

April 16 - Check-in Singapore Airlines (SQ) counter by 10 PM for your departure on April 17 at 1:15AM. flight. Depart USA on fabulous Singapore Airlines, world's best economy class! You cross Int'l Dateline to lose day but gain back on the end!

April 18 - Welcome to Bali, Indonesia

For some, Bali might seem just like another popular tourist destination, but for anyone who visits its shores, it is impossible not to be touched by certain magic from the "Island of the Gods." Bali is an island paradise, with lush rice field terraces, stunning volcano and lake views and beautiful beaches, but it is often the warmth and friendliness of the Balinese people, that make any stay on the island so memorable.

Arrive at Bali's stunning Ngurah Rai International Airport where our local guide helps us transfer to our hotel. The luxurious Alaya Resort is located in the heart of ultra-cool Ubud, a town surrounded by rain forests and rice paddies. Our hotel is a tropic retreat with an onsite spa, award winning restaurants and verdant grounds which include, of course, a pool. We are in the heart of town, so it's easy to venture around. (Free time - This is the town of the movie and book "Eat, Pray, Love," visit some of the sites! Perhaps pay a visit to a Balian – a traditional Balinese medicine man or check out some of the many markets and spas.)

Overnight: Alaya Resort (3 nights) Open link to view your stunning property - www.alayahotels.com

April 19 – Half day Ubud Tour **B/L**

After buffet breakfast, start the day with an exploration of the Ubud Palace - Puri Saren Agung -where the royal family ruled Ubud from the late 1800's until 1917. The palace complex has beautiful Balinese traditional houses and is set in the heart of old Ubud. We then head to the Famous Ubud Market where you can test your bargaining skill for an amazing array of local crafts. Even if you don't like shopping, the market provides a bombardment of color, culture and excitement.

We then take a stroll through Ubud's famous Monkey Forest to see some of Bali's cheekiest inhabitants – the macaque monkeys. Groups of these mischievous monkeys live in the shaded forest, where they roam freely, jumping from tree to tree. It won't take long for you to recognize that they each have their own distinctive personalities and watching them is never-ending entertainment. Our past groups loved it.

Our evening is on our own, so feel free to venture into Ubud and mingle with the Balinese.

Overnight: Alaya Resort

April 20 - Day at Your Leisure **B**

Free day at last! So much to do in Bali so we squeezed in a day of leisure for you who came from afar. It's so easy to book any tour there on the spot. We can't present one option due to so many choices.

Our past groups loved some tours and they are so affordable here.

I recommend considering with these rated 5-stars on Trip Advisor: Ubud Instagram Tour, Rice Terrace Walk, River Tubing or Rafting, Cooking Class or the new "Jungle Swing Tour with Taro Elephant Sanctuary."

Overnight: Alaya Resort

April 21 – Fly to Labyan Bajo, Flores **B/D**

This morning, we fly to the island of Flores and the town of Labyan Bajo, landing in the Komodo Airport. Prepare to be amazed by our home of the next 3 nights - the five-star ocean-side Ayana Resort. The spectacular property is virtually brand new and is set against a backdrop of ruggedly beautiful green hills. Every room offers stunning ocean views. Settle in and make the most of the numerous beach and water activities the resort has to offer.

In the evening, we have our official Welcome Dinner at the hotel's unique Rooftop Bar, a perfect place to enjoy not only the gourmet food, but a spectacular sunset.

Overnight: Ayana Komodo Resort (3 nights) www.ayana.com

April 22 – Komodo Free day! B

There is no better place to have a free day than on this lush tropical island. Relax and enjoy the resort or you can choose to take advantage of the many options Ayana offers.

For spa enthusiasts, create a spa escape to remember with authentic Indonesian treatments that have been passed down through the generations. Those curious about discovering Komodo's exotic wildlife can choose from countless activities including a guided Komodo Dragon tour at Rinca Island and wild bat sightings at sunset. The more adventurous will love Ayana Komodo's array of scuba diving, snorkeling, marine walks, paddle boarding, kayaking and hiking to secluded hilltop locations for the most exquisite views imaginable.

We are also offering the option to take a cultural tour to the nearby village of Cecer where you can meet the locals. You'll watch them do the "Tetek Alu" dance which is a traditional bamboo pole jumping game, as well as the Manggarai traditional dance. Maybe you can even join in! You'll have a look around the village itself to experience daily life, then visit the fields where they cultivate coffee, vanilla and cacao visit to fields.

Overnight: Ayana KomodoResort (3 nights)

April 23 – Komodo Island B/L

We have a full day ahead as we make our way by boat to Komodo Island and Rinca if time permits. The roughly 2-hour ride is a wonderful experience on the crystal Flores Sea. We then take a nature hike to explore including a waterhole known to be a favorite spot for Timor deer and wild pigs. Sometimes, dragons can be found there lying around and waiting. Climb Sulphurea Hill and Frigate Hill for magnificent view across the islands, bays and beaches.

Rangers accompany us with a forked stick. The dragons are protected by law. These mighty creatures are the largest lizards earth, often 10' long. They remain motionless with belly full, but when hunger strikes, they speed around in search for food. We stay silent as their hearing is acute.

