

TRAIN : Eastern & Oriental Express

JOURNEY : Fables of the Peninsula (7 days/6 nights)

Journey Duration : Upto 7 days

Day to Day Itinerary

Day 1: Singapore

Make your way to the Raffles Hotel (check-in 14:00hrs), where overnight accommodation in an elegantly-furnished Courtyard Suite has been reserved for you. The rest of the day is at your leisure, to discover the old world charm of this Grande Dame. A Singapore Sling is a tradition for most first-time visitors to Singapore, and you can enjoy this drink at the Long Bar of the Raffles – the only corner in the clean city-state where littering is allowed.

Please note: The Eastern & Oriental Express departure date indicated is post the complimentary stay at the hotel.

Day 2 : Depart Singapore

Enjoy breakfast at leisure in the charming Tiffin Room and explore Singapore for the rest of the morning before the transfer from the hotel to the Woodlands Train Checkpoint where the gleaming green carriages of the Eastern & Oriental Express await your embarkation. A cool drink is served whilst you settle into your luxurious cabin as the train departs towards the Causeway Bridge into Malaysia. Dress up for this formal evening and make your way to the Bar Car for a cocktail reception hosted by the Train Manager. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other guests and the on-board speaker who will enrich your journey. After cocktails, enjoy dinner in one of the opulent dining cars before you relax with a nightcap while listening to the resident pianist playing nostalgic melodies in the Bar Car.

Day 3 : Kuala Lumpur & Overnight at Cameron Highlands.

After breakfast, the Eastern & Oriental Express arrives at the impressive Indian Mughal-style Kuala Lumpur Railway Station, built in 1885. The city's rich, polyglot heritage harks back to the 19th century when it was transformed in thirty short years from a tin-mining trading outpost in the jungle into a bustling boomtown. Enjoy this lively capital city with your choice of morning tours. You can choose to make an early morning visit to one of KL's largest wet markets or be enticed by the city's history and heritage museums. Return to the train after your selected tour for lunch on board as we depart KL, climbing past rubber and oil palm plantations towards Malaysia's emerald-hued uplands. Upon arriving

at Tapah Station, disembark the train for the coach transfer to the Cameron Highlands. Relax on the two-hour scenic drive over rolling hills and through dense jungle. The Cameron Highlands hill station, at about 1,500m above sea level, is the highest area in peninsular Malaysia stretching along a plateau overlooking lush river valleys. The cool temperate air is fresh and crisp, with a blanket of easy fog that veils the hill jungles almost every morning. This is perfect for the tea plantations which the Highlands are famous for. Arriving at the Cameron Highlands Resort you will be greeted with a welcome colonial cocktail before you are escorted to your well-appointed room. The interior of the resort complements the Highland's settings, resembling a genteel English colonial home with welcoming fireplaces in the Reading Room and Highlands Bar. Tall French doors, timber-beamed ceilings and plantation shutters add to the colonial charm. Dinner is served at The Dining Room of the Resort. It is a casual evening and you will feel most comfortable in smart casual wear – a wrap for the ladies and a light jacket for the gentlemen will be fitting for the Highland's cool, even chilly, evening air.

Day 4: Cameron Highlands

After breakfast, you may choose to visit the famed BOH (Best of Highlands) tea plantation for a guided tour of the factory with opportunities to sample a variety of aromatic brews. Or join the resort's naturalist, Mr S. Madi, on the Jim Thompson trail through the Cameron Highlands jungle to discover the flora and fauna of this tropical gem. Return to your room late morning to collect your belongings, with check out at 12 noon. Enjoy lunch at Gonbei Restaurant where you have the choice of a Western or Japanese menu, after which you return to the train. This evening's dinner is a formal affair. Relax with an aperitif in the Bar Car before enjoying a sumptuous dinner as the train glides through the night to the next destination.

Day 5: Penang.

Butterworth Station is our morning stop on the mainland, where you disembark from the train to board the transfer to the island of Penang. Several excursions are available – choose to explore colonial George Town to see its rich blend of Chinese, Malay and Indian cultures, or visit the Peranakan Heritage Museum. You can also choose to enjoy the outdoors at the Tropical Spice Garden Gallery, which showcases the origins of the spice trade and how spices are used today. Following your tour, gather at the Eastern & Oriental Hotel for a late morning tea on the elegant terrace before heading back to the train. Back on board the E&O for lunch, we pass rice fields with limestone outcrops on the horizon, as we continue towards the border town of Padang Besar, where Malaysia meets Thailand. Immigration and customs formalities are conducted here while passengers remain onboard the train. Crossing into Thailand, the time difference is one hour behind Malaysia. With a relaxing afternoon in your cabin followed by dinner, this is a relaxing way of see Malays.

Day 6: Huay Yang.

The early morning brings you to the small rural community of Huay Yang, located about 300 km south of Bangkok in the province of Prachuap Khiri Khan on the east coast of Thailand. Join the local song thaew for your ride to the pier in the village of Baan Huay Yang. This small fishing town features charming scenery of gently swaying coconut palms on miles of white beaches surrounded by majestic mountains. Following a stroll through a fishing village, you will be transferred across to the island of Koh Chaan, where you can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a beach club setting and spend the morning snorkelling or sunbathing. At mid-day we go by boat to the coastal resort of Nishaville for a seafood barbeque lunch by the beachside. Return to the E&O in the afternoon to journey north towards Bangkok. This is our final night on the train and dinner is a formal affair. Join the Train Manager and staff for a farewell cocktail reception before dinner. Afterwards enjoy digestifs in the open air Observation car.

Day 7: Bangkok.

Arrive at 9.30 am and disembark in Bangkok.

Please note: All timings shown are for your guidance only. Confirmed timings will be supplied with your travel documents.