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# Vietnam & Angkor

With the McIntosh Gallery Art & Travel Committee

ARTS AND CULTURE, FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN

November 1 – 19, 2026 | 19 Days



Halong Bay

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**This tour is for everyone who appreciates art and cultural explorations and journeying with like-minded travellers.**

**E**xotic, compelling, spectacular, Vietnam is a country of breathtaking beauty and vibrant heritage. This immersive tour takes you from Hanoi in the north to Ho Chi Minh City in the south.

These urban hubs reflect Vietnam's two contrasting poles. With its mist-shrouded lakes, faded colonial façades, and numerous cafés, Hanoi is the moody, reflective older brother, harboring a rich intellectual and artistic life. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) is the brash younger sibling: faster, newer, moving, and modernizing at breakneck speed. Central Vietnam moves at a quieter pace, with a wealth of historic landmarks, including the World Heritage Site of Hue, the ancient port city of Hoi An with its bridges and lanterns, the mysterious remains of the Cham Kingdom, and the French colonial hill station of Dalat.

You also get to enjoy the subtle flavours and outstanding diversity of Vietnamese cuisine, from the simple, lyrical phở to local restaurants revealing a complex fusion of Asian and French-influenced cuisines.

## Tour Host:

**Mary Lake Collins** is a retired teacher with a degree in Fine Art History. Since retiring, she has volunteered with Museum London & the McIntosh Gallery at Western University, taking groups on art trips across the United States, China, Chile, Argentina, Malta, Sicily, and India. These trips are focused on rich art experiences and cultural appreciation.



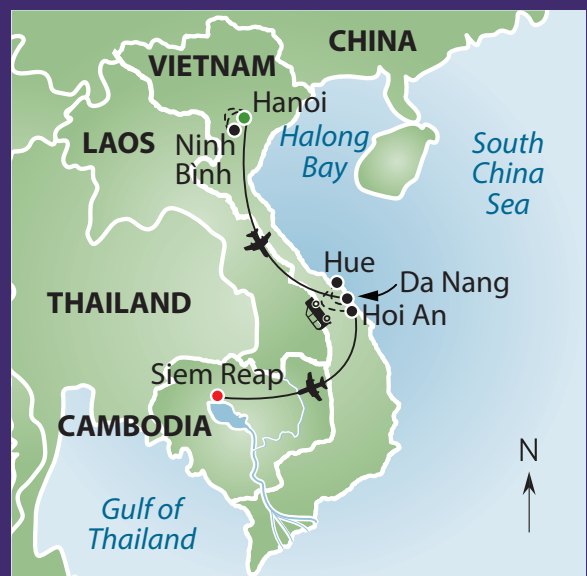


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## Signature Moments

- 🌀 Seeing ancient artifacts at Hanoi's National Fine Arts Museum
- 🌀 Tasting a traditional meal in Hoi An
- 🌀 Cruising the turquoise waters of Halong Bay
- 🌀 Strolling the French colonial streets of Dalat
- 🌀 Peering into the Cu Chi Tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City
- 🌀 Visiting the remote jungle temple of Boen Mealea

## Our Route





# Detailed Itinerary

## Sunday, November 1: Arrive in Hanoi

Upon arrival at the airport in Hanoi, we are met by our local representative and escorted to our hotel in the historic city centre. We get together later this afternoon for a briefing and then head out to enjoy a water puppet theatre presentation before our special welcome dinner this evening.

*Overnight: M Gallery de l'Opera Hotel, Hanoi*

*Meals: Welcome Dinner*

## Monday, November 2 – Tuesday, November 3: Hanoi arts and culture

The modern-day capital of Vietnam retains the mystery and charm of past centuries. During these two full days of exploration, we get to immerse ourselves in Hanoi's cultural and artistic traditions, with visits on the first day to the Vietnam National Fine Arts Museum, two smaller galleries, and the private home studio of much-celebrated art director Suzanne Lecht. Further highlights include the Temple of Literature with its peaceful walled courtyards and Pho Co (36 Streets) and the Old Quarter of the city, whose name dates back to the 1200s when every form of craft, from potters to metal smiths, formed guilds and practiced their trade on single blocks. Just winding through the labyrinthine alleyways here is an experience unto itself.