Hop back on the boat and head to coral fragment lined Pink Beach. We'll have a picnic lunch with us and this could be just the spot to stop! Afterwards, sail to Manta Point where hundreds of giant manta rays play in the waters. We may have time to swim or snorkel before heading back to the resort where our evening is free.

Overnight: Ayana KomodoResort (3 nights)

April 24 – Fly Flores via Bali to Singapore (on Garuda Airlines at 4PM) B

Our morning is free before we head to the airport to fly to magnificent Singapore, stopping first in Bali. We'll arrive in Singapore at midnight and check in to our beautiful hotel for 3 wonderful nights. This stunning property in the heart of Singapore has a spa, health club, 30 meter pool, gourmet kitchen, free wifi and shuttle bus.

Though only a small city, this former simple fishing village has turned into a cosmopolitan city – brimming with harmonious diversity from its multi-cultural society. Experience the diverse, cohesive, nostalgic, historical and cultural aspects Singapore can offer.

One thing that is a "do not miss" is the multitudinous offering of food that will leave you spoiled for choice – from Peranakan to Chinese, Malay to Indian, fusion and more. Singapore is a place where differences are encouraged, embraced and celebrated.

Overnight: Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore (3 nights)

<https://www.hoteljen.com/singapore/orchardgateway/about/>

April 25 – Singapore – City Tour B

We start with Singapore's first UNESCO World Heritage Site – the expansive and colorful Singapore Botanic Gardens. You'll be amazed by its National Orchid Garden, which boasts a extensive display of 60,000 orchid plants. Let's hop onto a bumboat for a cruise

along the Singapore River, taking in sites like the city's beautifully restored shop houses, modern skyscrapers of the financial district, colonial buildings and the iconic Merlion statue for our group photo.

A visit to the new Singapore National Gallery will help tell story of Singapore's planning efforts showing its physical transformation – past, present and future, including an immersive 270 degrees panoramic sight and sound show. We end at the incredible foodie delight destination called Maxwell Food Court where we are turned loose to taste of some local delicacies for lunch on our own. Singaporeans take food seriously! Here 3 meals a day is not enough. At Maxwell's just graze your way through endless gourmet stalls. All food is clean and fresh. Michelin starred meals can run \$5. Favorites are fresh chili crabs and coconut curry chicken rice.

The rest of the day is free to explore this unique, vibrant world-class city. Explore some of the old neighborhoods or get your shopping fix with its myriad selection of shopping, dining, entertainment places – be it Orchard Road or Boat Quay. If you're still hungry, do the "wok & stroll" tour.

Overnight: Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore (3 nights)

April 26 – Singapore day free with Evening Tour B

Today is all ours again to explore! Perhaps start with booking Breakfast with the Orangutans? At Singapore's famous zoo – 26 acre wildlife park where animals roam free. Birders will be enthralled at Jurong Bird Park. Visit the new Flower Dome or ride the Singapore Flyer, world's largest Ferris Wheel with breathtaking views. But save some energy for our special evening tour.

It begins at Singapore's most iconic hotel – Marina Bay Sands - with a birds-eye view of the city from the top of MBS Skypark. It's a roof-top experience like no other, with observation deck in the clouds. At Gardens by the Bay, watch the Super Tree Grove come alive with an exhilarating display of light and sound at night! Then, we take in the color, culture and excitement of bustling Chinatown. Rich in history and heritage, we'll wander along the narrow lanes that are a myriad of shops, eateries and the sensory overload that is the Night Market. Test your bargaining skills against street vendors selling anything from souvenirs to leather goods. The highlight is a trishaw ride through the alleyways of Chinatown and down to Clarke Quay. We'll be dropped here to explore and enjoy the variety of dining options.

Evening tour:

6:00 PM Evening Tour with drop off at Clarke Quay

Our tour starts at the Singapore most iconic hotel – Marina Bay Sands. Be amazed with a birds-eye view of the city from the top of **Marina Bay Sands's Skypark** – it is a roof like no other, perched 200 meters in the air with observation deck in the clouds. At Gardens by the Bay, watch the **SuperTree Grove** come alive with an exhilarating display of light and sound at night!

Chinatown has also come a long way since the early days when Chinese immigrants made this enclave their home. Walk the sprawling myriad of shops and eateries, bustling with colorful and exciting activities set against a backdrop of rich history and heritage. Chinatown is not to be missed, especially in the evening when everything really comes alive. Wander along the narrow lanes of the Night Market and test your bargaining skills against street vendors selling anything from souvenirs to leather goods.

The highlight of today is a **trishaw ride** that takes you through the alleyways of Chinatown and down to Clarke Quay. Enjoy your own free time and explore **Clarke Quay** and the various dining options they have to offer. Group is left off at Clarke Quay to explore, have dinner or drinks.

Overnight: Hotel Jen Orchardgateway Singapore (3 nights)

Day 9– April 27 – Singapore and Home B

Transfer to airport after a thrilling journey well done. Note we fly back to LAX which provides best connection home for you.