

Gate 1 Trip to Malaysia/Singapore - April 10–22, 2024

04/10/24 – Wed – Depart ELP AA Flight 4877 – 6:52pm – Arrive LAX 8:10pm

Transfer to Hotel – Travelodge by Windham LAX

Address: 1804 Sycamore Ave., El Segundo, CA

04/11/23 – Thu – Depart LAX – Singapore Airlines Flight 1340 – 6:00am – Arrive SFO 7:30am

Depart SFO – Singapore Airlines Flight 31 – 11:30am

04/12/23 – Fri – Arrive SIN (Singapore) 7:10pm (Flight time 16 hrs. 40 min)

Transfer (via Gate 1) to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with the exciting lifestyle of this city at your own pace.

04/13/23 – Sat - **Tour Singapore**

The city's colonial heritage is evident as you drive around the Civic District past the Padang Cricket Club, Parliament House, the Supreme Court and City Hall. Stop at Merlion Park for great views of Marina Bay and a picture taking opportunity* with the *Merlion*, a mythological creature with the head of a lion and the body of a fish. In the bustling and crowded Chinatown with its lively winding alleyways, visit Thian Hock Keng, the oldest Chinese temple in Singapore. Enjoy an exotic lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to colorful Little India, jam-packed with quaint shops selling spices, saris, trinkets, and jewelry. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, followed by dinner.

Overnight: **Orchard Rendezvous Hotel, Singapore, Singapore** - Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04/14/23 – Sun - **Bumboat River Cruise, Gardens by the Bay**

Begin the day with a bumboat cruise along the Singapore River, that served as a lifeline of the city for almost 200 years. View beautifully restored shophouses, ultra modern skyscrapers of the financial district and colonial buildings. Next, visit the awe-inspiring Gardens by the Bay. The 250-acre nature park features more than 1 million plants from more than 5,000 species. View the futuristic Supertrees and marvel at the 115 foot tall indoor waterfall on your walk above the jungle canopy via aerial walkways at Cloud Forest. Next, visit the nearby Flower Dome, the largest glass greenhouse in the world. It showcases exotic plants from 5 continents in 9 different gardens. Later, return to your hotel for time at leisure. Tonight, discover Singapore's rousing nightlife and fabulous cuisine. Overnight: **Orchard Rendezvous Hotel, Singapore, Singapore** - Meals: Breakfast

04/15/23 - Mon - **Johor-Singapore Causeway to Melaka**

A morning drive across the Johor-Singapore Causeway to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Melaka, on the Malay Peninsula's southwest coast. Founded in the 1400s by a Sumatra prince, Melaka soon became one of the richest seaports in Southeast Asia. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards, check into your hotel. Afternoon is at leisure, or take part in the *optional* Melaka Trishaw Ride & River Cruise, where you will take a ride through the quaint streets of Melaka on a three-wheeled bike before embarking on a river cruise through the heart of the city. Take a ride through the quaint streets of Melaka on an ornately decorated trishaw

(three-wheeled pedaled vehicle). Journey down to the river where you will board a cruise, to get a glimpse of the city from a unique viewpoint. Discover Melaka's vibrant heritage, a blend of Portuguese, Dutch, and British influences. After the cruise, enjoy time at leisure to explore the local restaurants and later make your own way back to hotel. Approximate tour duration is 1.5 hours. Overnight: Holiday Inn Melaka, Melaka, Malaysia - Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

04/16/23 – Tue - **Walking Tour of Melaka, Arrive in Kuala Lumpur**

On the historical walking tour of Melaka, visit St. Paul Hill, Porta de Santiago and Jonker Street, the artistic center of the city with its trendy art galleries, antique stores and crafts shops. Then, savor a lunch of local favorites before proceeding to Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia with its striking skyline of soaring skyscrapers, contrasted by minarets and Mughal style domes. After time to settle in, the rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight: Concorde Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

