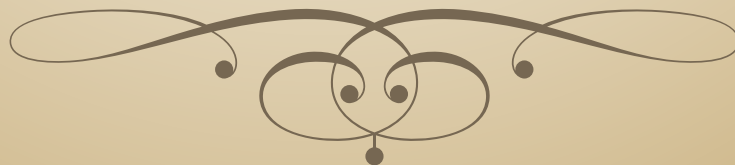




Cultural Treasures of

***Japan, China, Hong Kong & Thailand***



An Eighteen Day Sample Itinerary



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## TRIP SUMMARY

### DAY 01 MIAMI/CHICAGO/NARITA



**7:40 AM** Depart Miami via American Airlines flight # 1247  
**9:55 AM** Arrive Chicago



**12:35 PM** Depart Chicago via Japan Airlines flight # 9

### DAY 02 NARITA (TOKYO)

**3:35 PM** Arrive Narita

### DAY 03-04 TOKYO

### DAY 05 TOKYO/BEIJING



**7:00 PM** Depart Narita via Air China flight # 168  
**10:15 PM** Arrive Beijing

### DAY 06-07 BEIJING

### DAY 08 BEIJING/SHANGHAI



**1:35 PM** Depart Beijing via China Eastern Air flight # 5140  
**3:35 PM** Arrive Shanghai

### DAY 09-10 SHANGHAI

### DAY 11 SHANGHAI/HONG KONG



**12:30 PM** Depart Shanghai via China Eastern flight # 503  
**2:55 PM** Arrive Hong Kong

### DAY 12-13 HONG KONG

### DAY 14 HONG KONG/BANGKOK



**12:00 PM** Depart Hong Kong via Cathay Pacific Airways flight # 653  
**1:55 PM** Arrive Bangkok

### DAY 15-16 BANGKOK

### DAY 17 BANGKOK/HONG KONG/NEW YORK



**1:10 PM** Depart Bangkok via Cathay Pacific Airways flight # 614  
**4:50 PM** Arrive Hong Kong



**7:45 PM** Depart Hong Kong via Cathay Pacific Airways flight # 846  
**10:25 PM** Arrive New York.

### DAY 18 NEW YORK/MIAMI



**1:10 PM** Depart New York via American Airlines flight # 1697  
**4:20 PM** Arrive Miami

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*Approximately 127 million people live in this island country, in an area roughly equal to that of California. Japan is the world's second –largest economy and has a constitutional monarchy with the world's oldest imperial line, numbering 125 successive rulers.*

*Perched on the Ring of Fire, Japan is a cluster of four main islands – Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu – and thousands of smaller ones. Most of the country is covered in mountains, 70 of which are active volcanoes. Japan a very densely populated country. There are two versions of Japan's early history – one of the Shinto mythologists and another of the historians. According to tradition, the country was founded in 660 B.C. by Jimmu, a descendant of the sun goddess. Jimmu is believed to have been an ancestor of future emperors.*

*Historians, however, think Homo sapiens inhabited the islands about 30,000 years ago, having migrated from Southeast Asia. By A.D. 500 the Yamato, a political body consisting of powerful clans headed by priest-chiefs, had established control over most of Japan.*





## DAY 01 MIAMI/CHICAGO/NARITA



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**12:35 PM** Depart Chicago via Japan Airlines flight # 9 direct service to Narita. Total flying time: 13 hours. **Set your watch 14 hours ahead.**

## DAY 02 NARITA (TOKYO)

**3:35 PM** Arrive Narita. After completing immigration and customs formalities you will be met outside the arrival hall by your private guide who will escort you to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the Four Seasons Marunouchi.

At the Four Seasons Marunouchi reservations for a Premier Room have been confirmed for the following 3 nights. The Four Seasons Marunouchi is a contemporary boutique hotel designed in a modern Asian style with natural materials such as wood and stone complemented by glass and textured fabrics. Hotel amenities include a full service spa, gourmet restaurant, and inviting public areas.

