

# EASTERN AND ORIENTAL EXPRESS “WILD MALAYSIA”

- Friday 27 September to Friday 4 October 2024 -



Enjoy three nights in Singapore in a **luxurious five-star hotel** before you experience the **Eastern and Oriental Express luxury rail journey** from Singapore through Malaysia to Gemas, Merapoh and the Taman Negara National Park, as well as through Kuala Lumpur, Kuala Langsar and to Butterworth to visit Penang Island, and return to Singapore. Over 2,000 kilometres of rail travel in Malaysia, with included off train excursions and all-inclusive dining. Enjoy three nights aboard this luxurious train, with fine ensuite cabins and staterooms, with excellent dining, lounge and observations cars. Overnight in a **five-star hotel in Singapore** and then to Australia, or join our Autumn Colour & Festivals tour to Japan.

## ‘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 beautiful and exotic landscapes, it voyages from Singapore through east and west Malaysia - mountains, forests and fascinating towns 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. Return to Singapore at the end of the four day / three night experience aboard the reimaged Eastern & Oriental Express.

## Friday 27 September 2024 (L) – Australia to Singapore

There is a range of flight options from Australia to Singapore – we’ll provide details to those who are interested in joining us. Luncheon aboard and on arrival transfer (^) to our five-star downtown hotel. Dinner at leisure at one of the many restaurants close to our hotel, and overnight Singapore.

## Saturday 28 September 2024 – (B/L) Singapore

A mid-morning departure for sightseeing, in Singapore. Though small in size, Singapore’s impressive array of attractions continues to expand. Whilst a bustling metropolis filled with modern skyscrapers and futuristic architecture, beyond its stunning art galleries, world-class restaurants and over-the-top tourist sites, there are some well-known and less well-known places to give you an insight into modern and heritage Singapore. Visit Mt Faber, experience the cable car to Sentosa Island, explore the Singapore Botanic Gardens with its fantastic orchid pavilion, and then enjoy a late ‘Welcome to Singapore’ luncheon. Enjoy a refreshing dip in the hotel pool before dinner at leisure and overnight Singapore.

## **Sunday 29 September 2024 – (B) Singapore**

Sightseeing today includes a general overview of Singapore, the impressive Marina Bay Sands gardens, as well as a visit to the Singapore Zoo – a collection of five zoos that encompass colourful birdlife, animals that live along rivers, a night safari and more. We plan to enable a visit to two of these zoos, before we join a private night safari experience. An early light dinner at the zoo, or on return to the hotel. Dinner at leisure and overnight Singapore.

## **Monday 30 September 2024 (B/D) – Singapore and aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express**

The morning is free before a light luncheon at leisure, and then transfer in the early afternoon to Singapore's Woodlands Station and board the striking green and cream of the Eastern & Oriental Express. Your steward will show you to your elegant private cabin, where you have time to settle in before the journey begins. Your air-conditioned cabin is a sanctuary of cherrywood panelling, Thai silks and Malaysian embroidery. At 1500hrs the train departs and we begin our journey as we travel through lush, green landscapes, setting the scene for your immersion into wild Malaysia. Weave through the tangled jungle, rubber and palm plantations, soaking up the vistas as your steward serves a hearty afternoon tea in your cabin. Make your way to the teakwood Observation Car to enjoy spectacular open views of the sun setting over the lush landscapes. Soon evening falls and its time to prepare for dinner in the Dining Car. Indulge in a gastronomic feast of sustainable specialities, expertly prepared by our onboard chefs, enhanced with herbs and plants sourced from remote regions. Afterwards enjoy a night cap in the lounge car, engaging onboard entertainment, and then retire to your cabin for the night, which has been prepared by your steward for a peaceful sleep. Overnight aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express.

## **Tuesday 1 October 2024 (B/L/D) – Merapoh, Taman Negara National Park and aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express**

After breakfast in your cabin, admire the views of the Jungle Line as the train courses through some of the wildest parts of Malaysia. Following lunch on board, you'll arrive at Merapoh station where you'll disembark for a truly extraordinary experience. Conservation is at the heart of the Eastern & Oriental Express philosophy and the Malayan tiger is the national animal of Malaysia, emblazoned on both the coat of arms and the train's emblem. As part of Eastern & Oriental's ongoing partnership with Save Wild Tigers, you're invited to discover the "tiger territory" of Taman Negara National Park, meeting local villagers and organisations who are working on the ground to protect this noble, critically endangered wild cat and its habitat. Taman Negara was formed 130 million years ago, making it one of the oldest tropical rainforests in the world. The dense jungle, wide rivers and lush mountains are home to wildlife ranging from water buffalo to macaques, tapirs to hornbills – a true explorer's paradise. Returning to the train, a lively evening with local entertainment awaits in the Piano Bar Car, preceded by a delicious dinner. Overnight aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express.

