

# Bali, Singapore, & Thailand Angkor Wat



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**Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,**

Join an enthralling 12-night discovery of Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Cambodia, extraordinary destinations blessed with centuries-old histories and diverse cultures. From Bali's emerald hills and Singapore's modern metropolis to energetic Bangkok and the ancient Angkor temples of Siem Reap, you'll unlock a wealth of relics across Southeast Asia.

Start your adventure in Bali, where you'll experience local village life and culture and relish lunch and a foot massage among the rice fields. Then, fly to Singapore to explore its multicultural heritage and visit the spectacular, futuristic Gardens by the Bay. Then, it's off to Thailand to cruise along Bangkok's buzzing waterways, encounter daily life and visit the Grand Palace and the ancient city of Ayutthaya's historical park.

The journey continues in Cambodia, where you'll tour Siem Reap by tuk-tuk and stand in awe amid Angkor's jungle-shrouded ruins, an experience to remember. Along the way, enjoy immersive cultural experiences, engage with warm, friendly locals and savor tantalizing cuisine. This experience will connect you with Southeast Asia's authentic, untouched culture!

Sincerely,



David Bambrey  
President

The EXPLORERS program is open to alumni of the University of Illinois, their families, and friends.

## UNESCO World Heritage

1. **Angkor**, Cambodia
2. **Historic City of Ayutthaya**, Thailand
3. **Cultural Landscape of Bali Province:**  
the Subak System as a Manifestation  
of the *Tri Hita Karana* Philosophy, Bali







# Discovery begins here



Adventure awaits in enigmatic Southeast Asia! Tap into the pulse of this fascinating corner of the globe, where sacred traditions and modern innovations coexist in harmony. From lush Bali to cosmopolitan Singapore, vibrant Bangkok to Siem Reap's ancient civilizations, stand in awe before centuries-old temples, jungle-shrouded ruins and breathtaking scenery. Plus, you'll participate in authentic, immersive cultural experiences in every country!

Top: Angkor Wat | Above: Traditional Thai dancers  
Cover: Wat Arun, also known as the Temple of Dawn, on the Chao Phraya River, Bangkok | Mail panel: Bali | Ayutthaya

## Inspiring Moments



- Thrill to the **glories of Southeast Asia**, a medley of energetic cities, stunning landscapes and ancient ruins.
- Delight in **Bali's lush beauty**, warm culture and sacred traditions.
- Immerse yourself in **Singapore's rich multicultural heritage**.
- Marvel at the visionary floral oasis of **Singapore's Gardens by the Bay**.
- Be awed by imposing temples, timeworn Buddhas and ancient ruins at **Ayutthaya, Angkor Wat and Ta Prohm**.
- Sweet, savory, spicy and tart—delight your palate with the flavors of Southeast Asia's **outstanding food culture**.
- Cruise Bangkok's storied **Chao Phraya River** to experience daily Thai life.
- Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Tirta Empul, Bali

Days 1 & 2 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Bali, Indonesia. 🌐  
Cross the international date line.

Day 3 | Bali, Indonesia

Arrive in Bali, transfer 🔄 and check in to the deluxe Maya Ubud Resort & Spa.  
Join us for a Welcome Reception tonight.

Day 4 | Bali

**Balinese Village.** Venture into Bali’s lush green landscape to visit a local village and traditional housing compound to observe daily life. Interact with villagers, see unique family homes, temples and shrines and enjoy Balinese snacks. Stroll along rice field paths and savor an Indonesian lunch and a foot massage amid the paddies.

Day 5 | Bali

**Holy Temple & Ubud.** Travel inland to visit the temple near Tampak Siring and see its bubbling pools used for purification ceremonies. Then, sit down to an elegant lunch in a Balinese open-air restaurant. Continue to Abud to visit the Agung Rai Museum of Art. See a demonstration of the Indonesian musical ensemble, gamelan, and try

a few instruments. Next, you can opt to stay at the museum for further exploration or visit an authentic outdoor artisan market nearby to haggle with vendors like a local as you peruse Balinese handicrafts, art, spices and more.

Day 6 | Bali | Singapore

Relish breakfast and some free time at the hotel. Then, fly 🌐 to Singapore, transfer 🔄 and check in to the deluxe Shangri-La Hotel.