Temple of Literature, Hanoi



Our second day begins at Ba Dinh Square and the Vietnam National Museum of History, which houses artifacts dating from prehistory to the mid-20th century. The Ho Chi Minh Museums tells the story of Vietnam's independence. After lunch, travel back to the year 1010, when construction began on the Imperial Citadel of Hanoi. Now a UNESCO World Heritage site, this stately complex of historic and refurbished buildings offers a fascinating glimpse into over 1000 years

of Vietnamese history. The afternoon concludes with a hands-on workshop where you get to learn how to make the Vietnamese traditional paper Zo.

*Overnight: M Gallery de l'Opera Hotel, Hanoi*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

## Wednesday, November 4: To Ha Long Bay for overnight cruise

Our morning drive to Halong Bay takes us through the rich farmlands of the Red River Delta. In Halong, we board our premium vessel for a cruise among hundreds of islets to discover seemingly unspoiled pockets of Halong Bay. You may opt to simply kick back on deck and enjoy the ride or partake in activities such as a Sampan boat ride, a kayak paddle in the Luon Cave, guided tours of Surprise Cave or Me Cung Cave, or swimming in the onboard pool. We recommend the cooking class with the Head Chef. After dinner, try your hand at squid fishing under the dark, star-filled skies.

*Overnight: Indochine Premium Halong*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Kayaking in Luon Cave



## Thursday, November 5: Fly to Hue

Start the day with a pre-breakfast Tai Chi class on the sundeck or a fresh cup of coffee or tea as Halong Bay's boat people get ready for the day. During a short stop at Titov Island, you can choose from swimming in the clear waters or hiking to the island's modest peak. We disembark at the Tuan Chau Port and are transferred to Noi Bai Airport. A short flight takes us to the Imperial City of Hue for a two-night stay.

*Overnight: Azerai La Residence, Hue*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*



## Friday, November 6: Hue: Imperial Citadel, Museum of Antiquities

Hue is a city of citadels, palaces, tombs, and temples set in the peaceful countryside bordering the Perfume River. Today, we explore the city extensively, first travelling to the Imperial Citadel, where the Nguyen Dynasty ruled between 1802 and 1945. The Museum of Royal Antiquities is housed here; it showcases artifacts and clothing from the Nguyen Dynasty to offer a peek into the opulence of royal life. A special treat this morning is a lecture on Hue's architecture, culture, and history with a local historian.

After lunch, delve into the world of paper collage at the family-owned Lebadang Memory Space (museum). The splendid Minh Mang Royal Tomb complements its natural surroundings, which serve as a serene backdrop during a leisurely boat on the Perfume River.

*Overnight: Azerai La Residence, Hue*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

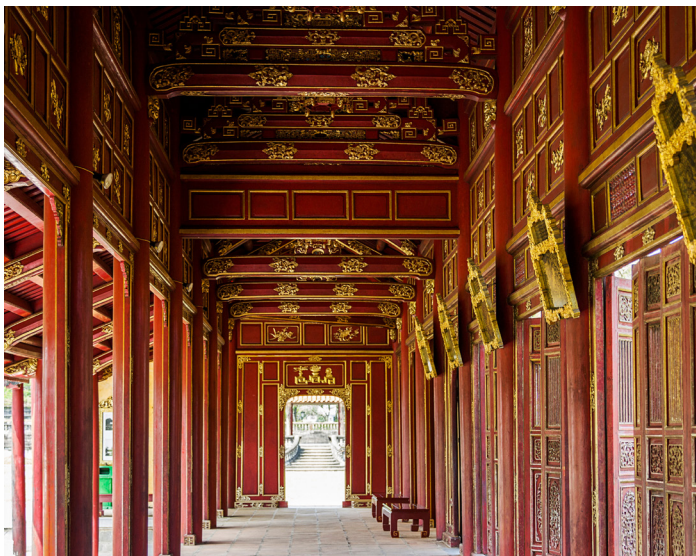
## Saturday, November 7: Drive to Hoi An via Da Nang and My Son

