastal village that has developed into a resort but still retains its privacy and exclusivity.

The hotel offers a wide range of facilities including a large outdoor swimming pool, restaurant with buffet menu including traditional Thai and western style cuisine, wireless internet access and bicycle rental. The spacious en-suite rooms are close to the pool and are well-decorated and furnished with satellite TV, air-conditioning and free Wi-Fi.



### Accommodation: The Green Beach Resort (or similar)



Standard Bungalow



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 13 - Free day to relax on the beach or explore the area

Another day to enjoy the land and water based fun with a charming local village close by, several natural attractions such as the Khao Sam Roi Yot's dramatic backdrop of endless limestone peaks which covers an area of nearly 100 sqkm along the coast or just simply relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.



### Accommodation: The Green Beach Resort (or similar)



Standard Bungalow



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

## DAY 14 - Travel back to Bangkok where the tour ends

We travel back to Bangkok where the trip ends. Note, we provide two transfers for the three hour journey back to Bangkok. The first transfer will depart our beach resort in the Pranburi area at 6am, arriving at Bangkok airport at 9am, this is ideal for flights leaving around midday onwards. A second transfer will depart at 3pm, arriving at Bangkok airport at 6pm ideal for flights that depart after 9pm.

 Meals Provided: Breakfast

## Family information



Ta Phrom Temple, Angkor Wat

**Triple Rooms:** This trip allows the option for triple rooms to be included within the booking on all nights of this trip. If you would like this option, please ask our Sales team for further information.

**Average Age:** As a guide we have identified the actual average age of the children who have travelled on this trip over the last 5 years, to help you decide whether it's the right one for your family. The average age on this trip is 14 years old; this trip is suitable for children of all ages.

**Minimum age**

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## Why book this trip

This trip is for families that want the maximum coverage from their holidays. With visits to Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand, you will be able to see the highlights of each country including Angkor Wat, Cu Chi Tunnels, the Killing Fields and the Mekong Delta as well as visiting famous cities such as Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City, all within 14 days and at a great price as well.

# What's included?



## Included meals

Breakfast: 13  
Lunch: 2  
Dinner: 1



## Transport

Bicycle  
Boat  
Minibus  
Public Bus  
Taxi



## Trip staff

Explore Tour Leader  
Driver(s)  
Local Guide(s)



## Accommodation

3 nights standard bungalow  
9 nights standard hotel  
1 nights premium hotel

# Trip information

## Country information

### Cambodia

#### Climate

Cambodia is a hot and tropical country, being hottest in April and coolest in January (still high 20s). Although rainfall is at its maximum in October, Phnom Penh and Siem Reap receive very little rain compared to the coastal areas, and when it does rain it tends to be in the form of sporadic mid afternoon downpours. There is normally very little rain between December and March.

#### Time difference to GMT

+7

#### Plugs

2 Pin Round

#### Religion

Buddhism

#### Language

Khmer

### Thailand

#### Climate

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>.

#### Time difference to GMT

+7

#### Plugs

2 Pin Round

#### Religion



Buddhism

## Language

Thai

# Vietnam

## Climate

As Vietnam is a long, narrow country from north to south climate conditions vary considerably. The climate can be divided into three distinct patterns between the north, central and south regions. The climate in the north is generally humid and subtropical, although the winter months from November to March can be colder with temperatures from 10 - 15 degrees. Summer months, May to September can be quite hot with temperatures from 30 - 35 degrees. Meanwhile south Vietnam enjoys a tropical climate all year round, with little variation throughout the year (around 27 - 32 degrees), however May to November is the rainy season when short, heavy downpours are quite frequent. Central Vietnam lies somewhere in between. The coastal strip is usually dry and hotter from April to October while November to March is wetter and cooler. A light rain jacket and small umbrella are recommended year round.

## Time difference to GMT

+7

## Plugs

2 Pin Round

## Religion

Mahayana Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism

## Language

Vietnamese

## Budgeting and packing

## Optional 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.

Vietnam:

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City - War Remnants Museum US\$2 per person

Day 2: Ho Chi Minh City - Reunification Palace US\$2 per person

Cambodia:

Day 9: Siem Reap - One day Angkor Wat temples pass US\$37 per person, under 12's are free

Day 9: Siem Reap - Tonle Sap boat trip US\$14 per person

Day 9: Siem Reap - Bicycle/rickshaw hire approximately US\$15-20 per day

Day 9: Siem Reap - Land Mines Museum US\$5 per person

Thailand:

Bangkok - Long tailed klong boat trip including Royal Barge museum and Wat Arun US\$18.00;

Day 11: Bangkok - Grand Palace (entrance fee only) THB 500 per person

Day 11: Bangkok - Wat Po (entrance fee only) THB 100 per person

Day 11: Bangkok - Floating Market with a private tour by paddle boat: \$46 (based upon 3-5 people)

The prices stated are based on a minimum number of participants (usually 5-6). Please be aware that the optional excursions can run with fewer people but the price may be higher. Likewise, a slightly reduced price may be applicable where the participation greater. The prices listed are generally only entrance fees and do not include the price of transport to and from the excursion, Your Explore Leader will quote this when you are on tour, as the price for transport will depend on the number of participants.

Optional excursions offered in Vietnam are generally run via our local partners. Other operators have been known to offer similar excursions at a cheaper price. Should you want to use these companies please be aware that a lower price may mean that not all costs are included (in particular entrance fees) or services will not operate at the same safety and quality standards.

## Clothing

Pack essentially for hot weather. Bear in mind that the region is tropical (humid) and that days can be very hot. Lightweight rainwear

or an umbrella is advisable at any time of the year, but especially between May and October. Casual clothes are the most practical (something with long sleeves, and long trousers for evenings) bear in mind that very short shorts are generally unacceptable and a sunhat is essential. Shorts, vests, revealing or casual clothes and open backed sandals are not permitted in the Grand Palace in Bangkok.

