

# BANGKOK Eastern and Oriental Express SINGAPORE

- Friday 30 September to Friday 7 October 2022 -



Enjoy two nights in exciting Bangkok in a **luxurious five-star hotel** with Executive Lounge privileges, before you experience the **Eastern and Oriental Express luxury rail journey** from Bangkok to Singapore. Travel from Bangkok across the beautiful scenery that Thailand offers, past the legendary River Kwai and onwards to Malaysia. Enjoy the sights of Kuala Kangsar and towards Kuala Lumpur, before crossing the causeway over the Straits of Johor to the elegant city of Singapore. Overnight in a **five-star hotel in Singapore** and then to Australia.

## 'The Eastern & Oriental Express' - a luxurious travel experience

*'Trains are wonderful... to travel by train is to see nature and human beings, towns... and rivers, in fact, to see life'* - Agatha Christie. The golden age of travel lives on aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express luxury rail journey. Winding through some of the world's most beautiful and exotic landscapes, it voyages through Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore - mountains, forests, fascinating towns and golden temples create a rich tapestry of life along the way. This sister journey to Europe's Venice Simplon-Orient-Express offers an equally exciting on-board experience. Enjoy gourmet dining, cocktails in the open-air observation car and special local entertainment as your adventure unfolds.

## Friday 30 September 2022 – Australia to Bangkok

There is a range of flight options from Australia to Bangkok – we'll provide details to those who are interested in joining us. On arrival transfer (^) to our five-star downtown hotel. Dinner at leisure and overnight in our five-star hotel, the Siam Kempinski Hotel, Bangkok. Accommodation includes Executive Lounge access with complimentary drinks, canapés etc.

## Saturday 1 October 2022 – (B) Bangkok

We enjoy a relaxing morning of sightseeing, with an afternoon for some leisure time in Bangkok. The boat-filled Chao Phraya River feeds its network of canals, flowing past the Rattanakosin royal district, home to the opulent Grand Palace and its sacred Emerald Buddha temple. Nearby is Wat Pho with its enormous reclining Buddha and, on the opposite shore, Wat Arun with its steep steps and Khmer-style spire. Overnight in our five-star hotel, Bangkok.

## Sunday 2 October 2022 (B/D) – Bangkok and aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express

The morning is free before we join the gleaming carriages of the Eastern and Oriental Express at Hualampong Station mid afternoon. The Eastern & Oriental Express departs Bangkok in the late afternoon. Your steward will show you to your elegant private cabin, where you have time to settle in as the journey begins.

Make your way to the teakwood Observation Car to enjoy spectacular open views of the sun setting over the lush landscapes. Return to your cabin to dress for dinner before taking your seat in one of the sumptuous Restaurant Cars. Indulge in a gastronomic feast of eastern and western specialities, expertly prepared by our onboard chefs. Afterwards, you may wish to enjoy a convivial nightcap in the Bar Car while being entertained by the resident pianist. Retire to your cabin, which has been converted into a cosy bedroom by your steward. Overnight aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express.

### **Monday 3 October 2022 (B/L/D) – Wang Po, River Kwai on the Eastern & Oriental Express**

As morning breaks in rural Kanchanaburi Province, breakfast is served in your cabin. Later, the train arrives at River Kwai Station, where you disembark for your chosen excursion. You can cruise along the Khwae Yai River aboard a local raft, taking in views of the splendid Thai teakwood houses along the banks. Your guide provides an insight into the building of the infamous railway and bridge, which were constructed by allied prisoners in World War II. After the cruise, board a minivan to the Thailand-Burma Railway Centre and perhaps pay a visit to the Don Rak War Cemetery before returning to the train. Alternatively board a private minivan to rural Nong Kao village for your hour-long bicycle tour. Cycle through the verdant rice fields, stopping for a fascinating demonstration at a local Thai farm and refreshments. Return to the Traditional Thai Wooden House for a relaxing herbal infusion before returning to the train. For those with a culinary desire, your guided tour begins with visits to a vibrant wet market and an acclaimed rice noodle house where you will gain an insight into the traditional processes used. You then proceed to Wat Nue Pier to board a river raft and participate in a traditional Thai cooking class on board as you sail along the River Kwai. Disembark at Chong Kai War Cemetery for an optional visit before returning to the train. Back on board, a leisurely afternoon awaits. Take time to relax and recharge your batteries before preparing for a sumptuous dinner, preceded perhaps by one of the enticing signature cocktails in the Bar Car. Overnight aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express.