We continue south along the coast today to Hoi An, stopping en route at Da Nang. We get to revisit several centuries of history at the Cham Museum, where the world's largest collection of Cham sculpture is housed. The kingdom of Champa endured from about 192 to 1697 A.D. Art from this period exhibits distinct Hindu influences, especially in its well-preserved sculptures. Take a moment to admire My Son's Cham temples and mountainous surroundings. This hallowed site was once the centre of religious and intellectual activity in the Champa Kingdom. We arrive in Hoi An early this evening.

*Overnight: Namia River Retreat, Hoi An*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

Inside the Imperial Citadel, Hue



## Sunday, November 8: Hoi An: Old Town, Precious Heritage Museum

This morning, we are treated to a guided tour of Hoi An's Old Town, including the 400-year-old Japanese bridge, Tam Quan Gate, and a Tea House that supports disadvantaged youth. The Precious Heritage Art Gallery and Cultural Museum serves as a celebration of Vietnam's ethnic diversity through its portraits, stories, and traditional clothing. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure.

*Overnight: Namia River Retreat, Hoi An*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

## Monday, November 9: Hoi An: Visual and culinary arts

Get ready for a hands-on morning of traditional white rose Hoi An dumpling making (and tasting!) followed by a session of painting local folklore masks under the guidance of an artisan. Your creation is yours to take home and treasure. Moving back into the realm of culinary arts, taste some delicious local cakes at Hoi An's famous marketplace. This market visit is a great opportunity to interact with the many vendors. Once again, the afternoon is yours to enjoy as you see fit.

*Overnight: Namia River Retreat, Hoi An*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

## Tuesday, November 10: Drive to Da Nang / Fly to Nha Trang

Enjoy a quiet morning on the verdant grounds. Early in the afternoon, we head back to Da Nang. At the foot of the Marble Mountains sits the Non-Nuoc stone-carving village. Here, hundreds of highly skilled stone carvers ply their trade, bringing blocks of marble to life. It's then a 30-minute flight to the Da Nang Airport, where we board a plane for a short flight to Nha Trang.

*Overnight: Potique Nha Trang Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast*



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### Wednesday, November 11: Nha Trang / Drive to Dalat

Seaside Nha Trang is home to the Long Son Pagoda, whose exquisitely decorated entrance and rooftops dazzle with their ceramic tiles and mosaic dragons. This 19th-century structure contrasts sharply with the Cham Towers from the 7th and 12th centuries. After visiting these ornate buildings, we cross the Xom Bong Bridge and stop in at the Dam Market.

In the afternoon, sit back for a scenic four- to five-hour drive to Dalat in the Central Highlands. The 'City of Eternal Spring' is famed for its temperate climate and beautiful flowers; it retains a French feel from its time as a colonial retreat.

*Overnight: Dalat Palace Heritage Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

### Thursday, November 12: Dalat: Lam Ty Ni Pagoda, Artist Vien Thuc

Delight in a morning exploration of Dalat's architecture, from the former Railway Station to the Dalat Cathedral to Bao Dai's Summer Palace, an art deco marvel that has been essentially unchanged since the Last Emperor of Vietnam left in 1954. A few years later, the Lam Ty Ni Pagoda was established. One of its monks, Vien Thuc, crafted the pagoda's front gate. We plan to meet the venerable Vien Tuc to learn about his life's work and passion for art and architecture. A cable car ride takes us to Thien Vien Truc Lam monastery. After lunch at a local restaurant, the rest of the day is free.