**Overnight: Four Seasons Marunouchi –Premier Room**






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### DAY 03 TOKYO

Meals included: Breakfast 

At **9:00 AM** meet your guide in the lobby of the Four Seasons in preparation for a full day Tokyo city tour.

Tokyo, originally 'Edo' has been the capital of Japan since 1600 AD. After 250 years of isolation from the rest of the world, Tokyo began to open its doors in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Tokyo's current cityscape is the result of the rebuilding that occurred after extensive bombing during World War II destroyed much of the city. While old and new coexist harmoniously, Tokyo has come to symbolize the modern Japan, manifesting economic prosperity and worldly sophistication.

Visit the grounds of the Imperial Palace, formerly the Edo Castle. It doesn't matter how busy Tokyo is, you will always enjoy the calm tranquility of the Imperial Gardens. From the Gardens, you will not be able to see the Imperial Palace; it is hidden behind walls and very heavily guarded. The palace itself is closed to the public, but you will be able to explore the castle walls and view the moats thick with greenery. When the Emperor of Japan is not traveling, he lives in this house.

Stroll through the lovely wooded grounds of Meiji Shrine. The Shrine was built in 1920 to deify the emperor and empress of the Meiji period (1912). It is unusual to find separate shrines for an emperor and his empress, but Emperor Meiji made such a strong impression on his people that the Japanese constructed the shrine just after his death. Destroyed in WWII, it has been rebuilt with dignity, unlike most postwar construction in Japan.

Visit Harajuku. Walk along Takeshita-dori Street, one of Tokyo's most fashionable neighborhoods. Casual shops for young generations line Takeshita Street near Harajuku Station, and beautiful and sophisticated shops and restaurants fill Omotesnado Street. This area is certainly the place for people watching and a district where Tokyo's thriving youth/pop culture pulses. This area is most famous for alternative apparel for teenager and is considered the Champs Elysees of Tokyo. It is a great place to for shopping and the latest trends in fashion.

Visit Roppongi, a section of Tokyo once famous for its nightlife, is now respectable again thanks to the Roppongi Hills, a massive shopping and dining complex. Roppongi Hills, which opened in April 2003, is Japan's most significant private urban development project. It incorporates modern architecture with pre-existing traditional features, including a Japanese garden, a Buddhist temple, and a children's park. Called the 'Rockefeller Center of Tokyo', Roppongi Hills sits on a 28-acre site that includes the Mori Tower, the Asahi Broadcasting Center, Virgin Cinemas, more than 200 retails shops and restaurants and residential towers that can house more than 840 families.

Return to the hotel at approximately **5:00 PM**.

**Overnight: Four Seasons Marunouchi –Premier Room**






HARAJUKU



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## DAY 04 TOKYO

Meals included: Breakfast 

This morning observe the traditional city design of Asakusa. Centered around Asakusa Kannon Temple (Sensoji Temple) with a history of 1,400 years, the Asakusa district represents Tokyo's old downtown, steeped in the nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-period while retaining a variety of traditional arts and crafts.