### **Tuesday 4 October 2022 (B/L/D) – Kuala Kangsar - aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express**

Indulge in a lie-in before breakfast in your cabin as the Eastern & Oriental Express enters Malaysia. Notice the landscape change as limestone massifs rear up dramatically from the rice fields. Spend the morning relaxing in the Observation Car or Saloon Car, reading, chatting with fellow guests or simply gazing at the passing scenery. After lunch you arrive in Kuala Kangsar and alight to board a coach. Travel away from the city to Labu Kubong, a village set among the paddy fields and backed by lush mountains. Here you embark on a traditional village experience, a chance to immerse yourself in rural Malaysian life. The villagers welcome you with a traditional martial arts dance before you sample regional food and drink and browse locally produced handicrafts. Enjoy a guided walk through the rice paddies to learn about the process of planting and harvesting before heading to a plantation where rubber, banana and durian are grown. Your tour finishes with refreshments that include banana and durian chips produced from the plantation crops. Alternatively, trekkers may wish to join an optional hill trek. Your trek begins with a visit to a banana and durian plantation before you join your guide—an expert naturalist—to climb to the peak of the nearby hill. Cold towels and refreshments greet your arrival at the top, following your challenging walk, as well as breathtaking panoramas over the village and plantations. Peer through the binoculars provided and you may even catch a glimpse of the train waiting at nearby Padang Rengas Station. (In inclement weather, you'll enjoy a guided tour of Kuala Kangsar instead. Your guide will lead you on a journey through the fascinating royal town, taking in such sights as the majestic Ubudiah Mosque and the treasure-filled Sultan Shah Gallery.) Rejoin the train as it continues south through the lush rainforests and rural west-coast towns of Peninsular Malaysia. Prepare for a gastronomic dinner and a relaxing evening in the Bar Car. Overnight aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express.

### **Wednesday 5 October 2022 (B) – arrive Singapore aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express**

Breakfast is served in your cabin as you savour the last leg of your journey. Course through expansive palm plantations dotted with traditional settlement homes in the southernmost state of Johor. Cross the Causeway over the Straits for a late-morning arrival into cosmopolitan Singapore, your final exciting destination. We transfer to our hotel, and the afternoon is free to explore in this vibrant city. Perhaps visit the Botanical Gardens, the Jurong Bird Park, or the acclaimed Singapore Night Zoo, with extensive shopping and dining options also available in Singapore. Overnight Singapore.

### **Thursday 6 October 2022 (B) – from Singapore to Australia**

After breakfast you can either transfer to Singapore's Changi Airport for a daylight flight to Australia, or enjoy a day of sightseeing in Singapore before an overnight flight to Australia. Arrive Australia early evening if on the daylight flight. Alternatively, join the tour leader and head to **Japan for a two week discover of the southern island of Kyushu by rail** – and amazing combination of scenery, culture, art, gardens, food and wonderful rail journeys.

### **Friday 7 October 2022 (B) – arriving Australia**

Those flying overnight from Singapore arrive Australia early morning.

## ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Accommodation is in 5 star hotels in Bangkok and Singapore. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon and (D) Dinner. (^) Transfer from Bangkok Airport to the hotel at own expense.

## PERSONAL SERVICE AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

SJR prides itself on its personal service and attention to detail. The tour is escorted by the organisers of the itinerary. You are assured of the utmost service and our commitment to your satisfaction. We recognise that each passenger has different interests, and we will aim to provide the opportunity to allow you to rest from the group, explore by yourself or visit special sites you've read about – if you wish. Detailed advice and assistance will be given to help you, and most travel requirements can be made for you.

## FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

The tour is limited in size, with a maximum of 18 participants. Bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$2,000 per person. **The tour fare is \$6,995\* per person (twin share) for Pullman Cabin accommodation, plus airfares from Australia. The supplement for sole use of a Pullman Cabin and sole use of hotel rooms in Bangkok and Singapore is \$3,370.** The fare for the tour includes a Pullman Cabin aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express - Pullman Cabins have a lower and upper berth, and a three seat lounge during the day - dimensions are 5.8 sq m. You may wish to upgrade to a State Cabin which is 7.8 sq m with daytime seating which converts to two single beds at floor level at night. **(The fare for use of a State Cabin is an additional \$1,900 pp.)** Cabins are fully air-conditioned with en-suite shower, toilet, hair dryer and a personal safe. The tour fare includes hotels and sightseeing as indicated in Bangkok and Singapore, rail and coach travel, bus, tram, metro and light rail transfers when part of the group; all accommodation on a twin share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees to sites as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group. Additional or optional activities or entrance fees are not included in the cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form. The deposit of \$2,000 per person should be forwarded by cheque, payable to Scenic Journeys by Rail, along with the booking form, to: SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220

You can also pay the deposit by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail  
BSB: 033 364  
Account: 612826  
Reference: Your name and 'EandO'

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If paying by EFT, include the reference above and your surname, and email to [sjr@digitor.com.au](mailto:sjr@digitor.com.au) to advise you have paid. Please forward the booking form to the postal address above.