*Overnight: Dalat Palace Heritage Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

Bao Dai's Summer Palace, Dalat



### Friday, November 13: Fly to Ho Chi Minh City / Old Saigon

Another short flight takes us from Dalat to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). During a mid-afternoon guided tour, you might opt to purchase some Saigon postcards and mail them off at the colonial-era Post Office. Strolling along historic Dong Khoi Street takes us past City Hall, the Opera House, and Majestic Saigon Hotel. From the Bitexco Financial Tower's sky deck, admire the spectacular 360-degree sweeping view of the city.

*Overnight: Caravelle Saigon Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### Saturday, November 14: Mekong Delta cruise

We spend the day on the water during this signature experience cruising the Mekong Delta. It's about a 2.5-hour drive to the hamlet of Huu Dinh surrounded by fertile farmland, coconut gardens, and a meandering patchwork of waterways. Life here has remained remarkably unchanged for centuries. We board the traditional Mango boat for a land- and water-based journey that includes a landing at a brick kiln factory, cycling through Phong Nam village, tea and honey at a local home, and rowing a Sampan boat through peaceful canals. At the home of former Viet Cong soldier Sau Tuong, chat with him about his harrowing life story, including two years fighting the Khmer Rouge.

*Overnight: Caravelle Saigon Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

### Sunday, November 15: Cu Chi tunnels

The Cu Chi Tunnels comprise a vast underground tunnel network constructed by the Viet Cong, first as a defence against the French and later expanded during the American War. During this morning visit, you have the option of venturing underground or simply staying above ground, where there is plenty to see. Enjoy our final afternoon in Vietnam at leisure.

*Overnight: Caravelle Saigon Hotel*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*



**Monday, November 16: Fly to Siem Reap, Cambodia**

Today, we fly to Siem Reap, gateway to the wonders of Angkor. Our explorations here start at the Roluos Group of monuments, representing the remains of the Hariharalaya, the first major capital of the Angkorian-era Khmer Empire. These temples are among the earliest large permanent temples built by the Khmers and mark the beginning of Khmer classical art. We're staying for three nights in Siem Reap.

*Overnight: FCC Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

**Tuesday, November 17: Siem Reap: Banteay Srei, Boen Mealea**

Our first full day in Cambodia begins at tiny, enchanting Banteay Srei, the "Women's Citadel." This architectural jewel, built of red sandstone in the 10th century, is the most Indian of the temples of Angkor. At the Gilden Silk Preservation Center, observe traditional weaving techniques first-hand in an intimate setting. Boen Mealea was built as a Hindu temple but also contains depictions of Buddhist motifs. Clamber over large sandstone blocks to reach the inner sanctuary, and admire the intricate carvings on the fallen lintels.

*Overnight: FCC Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

**Wednesday, November 18: Siem Reap: Angkor Wat at sunrise, Angkor Thom, Ta Prohm**

Begin the day watching the sunrise over the epic Angkor Wat, the largest temple in the world, inspired by 12th-century Hinduism. Generally believed to have been a funeral temple for the king, it has been occupied continuously by Buddhist monks. Intricate bas-reliefs surround the temple on all four sides. After breakfast, our exploration continues at the ancient city at Angkor Thom. The last capital of the Khmers dazzles with its fabulous Elephant Terrace and Terrace of the Leper King. The 12th-century Bayon Temple, a masterpiece of symmetry and grandeur, lies at the very centre of the complex. The exterior walls are decorated in extensive bas-relief, but the highlight is the more than 200 stone "faces" with the famous half-smile playing on their lips. Ta Prohm is surrounded by jungle, its labyrinth of stone hallways is overgrown with the roots and limbs of massive banyan trees. We end the tour at Angkor Wat, fittingly bookending today's explorations. This evening's farewell dinner and theatrical performance offer a chance to reflect on the memorable experiences of the past two-and-a-half weeks.

*Overnight: FCC Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap*

*Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner*

**Thursday, November 19: Depart Siem Reap**

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for homeward flights or the post-tour extension to Bangkok in Thailand.