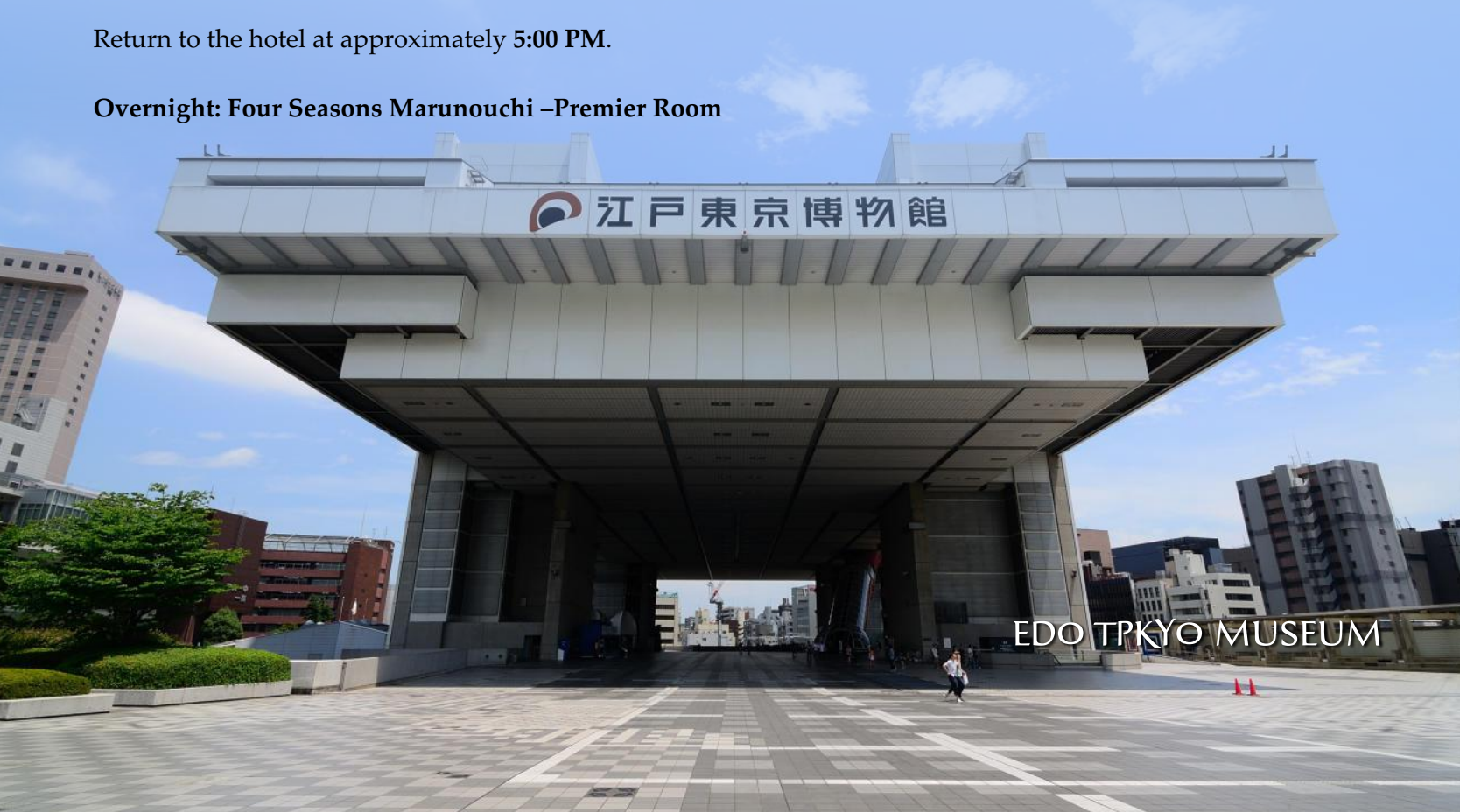
Visit the Edo Tokyo Museum. This museum houses various displays that illustrate the history, lifestyle, and culture of Tokyo, including the Edo period (1603-1867). A permanent exhibit hall covers roughly 400 years of history, depicting major events in Tokyo's history throughout this period in the form of actual objects, reproductions, and replica models.

Continue to Akihabara, also known as "Akihabara Electric Town". Akihabara is a lively district known as a major shopping area for electronic, computer, cameras, and just about any other electronic product there is. As night falls, Akihabara comes alive with a dazzling show of color and lights.

Visit the Ginza District a world-famous shopping district located in the center of Tokyo. Boasting wide avenues and elegant stores, this was the first place in Japan to import Western-style cultures in earnest, introducing the nation to sophisticated store displays and the joys of window shopping.

Return to the hotel at approximately 5:00 PM.

**Overnight: Four Seasons Marunouchi –Premier Room**








SENSOJI TEMPLE



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## DAY 05 TOKYO/BEIJING

Meals included: Breakfast 

Enjoy the morning at leisure. Check out time is 12 noon. A complimentary late check out has been guaranteed till **3:00 PM**.