## AIR TRAVEL TO BANGKOK AND FROM SINGAPORE

A range of flight options exist for travel from Australia to Bangkok and return from Singapore. Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways and Qantas Airlines offer convenient air services for this tour. On receipt of booking we'll contact you to discuss your flight preferences and with our travel agent, Travel Associates, Paddington, we will identify the best airfare to meet your travel needs. Business Class seating is also available on flights.

## ACCOMMODATION ABOARD 'THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS'

The Eastern & Oriental Express offers three grades of beautifully appointed compartments: Pullman Cabins, State Cabins and Presidential Suites. Pullman Cabins have a lower and upper berth, and a three-seat lounge during the day. State and Presidential Cabins have two lower beds at night. The tour fare includes twin or double share in a Pullman Cabin. The interior walls are cherry wood and elm burr panelled, adorned with decorative marquetry and intricate inlays. Each cabin is fully air-conditioned with an en suite shower, washbasin and WC and features large picture windows for an excellent view of the passing scenery. Facilities include 24-hour steward service, international electric sockets (220 volts) and 110 volt adapter for razors, a personal safe and hairdryer. Fares for the tour include three nights aboard the E & O luxury train, including all meals, and two nights in a 5 star hotel in Bangkok and one night in Singapore, including breakfast each morning.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please call us on (02) 9326 9660, 0418 585 838 or email at [sjr@digitor.com.au](mailto:sjr@digitor.com.au) for further details or information.

## BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. Cancellation fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non refundable. (Note conditions relating to COVID-19 below.) After further payment towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf, cancellation will incur charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than three months prior to departure, \$1,000 per person; within three months, \$3,000 per person. No refund will be made after two months prior to departure from Australia. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. Responsibility - St James' Rail acts as the organiser of the tour. Some transportation, accommodation and other tour arrangements are made by licensed travel agent, Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly, all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader. Passports and visas – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport or visa documents. Full details of terms and conditions: if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you. **Special conditions relating to COVID-19** – if the tour is unable to proceed due to Government restrictions, SJR may at our election: postpone your travel arrangements to a future date, in which case we will issue you with a credit note equal to amounts paid at the time of postponement; or cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate. If we cancel your travel arrangements and our contract terminates, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund. SJR will refund payments it is able to recover or not incur from the various suppliers of services to this tour. Refunds will be made when the funds have been received by SJR from third party suppliers.

## INSURANCE

A comprehensive travel insurance policy is available and strongly recommended to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Jones and Turner, Travel Associates, Paddington, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover for the tour is, however, your responsibility. We recommend taking out insurance at the time you make the deposit payment for the tour.

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## - Friday 30 September to Friday 7 October 2022 - Booking Form

### YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name: .....

Address: ..... Suburb: ..... Postcode: .....

Home tel: ..... Work tel: ..... Mobile: .....

### BOOKING DETAILS (Full passenger names as shown on your passport)

Passenger 1 Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Passport No: ..... Expiry Date: .....

Passenger 2 Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Passport No: ..... Expiry Date: .....

Passenger 3 Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Passport No: ..... Expiry Date: .....

Passenger 4 Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... Passport No: ..... Expiry Date: .....

### PAYMENT

..... I have enclosed \$ ..... as deposit (\$2,000 per person) for the above booking. Please make cheques payable to Scenic Journeys by Rail.

..... I have paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as described previously. Please email SJR to advise and send this form.

Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail  
BSB: 033 364  
Account: 612826  
Reference: Your name and 'E and O'

A letter will be sent acknowledging receipt of your deposit and providing further details.

### AIR TRAVEL TO BANGKOK / FROM SINGAPORE (WE WILL CALL TO DISCUSS AND CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS)

..... Please book me/us to travel to and from with the recommended group flights and advise me of the best airfare.

..... Economy class air travel ..... Business class air travel

..... Please call me to discuss air travel options.

..... I will make my/our own air travel arrangements and meet you in Bangkok, on 30 September 2022.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms: ..... Double rooms: ..... Twin (two bedded) rooms: .....

A single supplement is payable for sole use of rooms in hotels.

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**EASTERN AND ORIENTAL EXPRESS TOUR**

Please book us to travel as below.

**Sole Use Pullman Cabin**

During the day, your cabin is a private lounge complete with banquette-style sofa. At night, it converts into a plush bedroom with a single lower bed. (Limited availability)

..... Sole Use – single hotel supplement payable

**Pullman Cabin**

During the day, your cabin is a private lounge complete with banquette-style sofa. At night, it converts into a plush bedroom with an upper and lower bed.

..... Twin share

**State Cabin**

State Cabins are configured as a private lounge during the day with a banquette-style sofa. Fixed daytime seating converts to two single lower beds for the night.

..... Twin share

..... Sole Use – single supplement payable

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**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Please indicate any dietary or any other sort of special request : .....  
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**INSURANCE**

..... Please send an insurance policy from Travel Associates, Paddington

**YOUR SIGNATURE**

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: ..... Date: .....

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent at Travel Associates, Paddington.

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