**Free Time:** Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 7 | Singapore

**Enrichment: Contemporary Singapore.**  
**Singapore Highlights.** On a panoramic tour, pass by the towering Marina Bay Sands resort, Merlion Park, the mythical Merlion statue and the Civic District. Visit the Thian Hock Keng Temple, Singapore’s oldest Chinese temple. Sample popular Singaporean dishes at lunch.  
**Multicultural Singapore.** Uncover Singapore’s diverse cultures and rich history. Drive through Kampong Glam, a Malay enclave that originated as a fishing village. Explore Chinatown and Little India’s vibrant flower and exotic spice markets.

Left: Balinese gamelan | Below: Beaded baskets, market, Ubud







## Day 8 | Singapore

**Straits Enclave Singapore.** Immerse yourself in Peranakan culture at this heritage venue set in a restored shop house. Relish a traditional tea and taste Nyonya Kueh snacks. Explore the traditionally decorated interior with a docent, while learning about Peranakan culture.

**Gardens by the Bay.** Experience Singapore's visionary, breathtaking oasis of floral features and garden artistry! Witness the spectacular Supertrees, stroll the enormous Flower Dome glass greenhouse and discover the delightful aerial walkways at Cloud Forest.

## Day 9 | Singapore | Bangkok, Thailand

This morning, fly ✈️ to Bangkok, transfer 🚗 and check in to the luxurious Peninsula Bangkok.

**Free Time:** Spend the afternoon at leisure.

**Chao Phraya River Cruise.** See Bangkok's illustrious landmarks during a scenic evening cruise aboard a converted rice barge while sipping cocktails and savoring Thai dishes.

## Day 10 | Bangkok

**Enrichment: Thailand's History & Culture.**

**Bangkok's River Life.** Witness daily Bangkok life and commerce as you cruise along the Chao Phraya River and Thonburi canals.

**Bangkok Highlights.** Take an express boat to Bangkok Klong. Disembark to visit the opulent

Grand Palace and the sacred Emerald Buddha Temple, Thailand's holiest temple. Then, take a tuk-tuk to see the enormous Reclining Buddha in a peaceful state of Nirvana. Conclude with lunch at the at the famed Blue Elephant.

🕒 **Elective | Sala Rim Naam.** Experience Thai culture during a Thai dance show and dinner.

## Day 11 | Ayutthaya

**Ayutthaya.** Travel to this ancient city today to visit the Bang Pa-In Summer Palace, with its unique blend of Thai, Chinese and European architecture. Then, explore the historical park, home to centuries-old brick ruins of towering wats, timeworn Buddhas and lion statues. Return to Bangkok via river boat with lunch.

## Day 12 | Siem Reap, Cambodia

This morning, fly ✈️ to Siem Reap, transfer 🚗, check in and have lunch at the deluxe Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort.

**Siem Reap.** Tour this quaint provincial capital on a tuk-tuk ride, stopping to visit an art and dance center to see local artisans perform.

**Enrichment: The Temples of Angkor.**

## Day 13 | Siem Reap

**Discover Angkor Wat.** Thrill to the crown jewel of the Angkor Archaeological Park, the 12th-century Angkor Wat. Visit the extensive

*Gardens by the Bay and skyline, Singapore*





## Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Bali, Indonesia, at the deluxe Maya Ubud Resort & Spa.
- **3 nights** in Singapore at the deluxe Shangri-La Singapore.
- **3 nights** in Bangkok, Thailand, at the deluxe Peninsula Bangkok.
- **3 nights** in Siem Reap, Cambodia, at the deluxe Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Flights to Singapore, Bangkok and Siem Reap and all deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 12 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 2 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Visit 4 countries** during this program.
- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Electives** and free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Ayutthaya

galleries of inspiring bas-relief murals and immerse yourself in a world long forgotten!

**AHI Connects | Local Life.** Uncover culinary traditions with a Cambodian family while making rice noodles, a local specialty.

**Free Time:** Relish free time this afternoon.

**Cambodian Circus.** Delight in a cultural performance of dance, acrobatics and stories.

### Day 14 | Siem Reap

**Angkor's Temples.** Witness Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire. See the Bayon Temple's 54 towers carved with 200 smiling faces. Continue along jungle-claimed paths to the haunting temples of Ta Prohm. Here, the roots of massive kapok trees have overtaken the buildings. Also view exquisite carvings at the restored Thommanon temple.

**Free Time:** Explore on your own at leisure. Relish a Farewell Dinner with a lively Khmer classical dance and music performance.