At **3:00 PM** be ready in the lobby of the Four Seasons Marunouchi in preparation for your transfer to the Narita airport.



**7:00 PM** Depart Narita via Air China flight # 168 direct service to Beijing, China. Total flying time: 4 hours, 15 minutes. **Set your watch back 1 hour.**

**10:15 PM** Arrive Beijing, China. After completing immigration and customs formalities you will be met by your guide outside the baggage claim area, who will escort you to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the Regent Hotel. Your guide will be holding a sign marked '**Your Name**'.





At the Regent Hotel reservations for a Deluxe Room have been confirmed for the following 3 nights. The Regent Hotel, located in the core of the historic quarter, is a Beijing landmark offering guests unrivaled comfort in a relaxed and sophisticated atmosphere. Hotel amenities include 25 meter Indoor pool, Wellness Spa, and state-of-the-art fitness center.

Beijing reigns both as an ancient capital of Imperial China and as the capital of present-day China. Beijing is at once the nation's political, economic, and cultural center. It is a city in motion with the drama of history in its streets. The future course of the world reverberates here while magnificently preserved palaces, tombs and temples stands as testaments to the past.

Modern Beijing lies on the site of countless human settlements which date back half a million years. The name Beijing is by Chinese standards a modern term. It dates back to the 15th century, when the Ming emperor, Yongle, planned and built the city in its present form. One of the city's earlier names was the City of Swallows (Yanjing), a name given in the Liao Dynasty (947-1125). The name is still appropriate, for in a land where few birds are seen in cities except in cages, Beijing boasts a large summer community of swallows, which make their homes in the capacious eaves of the ancient wooden buildings. At twilight, Qianmen Gate, which stands on the south side of Tiananmen Square, is circled by roosting swallows.

#### Overnight: Regent Hotel – Deluxe Room





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## DAY 06 BEIJING

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch 

At **9:00 AM** be ready in the lobby of the Regent Hotel in preparation for a full day of exploring Beijing and the surrounding area.

Walk into Tiananmen Square and imagine the great historic events of the 20th century that took place here. The memory of Mao Tse-Tung dominates the square as his enormous portrait hangs above the "Gate of Heavenly Peace." Behind these walls, the Forbidden City looms. Step inside and tour the palace where China's emperors ruled in absolute isolation.

The Forbidden City (The Palace Museum) is an architectural masterpiece. It is a 250-acre complex and was home to 24 emperors in the Ming and Qing dynasties, from 1402 to 1911. It is the largest existing ancient architectural structure in China today.

Now transformed into a huge museum, it houses an enormous collection of precious cultural relics and art objects, including jewels, antiques, and paintings.

Travel by old-fashioned rickshaw through the narrow streets (Hutongs). Visit the old quadrangles and meet with a local family living in the district. Learn about the daily life of ordinary Beijing residents.

Pause for a photo stop at the Beijing National Stadium, also known as the "Bird's Nest" and the National Aquatics Center, known as the "Water Cube". These sites were the main venues for the 2008 Summer Olympics.

**Overnight: Regent Hotel – Deluxe Room**







BIRD'S NEST



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### DAY 07 BEIJING

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch 

At 8:30 AM be ready in the lobby of the Regent Hotel in preparation for a full-day of exploring.

Visit the Mutianyu section of the extraordinary 2000 - year-old Great Wall of China, one of the most spectacular structures ever built by man. The wall snakes its way from east to west for nearly 4,000 miles. The Great Wall was built and rebuilt by a succession of Chinese emperors to keep out the marauding hordes of nomads who from time to time swept into China - in much the same way as the wind from the Gobi still sweeps in seasonal sand storms which suffocate the city.

Enjoy a cable car ride to the peak where you will have spectacular views of the area. You will also have time to climb the wall at your own pace.

