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adventure railandtour

departs **sunday 9 november 2008**

for 14 days



Modern cities, amazing temples, rainforests, mountains, coast, local culture and crafts, markets and villages all feature on this rail tour of Malaysia and Thailand. The tour includes the River Kwai Bridge, quality hotels and a variety of trains.

Sunday 9 Nov:

Evening flight from London Heathrow via Dubai to Singapore

Monday 10 Nov:

Evening arrival into Singapore, transfer to a hotel for two nights stay.

Tuesday 11 Nov:

Half day sightseeing tour of the city, its temples, Chinatown, parliament buildings with the rest of the day for freelance sightseeing, perhaps take the ferry to Pulau Ubin, the village on stilts. This evening enjoy a dinner cruise (included in the tour).

Wednesday 12 Nov:

Morning departure by rail for a full day ride on the "Jungle Line" travelling past rainforests then climbing through the mountains and gorges with lots of wild-life en-route. The train is 3rd class only but still provides a comfortable and scenic ride. On arrival at Wakaf Bahru there is a short transfer to a hotel in nearby Kota Bahru for overnight stay.

Thursday 13 Nov:

Sightseeing in and around Kota Bahru including the fascinating markets, the Temple of the Reclining Buddha and Dragon Temple, see boat making and traditional Malay culture. Early evening departure by sleeper train (1st class sleepers included) to Kuala Lumpur.

Friday 14 Nov:

Arrive Kuala Lumpur at breakfast time, followed by a full day tour including the Petronas Towers – tallest in the world, Jamak Mosque, see batik and jewellery making and the Batu Caves. Overnight stay in a centrally situated hotel.

Saturday 15 Nov:

Depart on the morning day train to Butterworth, travelling in 1st class seats. On arrival mid afternoon transfer by ferry to Georgetown on Penang Island for two nights stay at the classic 5 star Eastern & Oriental Hotel.

Sunday 16 Nov:

At leisure on Penang Island. Optional visits to the many temples, forts, towers, parks and gardens, just stroll around historic Georgetown or laze on the beach or by the hotel pool.

Monday 17 Nov:

Morning at leisure then by ferry to Butterworth for the "International Express" to Bangkok, accommodation on board in 2nd class sleepers. A restaurant car is added at the border point with Thailand.

Tuesday 18 Nov:

Morning arrival into Bangkok, after transfer to the hotel take an afternoon tour of some of the wonderful sights of Bangkok including temples and the massive golden Buddha – it weighs in at over 5 tons!

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Wednesday 19 Nov:

Morning visit to the famous floating market at Ratchaburi, afternoon at leisure perhaps visit the Grand Palace with its golden domes and spires (entrance payable locally) or take a train 50 miles out of the city to the ruins of the old capital of Thailand – Ayutthaya. This evening enjoy a superb Thai meal with traditional entertainment.

Thursday 20 Nov:

Travel by road to Kanchanaburi for a visit to the railway museum then by long-tail boat to the famous River Kwai Bridge. After lunch (included) ride a local train along the wooden viaducts beside the river and over the bridge. Return later in the day by road to Bangkok.

Friday 21 Nov:

The day is at leisure for further sightseeing or shopping in Bangkok. Your hotel room is available until evening to freshen up before transferring to the airport for the flight via Dubai back to London.

Saturday 22 Nov:

Arrival into Heathrow airport late morning.

Tour cost includes:

- Flights from London Heathrow to Singapore, returning from Bangkok
- Accommodation in minimum 4 star hotels with private facilities
- Breakfast at hotels
- All rail travel as outlined including sleepers for two overnight journeys.
- Excursions as outlined with local guides
- Dinner cruise in Singapore
- Thai evening meal and entertainment
- Transfers
- Services of a Railtours tour manager throughout



TOUR COST:	£1595.00
Single room supplement:	£280.00
Land only cost (joining at Singapore, leaving at Bangkok)	£1150.00
Insurance:	£45.00
Deposit:	£250.00 per person

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