*Meals: Breakfast*

*Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in this detailed itinerary are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.*





Hoi An

## Tour Details

**Tour Cost (per person):** US\$8795

*Includes all taxes and gratuities*

**Single Supplement:** US\$2895

*If you are travelling alone and would like to share, we will attempt to match you up with an appropriate roommate. If we cannot, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.*

### Group Size:

14 – 20 participants

### What's Included:

- Airport transfers on tour start and end dates
- Accommodations based on double occupancy in hotels listed or similar
- Ground transportation by air-conditioned coach
- All activities as described in the detailed itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Internal flights
- Meals as specified in the detailed itinerary
- Drinking water on coach
- Audio headsets for touring
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, hotel staff, and included meals
- All taxes
- Services of your McIntosh Committee Tour Host Mary Lake Collins
- Services of specialized English-speaking guides

### Not Included:

- Return airfare from your home to join the tour
- Fuel surcharge (if applicable)
- Airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Fees for tourist visas for Vietnam and Cambodia
- Travel insurance
- Airport transfers if arranging independent plans prior to or following main tour
- Meals other than those mentioned above
- Beverages with meals apart from coffee, tea, and water
- Excess baggage charges on internal flights\*
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional transportation required due to any emergency or other situation
- Any item not mentioned in "What's Included"

### Payment Details:

A deposit of US\$750 per person is required to reserve your space on this tour. A payment of US\$2000 is due six months prior to departure. The balance is due 90 days prior to departure.



# What to Expect



## Joining Instructions

**Arrival: Sunday, November 1**

This tour begins at Hanoi's Noi Bai International Airport (HAN).

Travellers arriving on the tour start date will be met on arrival and transferred to our meeting point. This transfer is included in the cost of the tour. When you book the designated pre-trip accommodation with Worldwide Quest, your transfer from the airport to our group hotel on arrival is also included. If you are making your own pre-trip arrangements, this transfer can be provided at additional cost.

**Departure: Thursday, November 19**

The tour concludes with a single included transfer to Siem Reap–Angkor International Airport (SAI). **Please contact us to verify timing of this transfer prior to making any flight arrangements.**



## Travel Documents

You will require a passport for this trip. Please make sure it is valid for six months after the date of your return home. Holders of Canada and US passports require tourist visas for Vietnam and Cambodia. You can obtain both on arrival or online in advance. We will provide instructions for visa applications.



## Level of Activity: Moderate

A good level of fitness is important for this trip. You must be comfortable walking on uneven terrain and irregular paving for at least two hours at a stretch. In many places, access to sites is only on foot and we will be walking extensively in towns. Shoes must be removed to enter some temples.

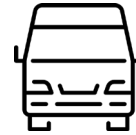
## Altitude

Most of this tour takes place at low altitudes. At Dalat, we rise to the mid-altitude of about 1,500 metres.



## Accommodation

We are staying in carefully selected deluxe and heritage hotels, including a boutique colonial-style hotel in Hanoi's historic quarter, an art deco space by the Perfume River in Hue, a riverside boutique hotel in Hoi An, and a storied five-star hotel in the centre of Saigon.



## Transportation

On land, we are travelling in comfortable, air-conditioned coaches driven by a professional driver. Coach size depends on the size of the group. This tour includes four internal flights. We also board several boats, including the premium vessel on Halong Bay, a deluxe boat on the Perfume River, and another premium vessel in the Mekong Delta.



## Weather

We expect a mix of sun and cloud with average daytime temperatures of around 30°C and overnight lows of about 20°C.

## \*Baggage Restrictions

**Hand baggage:** The total weight of hand baggage must not exceed 12kg/26lb, including one hand baggage item and one accessory.

**Free baggage:** Each passenger can take the following free baggage allowances shown on tickets: The maximum weight of each piece must follow 23kg/50lb.