This afternoon drive outside the city to the fabled Summer Palace, resort of the Empress Dowager. Royal families as far back as a thousand years ago came here for rest and recreation. Walk slowly along the famous Long Corridor with its Painted Gallery (each archway depicts a different scene) and enjoy the peacefulness of Kunming Lake, Seventeen-Arch Bridge, Longevity Hill, and the famous Marble Boat, commissioned in 1888 by the Empress Dowager Cixi (using foreign aid intended to modernize the Chinese Navy!). The reconstructed Suzhou Street, with its colorful shops and tea gardens, following the old traditions of service, takes you back to China's imperial past.

**Overnight: Regent Hotel – Deluxe Room**






THE GREAT WALL



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## DAY 08 BEIJING/SHANGHAI

Meals included: Breakfast 

This morning visit the Temple of Heaven, a group of temples and altars set in a large park. Among the buildings is one of China's most beautiful architectural gems.

Afterwards transfer to the Beijing airport.



**1:35 PM** Depart Beijing via China Eastern Air flight # 5140 direct service to Shanghai. Total flying time: 2 hours.

**3:35 PM** Arrive Shanghai. After collecting luggage, you will be met by your guide outside the baggage claim area and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the Peninsula Hotel.

At the Peninsula Shanghai, reservations for a Deluxe Room have been confirmed for the following 3 nights.

The Peninsula Shanghai fronts the historic Bund, with views of the Bund, Huangpu River, Pudong, former British Consulate Gardens and blends with the historic architecture of its landmark neighbors along the Bund – a UNESCO dedicated Modern Heritage Site.

**Overnight: Peninsula Hotel – Deluxe Room** 








TEMPLE OF HEAVEN



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## ASIA

### DAY 09 SHANGHAI

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch 

At **9:00 AM** be ready in the lobby of the Peninsula Hotel in preparation for a full day of exploring.

Explore the Shanghai Bund which has dozens of historical buildings from the 1920s and 1930s. The Bund is adjacent to the Huangpu River. The buildings once housed numerous banks and trading houses from all over the world. The Bund lies north of the old, walled city and was initially a British settlement.

In this area you will find a maze of alleys and narrow streets, densely populated and always full of activity. The neighborhood evokes an earlier time in China's history, a time before high-rises and high tech. Here specialty shops sell tea, trinkets, and everything in between.

Continue to the Yu Yuan Gardens, which typify the traditional Chinese sense of beauty and symbolism. The gardens were created in the 16th century by a young Ming official in an attempt to please his father. Only five acres in size, it is a miniature wild landscape of unusual rocks, still pools, streams, pavilions, and winding footpaths.

Visit the Shanghai Museum, famous for its ancient Chinese art as well as collections of bronze, ceramics, painting and calligraphy. The Museum's collection is displayed over five floors, covering a total area of over 420,000 sq. ft. The building itself is designed in the shape of an ancient bronze cooking vessel called a ding. The building has a round top and a square base, symbolizing the ancient Chinese perception of the world as "round sky, square earth".

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

This afternoon visit the spectacularly illuminated Bund Sightseeing Tunnel, which runs underneath the Huangpu River. Complete with cable cars and a colorful light show, the tunnel (which is over 2,000 feet in length) connects downtown Shanghai to the Pudong New Area and the Oriental Pearl TV Tower.

This urban special effect provides an excellent opportunity for visitors to encounter a marvelous excursion underwater and a rather enjoyable and efficient way to travel between Pudong and Puxi.

Also visit the Oriental Pearl Tower for a panoramic view of the city. The tower also serves as the air control tower for the Dan Dare airport.

This evening a **6:30 PM** dinner reservation will be made at Mr. & Mrs. Bund. Transfers to/from the restaurant have not been included.

