

## WILD MALAYSIA

From Singapore, travel up through the lush jungles of Malaysia. Plunge into Taman Negara, one of the oldest tropical rainforests in the world, where you can choose from tiger conservation, wildlife photography and ancient cave tours. Together with cultural adventures in Penang and blissful moments of relaxation on board, this is the voyage of a lifetime.

### **Day 1: Singapore – Gemas**

Board the striking green and gold carriages of the Eastern & Oriental Express at Woodlands Station, Singapore. Settle into your air-conditioned cabin, a sanctuary of cherry wood panelling, Thai silks and Malaysian embroidery. As the train travels through the wild, green landscapes of Malaysia, it sets the scene for your immersion in nature. Weave through tangled jungle, rubber and palm plantations, soaking up the vistas as your steward serves an exquisite afternoon tea in your cabin. Soon, evening falls and it's time to dress for dinner in the Restaurant Car. We invite you to join the Train Manager and your fellow travellers in the Piano Bar for a welcome cocktail. Afterwards, sumptuous Asian fusion cuisine in the Restaurant Car, followed by engaging entertainment – such as Malaysian jazz – on board.

### **Day 2: Taman Negara – Kuala Lumpur**

Early this morning, the train arrives at Merapoh station, gateway to Taman Negara National Park. After breakfast in your cabin, alight for a choice of three extraordinary tours. Taman Negara was formed 130 million years ago, making it one of the oldest tropical rainforests in the world. The dense jungle, wide rivers and lush mountains are home to incredible wildlife including water buffalo, macaques, tapirs, hornbills and the elusive Malayan tiger. As part of the Eastern & Oriental Express's work with Save Wild Tigers and local NGOs working on the ground to aid the conservation efforts, you can venture into the forest to enjoy a choice of experiences. Discover the home of the Malayan tiger and the efforts to safeguard its future, join a nature photographer and conservationist for a wild and wonderful immersion, or discover the otherworldly allure of the rainforest's magnificent caves. Meet local villagers and gain a wealth of insight from dedicated experts before returning to the train.

During lunch and a leisurely afternoon, soak up the vistas as the train travels down the jungle line past rice paddies, palm trees and rural Malaysian villages. Relax over a delicious dinner, followed by a lively evening of music in the Piano Bar Car.

### **Day 3: West-coast Line – Penang**

Enjoy breakfast, before alighting for the crossing to Penang Island. Here, we've created a choice of immersions that make the most of Malaysia's cultural melting pot. Art lovers can explore George Town Old Quarter with a guide, discovering its vibrant architecture and cultural influences before visiting some brilliant local

artists in their studios. Food aficionados can head to market to be awed by the range of spices, then journey up Penang Hill for breathtaking views and a cooking lesson in the magnificent, Art Deco-influenced Eythrope Bungalow. Or, for those who prefer to explore independently, we present you with a trishaw, a driver and a map, so that you can wind through George Town's enchanting streets and visit stores, coffee shops and attractions at whim. Rejoin the train at Butterworth for lunch and a leisurely afternoon on board. Later, continue relaxing on the train or take the opportunity to stroll through the Malaysian city of Ipoh, gateway to the Cameron Highlands, where old-world charm meets contemporary street art. The former tin capital boasts a wealth of splendid architecture due to its iron ore mining industry. Back on board, a final celebratory evening beckons with irresistible cuisine, entertainment and company. If you're still up shortly after midnight, you'll glimpse Kuala Lumpur as the train passes through.

#### **Day 4: Johor – Singapore**

Linger over breakfast in your cabin as you travel through Johor, the southernmost state of Malaysia, known for its beaches and rainforest. Soon afterwards, the train crosses the strait to Singapore, where you disembark with your magical memories.