### Days 15 & 16 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. Depending on individual flight itineraries, passengers will arrive in North America on Day 15 or Day 16.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

**Flights and transfers** included for AHI FlexAir participants.

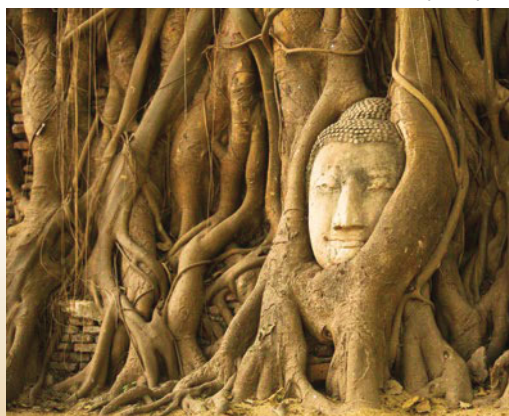
**Elective experiences** available at an additional cost.

## Activity Level

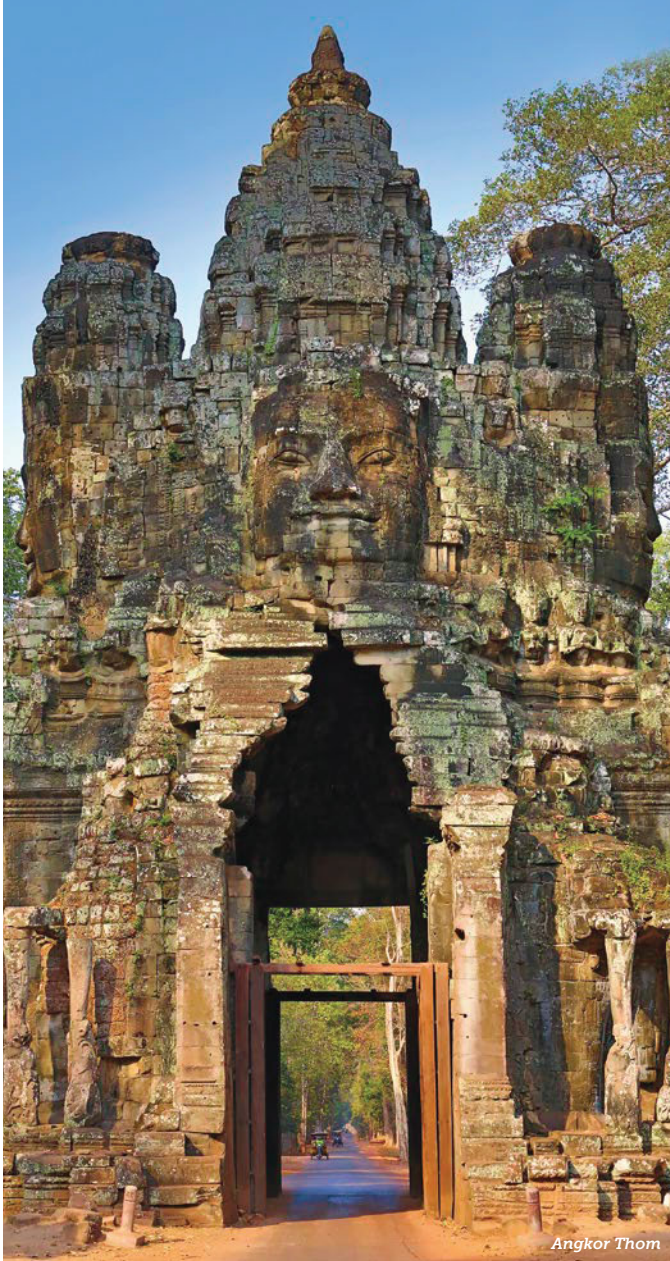
We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

### Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats







Angkor Thom

Grand Palace, Bangkok



# 2026 | Departure Details

## Program Dates

**Travel dates** ✈ **February 17 – March 4, 2026**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

**Tour dates\*** **February 19 – March 3, 2026**

\* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

## Land Program

**Full Price** **\$7,745**

**Special Savings** **\$750**

**Special Savings Price\*** **\$6,995**

**\*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,895 (limited availability).

**Please note:** Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://il.ahitravel.com/destinations/1988A?schoold=69>.

## AHI FlexAir

### *Let us arrange your flights*

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

## AHI Travel Expertise

**Travel Consultants** assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators** offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

**Travel Information** provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

**Your Travel Director**, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

**Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.



# Accommodations



Maya Ubud Resort & Spa | Bali



Shangri-La Singapore | Singapore



The Peninsula Bangkok | Bangkok



Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort | Siem Reap



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