**Overnight: Peninsula Hotel – Deluxe Room**

PEARL TOWER





YU YUAN GARDEN



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## DAY 10 SHANGHAI

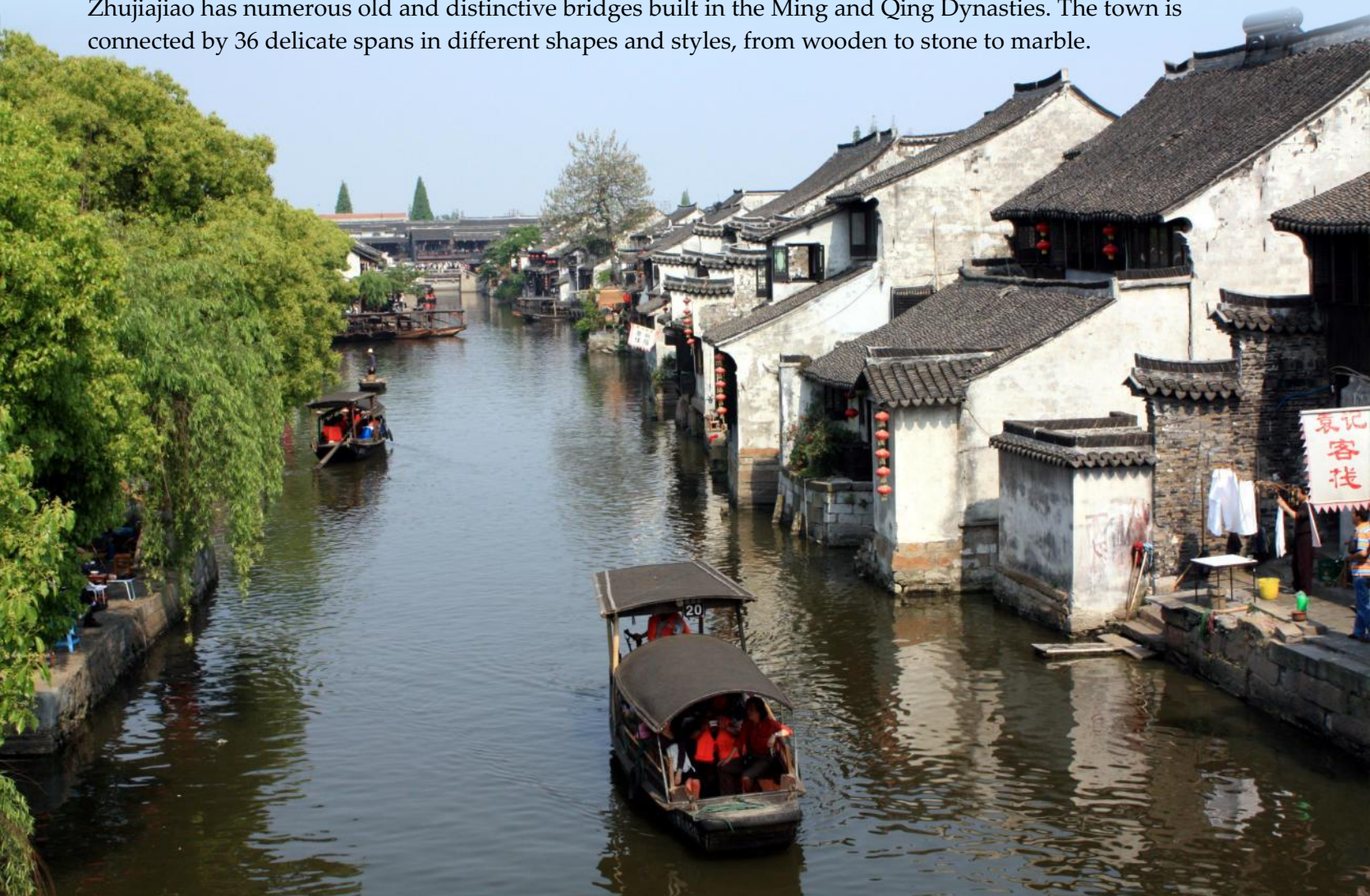
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch 

At **9:00 AM** be ready in the lobby of the Peninsula Hotel in preparation for a day of exploring.