## **Wednesday 2 October 2024 (B/L/D) – Penang Island, aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express**

Enjoy breakfast and lunch on board, before alighting for the crossing to Penang Island. Here, you'll be treated to a choice of excursions designed to showcase Malaysia's cultural melting pot. Art lovers can explore Georgetown Old Quarter with a guide, delving into temples, a contemporary studio and an opera and puppet house. Foodies can embark on a discovery of Peranakan cooking, purchasing specialities from spice and grocery stores before mastering delicious local dishes in a cookery class. Or, for those who prefer to explore independently, there's the chance to hop on a tri-shaw, complete with driver and a map, to wind through Georgetown's historic streets and visit its attractions at your whim. Rejoin the train at Butterworth for a convivial final evening on board with sublime cuisine and fabulous entertainment. Overnight aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express.

## **Thursday 3 October 2024 (B) – arrive Singapore aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express**

Enjoy breakfast in your cabin or the Dining Car as you travel through the southernmost state of Johor, known for its beaches and rainforest. Course through expansive palm plantations dotted with traditional settlement homes before crossing the causeway over the Straits for a late-morning arrival into cosmopolitan Singapore. We transfer to our hotel, and the afternoon is free to explore – perhaps Chinatown or the modern shopping precincts around Orchard Road, Bugis and more – a light evening repast is appropriate after our dining on board the rails, and overnight Singapore.

## **Friday 4 October 2024 (B) – from Singapore to Australia (or Japan)**

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. Alternatively join us for some or all of our Japan Autumn Festivals and Colours tour to Japan, that commences on 6 October, 2024 in Tokyo. Fly from Singapore to Tokyo with Owen and Takako and enjoy two extra days in Tokyo before our tour begins.

## ACCOMMODATION, MEALS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Accommodation is in 5-star hotels in Singapore. Meals included are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon and (D) Dinner. (^) Transfer from Singapore 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 20 passengers. Bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$2,000 per person. **The tour fare is \$7,295\* per person (twin share) plus airfares from Australia – the supplement for sole use Pullman Cabin, and sole use of hotel rooms, is \$2,900.** The fare for the tour includes a twin (two berth) Pullman Cabin aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express – a limited number of superior cabins are available and are indicated below. The tour fare includes hotels and sightseeing as indicated in 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 AND FROM SINGAPORE

A range of flight options exist for travel from Australia to and from Singapore. Singapore 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, SarahManche, we will identify the best airfare to meet your travel needs. Business Class seating is also available on all flights. You are also welcome to make your own flight arrangements.

## 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. (Pullman Cabins are included in the tour fare.) State and Presidential Cabins have two lower beds at night. 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. We have obtained very special pricing available for our group. Fares for the tour include three nights aboard the E & O luxury train, including all meals, and three nights in a 5 star hotel in Singapore prior to the Eastern and Oriental Express, and one night in Singapore, at the conclusion, including breakfast.

### Eastern & Oriental Express Upgrade fares:

\$1,900 per person twin sharing in a State cabin  
\$4,800 per person sole use in a State cabin

Presidential Suites please call for pricing – 2024 rates apply for this stateroom category.

## 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. **Currency fluctuations** – the tour organiser reserves the right to adjust the tour price based on significant foreign exchange movement between the Australian Dollar and the United States Dollar. **Cancellation** fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non-refundable. After further payment towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation, sightseeing etc made on your behalf will incur cancellation 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, \$1000 per person; within three months, \$2000 per person. No refund will be made for cancellations after 1 July 2024. 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 only as the organiser of the tour. 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, pandemic, 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, visas, vaccinations, health requirements** – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. Obtaining all visas, vaccinations or other health requirements to meet the expectation of airlines or foreign governments is your responsibility. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport, visa, vaccination or health documents. **Special conditions relating to Government restrictions** – 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. **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.

## INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Sarah Manche, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover for the tour is your responsibility.

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## - Friday 27 September to Friday 4 October 2024 - Booking Form

### YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name: .....  
Address: ..... Suburb: ..... Postcode: .....  
Home tel: ..... Mobile: ..... Email: .....

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

..... Please book me/us to travel to and from with the recommended 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 Singapore, on 27 September 2024.

### 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.

..... Sole Use – single cabin and 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 our travel agent, Sarah Manche.

**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 Sarah Manche.

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