04/17/23 – Wed - **Sights of Kuala Lumpur**

In the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur, visit the iconic Batu Caves, a series of cave temples and sacred site of a Hindu shrine. Afterward, on to the ornate National Palace with its mounted guards in British style uniforms, the National Museum and National Monument, a sculpture built in remembrance of the heroes who fought for the country's independence, and view the National Mosque. View the colonial-era Sultan Abdul Samad Building, a distinguished landmark with strong Moorish style influences and the Royal Selangor Club before continuing to view the dramatic glass and steel Petronas Twin Towers, one of the tallest buildings in the world. The afternoon is free, or join the *optional* Royal Selangor Pewter Factory & Kuala Lumpur Tower Tour. Visit the Royal Selangor factory, the world's largest producer of quality pewter, before continuing to the Kuala Lumpur Tower, the tallest communication tower in Southeast Asia. Visit the Royal Selangor factory, the world's largest producer of quality pewter, and the Royal Selangor Visitor Centre. Stroll through the informative exhibits and learn about the rich history of Malaysian pewter crafting. Later, continue to the Kuala Lumpur Tower, standing at 1,381 feet it is the tallest communication tower in Southeast Asia. Marvel at the spectacular 360-degree views of the city from the observation deck. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours. Overnight: Concorde Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Meals: Breakfast

04/18/23 – Thu - **Cameron Highlands, Orang Asli Village**

Heading north, ascend the beautiful rolling hills of the Cameron Highlands with its verdant forests, tea plantations, strawberry farms and rushing waterfalls. Because of its climate, this area attracts over 700 different species of birds and a wide variety of colorful flowers. You'll stop at an authentic Orang Asli village (Malaysia's original inhabitants) in the forest of the Highlands for insight into their traditions, lifestyle and unique culture historically linked with the indigenous people in Myanmar and Thailand. Late lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the resort. Tonight, enjoy dinner together at the hotel. Overnight: Strawberry Park Resort, Tanah Rata, Malaysia – Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04/19/23 – Fri - Tea Plantation, Kuala Kangsar, Penang

In the lush Cameron Highlands, take a morning tour to a working tea plantation, strawberry farm, and a popular Butterfly Park. Enjoy amazing panoramic views over endless valleys! Later, after lunch, travel north to the picturesque royal capital of Kuala Kangsar, the first foothold of the British in Malaysia. View the colonial construction dotted around the center of the city before arriving at the magnificent Ubudiah Mosque with its stunning marble exterior accented by glittering golden domes. After views of the luxurious Palace of the Sultan of Perak, head across the Penang Bridge, one of the longest in Asia, into the island of Penang. Overnight: [The Wembley - A St Giles Hotel, Penang, Malaysia](#) – Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

04/20/23 – Sat - Explore Penang

Today you explore Penang, the oldest British settlement in Malaysia, a colorful cross-section of Malay, Chinese, Thai, Indian, and European influences. Drive through colonial George Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the capital of Penang. Stop at Fort Cornwallis, the largest standing fort in Malaysia before a walking tour to St. George's Church, the Kuan Yin Temple, Hindu Temple and Kapitan Keling Mosque. Arrive in lively Little India to see the ornate Khoo Kongsi Clan House designed to capture the splendor of a Chinese Imperial Palace. The afternoon is at leisure, or participate in the *optional* Penang Hill with Habitat Nature Walk. Climb aboard a funicular train* and ascend Penang Hill for panoramic views of Georgetown, the capital of Penang from the summit. Take a walk along the nature trail through the park and learn about the diverse flora and fauna that grows within the surrounding habitat. Admire the beauty of Penang's 130-million-year-old rainforest during the self-guided walks. **Please note, the tour will not operate if the funicular train is not able to operate.* Approximate tour duration is 3 hours. Ascend Penang Hill for panoramic views of Georgetown, the capital of Penang from the summit. Take a walk along the nature trail through the park. Tonight at dinner, bid farewell to your Tour Manager. Overnight: [The Wembley - A St Giles Hotel, Penang, Malaysia](#) – Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

04/21/23 – Sun - Depart Malaysia

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Depart PEN (Penang) – TR Scoot Airlines – Flight SQ8501 – 4:45pm – Arrive SIN 6:10pm

Depart SIN – Singapore Air – Flight 38 – 8:45pm – Arrive LAX 9:40pm (Flight 15 hrs. 55 mins)

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04/22/23 – Mon -

Depart LAX – AA Flight 4876 – 8:28am – Arrive ELP 11:31am