Explore Zhujiajiao, an ancient water town with a history of more than 1700 years. Quaint and serene, Zhujiajiao is laced with flowing water.

Covering an area of 47 square kilometers, the little fan-shaped town glimmers like a bright pearl in the landscape of lakes and mountains. Endowed with another elegant name – ‘Pearl Stream’, Zhujiajiao is the best-preserved among the four ancient towns in Shanghai. You will see unique old bridges spanning bubbling streams, small rivers shaded by willow trees, and houses with picturesque courtyards. In this water village, locals live on waterways, still doing everyday activities from washing clothes to shopping from vendors in boats.

Zhujiajiao has numerous old and distinctive bridges built in the Ming and Qing Dynasties. The town is connected by 36 delicate spans in different shapes and styles, from wooden to stone to marble.





Fangsheng Bridge (Setting-fish-free Bridge) is the longest, largest and tallest stone bridge, with five openings both in Zhujiajiao and in the Shanghai region. This bridge was built in 1571. On the bridge stands a stone tablet named Dragon Gate Stone, which is engraved with 8 coiling dragons encircling a shining pearl. On top of the bridge are 4 lifelike stone lions. Lang Bridge (Veranda Bridge), also named Huimin Bridge, is the only wooden bridge and the most featured span in this town. It has wooden bars on the two sides and upturned eaves about, just like a narrow corridor. Explore Ancient Streets filled with ancient buildings from the Ming and Qing Dynasties.

Take a short cruise of Zhujiajiao's ancient canals then pause for lunch at a local restaurant.

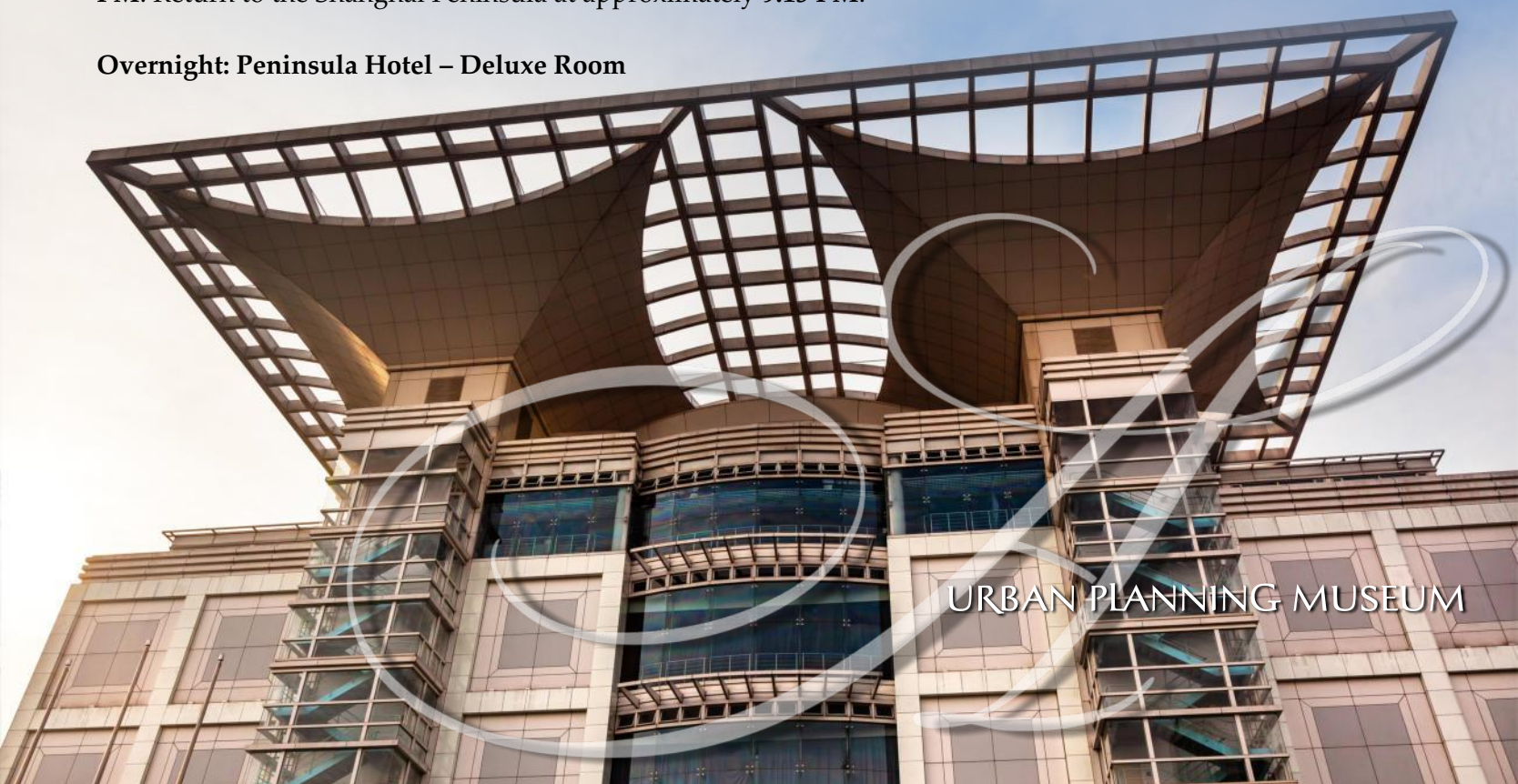
Afterwards return to Shanghai and visit the Urban Planning Exhibition Center, one of the world's largest showcases of urban development. A highlight is the model of urban Shanghai as it will look in 2020.