## Bangkok

### AN OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION TO THAILAND

**November 19 – 23, 2026 | 5 Days**

Extend your time in Southeast Asia with a post-tour venture to Thailand's capital city of Bangkok. The 'City of Angels' is often referred to as the 'Venice of the East' with its intricate network of canals astride the Chaophraya River. This leisurely few days of exploration includes Jim Thompson's House, the Grand Palace, Bangkok Temples (Wat Traimit, Wat Pho, and Wat Benjamaborpit), a hands-on workshop at the Patom Organic Village, and a cruise on the River of Kings. We heartily recommend that you try some Pad Thai at some point! Tour Host Mary Lake Collins joins this extension with a minimum of six participants.





Golden Buddha at Wat Pho Temple, Bangkok

## Extension Details

**Extension Cost (per person):** US\$1795

*Includes all taxes and gratuities*

**Single Supplement:** US\$395

*If you are travelling alone and would like to share, we will attempt to match you up with an appropriate roommate. If we cannot, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.*

**Group Size:**

2 – 10 participants

### What's Included:

- Single group airport transfer on each of arrival and departure date of extension
- Accommodations based on double occupancy in hotels listed or similar
- Ground transportation
- All activities as described in the detailed itinerary
- Entrance fees
- Meals as specified in the detailed itinerary
- Services of your McIntosh Committee Tour Host Mary Lake Collins (with a minimum of six participants)
- Services of specialized English-speaking guide

### Not Included:

- Return airfare from your home to join the tour
- Fuel surcharge (if applicable)
- Airport departure taxes (if applicable)
- Visa for fee for Thailand
- Travel insurance
- Flight from Vietnam to Thailand
- Airport transfers if arranging independent plans
- Gratuities
- Meals other than those mentioned above
- Beverages with meals apart from coffee, tea, and water
- Excess baggage charges on internal flight
- Alcoholic beverages with meals
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional transportation required due to any emergency or other situation
- Any item not mentioned in "What's Included"

### Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of US\$750 per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.



# Additional Info

## Terms and Conditions

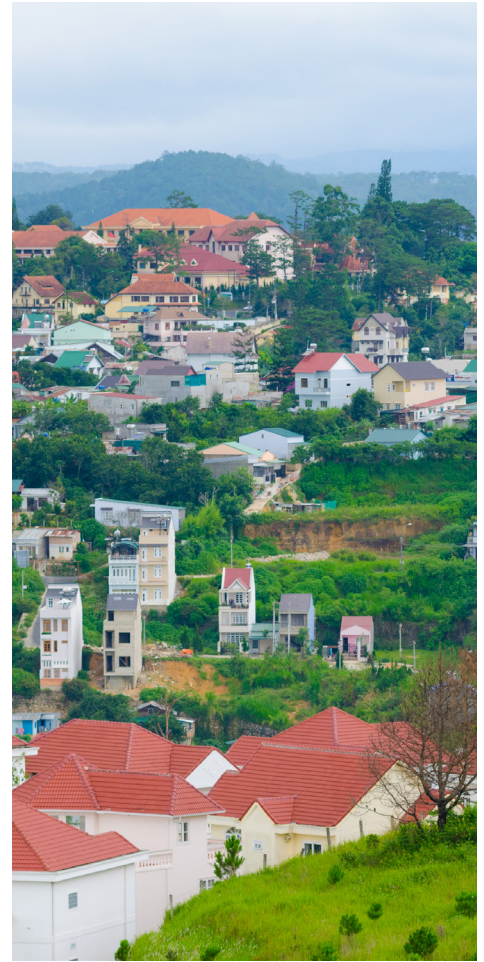
For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario - License # 2667946). See full details [here](#).

## Cancellation Policy

All payments are non-refundable, however you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Initial deposits for cruises are non-refundable and non-transferable. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing. See full details [here](#).

## Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.



# How to Book

Please contact the Worldwide Quest office for more information and to secure your booking.

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