## Footwear

Comfortable shoes and sandals/trainers for relaxing.

## Luggage

20kg

## Luggage: On tour

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

## Equipment

A torch, water bottle, insect repellent and high factor suncream are all essential, as are good quality sunglasses and a lip salve with sun protection. Don't forget your swim wear.

## Tipping

### Explore leader

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

### Local crew

In this region, tipping is a recognised part of life across the service industry. Local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided.

To assist with this your Explore Leader may organise a group tips kitty for included activities and meals, they will then account for kitty use throughout the tour.

For this we suggest \$30 per family member.

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

## Country Information

### Cambodia

#### Food and drink

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.

##### Lunch price

£6

##### Dinner price

£10.00 - 12.00

##### Beer price

£1.3

##### Water price

£0.6

#### Foreign Exchange

##### Local currency

Riel.

##### Recommended Currency For Exchange

In Cambodia, US\$ is the most commonly used currency (small denomination notes are easier to use).

**Where To Exchange**

Large towns.

**ATM Availability**

There are ATMs in most towns and cities.

**Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit cards are accepted in some large shops and restaurants in Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

**Travellers Cheques**

They can be hard to change outside of Siem Reap and Phnom Penh; we recommend them for emergencies only.

## Thailand

### Food and drink

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.

**Dinner price**

£4.00 - 8.00

**Beer price**

£1.5

**Water price**

£0.5

### Foreign Exchange

**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.

**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 at banks and exchange offices throughout the tour although rates may not be as favourable.

## Vietnam

### Food and drink

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.

**Dinner price**

£9

**Beer price**

£2.00 - 4.00

**Water price**

£0.5

### Foreign Exchange

**Local currency**

Dong.

**Recommended Currency For Exchange**

Carry your money in US\$ Dollars cash. You can also take GBP but US\$ are easier to exchange. (Dollar bills can be used in some hotels and shops; change is often given in local currency).

**Where To Exchange**

Most towns.

**ATM Availability**

There are ATMs virtually everywhere in Vietnam and in Cambodia, though we also recommend bringing cash.

**Credit Card Acceptance**

Credit card's are widely accepted throughout Vietnam

**Travellers Cheques**

Travellers cheques are not recommended as they can be difficult to exchange

## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bicycle, Boat, Minibus, Public Bus, Taxi

### Accommodation notes

**Booking a Single Room**

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

We start our adventure in Ho Chi Minh City where we stay in a centrally located hotel with the Ben Thanh market close by. Rooms have air conditioning, hairdryer, Wi Fi, safe and TV along with a facilities that include four restaurants, fitness and health centre with massage and spa treatment. The hotel in Can Tho is a four star hotel located next to the Hau River. There are four restaurants offering Asian, European and local specialities plus a swimming pool and fitness centre with massage treatments. All rooms are equipped with TVs, minibar, safe and Wi-Fi. The accommodation in Phnom Penh is located in the downtown area of the city, close to the tourist attractions such as the National Museum, the Royal Palace, Wat Phnom and the Independence Monument. Rooms are well deigned and have air-conditioning, TV, mini bar, private bathhower and Wi-Fi access. Moving onto Siem Reap, the small and friendly hotel embodies Cambodia's tranquil pace of life with a casual lounge and restaurant terrace. The location is close to the main tourist spots and is a 10 minute drive to the Angkor Wat complexes. Free Wi Fi, air-conditioning, mini-bar, TV, hair dryer, safe and bathroom are all provided in the rooms along with a poolside bar, restaurant and pool.

### Family swimming

The hotels in Siem Reap, Can Tho, Bangkok and Koh Chang all have pools plus you can swim when staying on the island, when we are next to the beaches.

## Essential Information

### FCO Advice

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 [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

## **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

## **Visa and Passport Information**

Vietnam: Until 30th June 2021 'British Citizen' passport holders can visit Vietnam for up to 15 days without a visa. A visa will be required if you enter after this date or if you wish to re-enter within 30 days of your departure.

For visits of up to 30 days, you can get an e-visa before you travel from <https://evisa.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn/>

For visits of longer than 30 days you must get a visa from the nearest Vietnamese embassy before travelling to Vietnam. If you want to make a second visit within 30 days of leaving Vietnam, you'll need to get a multiple entry visa to re-enter.

Please note that it is a pre-requisite for entry into Vietnam that your passport is valid for a minimum of 6 months from your date of entry

All visa related issues including information for other nationalities should be confirmed with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

Cambodia: A single visa is required by UK, New Zealand, Australian, USA & Canadian citizens and can be obtained on arrival. A passport sized photograph for immigration will also be required. Alternatively you can now obtain an e-visa prior to departure for certain points of entry from [www.mfaic.gov.kh](http://www.mfaic.gov.kh)

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 related issues including information for other nationalities should be confirmed with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## **Booking conditions**

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## **Transfers**

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

### **Booking a land only package with Explore**

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### **Joining Tour Abroad**

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## **Insurance**

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange

appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom. Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

### 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 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.

## Non refundable permits

### Cambodia

#### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, infectious hepatitis, tetanus, typhoid, diphtheria and polio. Consult your GP regarding tablets advised for malaria. Though not compulsory, travellers may wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. 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 [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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### Thailand

#### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and infectious hepatitis. Although not compulsory, travellers may also wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on Malaria and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. 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 [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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### Vietnam

#### Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against malaria, typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and hepatitis A. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on Malaria and Zika Virus. Although not compulsory travellers may also wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. 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 [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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