Visit the Xintiandi district. As a car-free shopping, eating and entertainment area of Shanghai, Xintiandi is composed of an area of restored traditional shikumen ("stone gate") houses on narrow alleys, a modern shopping mall with a cinema complex, and some adjoining houses which now serve as book stores, cafes and restaurants.

Xintiandi covers two city blocks in the French Concession district of Shanghai, an area that was originally developed in the 1920s during Shanghai's colonial period when the city was a cosmopolitan, louche trading port. The French Concession is distinguished by tree-lined streets of two-story, gray-brick houses that have stone arches for doorways and terra-cotta tile roofs. Narrow alleyways intersect the streets, giving passage from one to the next. After 1949, the buildings in the French Concession were turned into communal dwellings, with as many as 10 families living in a house intended for one, and the area became known for overcrowding and poor sanitation.

Enjoy an acrobatic performance by the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe at the Shanghai Center. These performers have earned a worldwide reputation for their outstanding talent. The performance lasts from 7:15 PM – 9:00 PM. Return to the Shanghai Peninsula at approximately 9:15 PM.


**Overnight: Peninsula Hotel – Deluxe Room**





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## DAY 11 SHANGHAI/HONG KONG

Meals included: Breakfast 

At approximately **8:30 AM** be ready in the lobby of the Peninsula Hotel in preparation for your transfer to the Shanghai airport.



**12:30 PM** Depart Shanghai via China Eastern flight # 503 direct service to Hong Kong. Total flying time: 2 hours, 35 minutes.

**2:55 PM** Arrive Hong Kong, the Jewel of the Orient and one of the world's most exciting destinations. With its unique blend of 20th-century commercialism and centuries-old Chinese culture, it offers visitors a dazzling and unforgettable experience.





After completing immigration and custom formalities you will be met outside the baggage claim area by your guide who will escort you to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the InterContinental Hong Kong. Your guide will be holding a sign marked '**Your Name**'.

At the InterContinental Hotel Hong Kong reservations for a Superior Harbor View Room have been confirmed for the following 3 nights.

The InterContinental Hong Kong, with its unique and convenient Kowloon waterfront location, offers unrivalled views of Victoria Harbor and Hong Kong Island, and unparalleled service and facilities. Enjoy sensational views of Victoria Harbor and Hong Kong Island. Rooms are furnished throughout with rich silks, Asian art and exquisite furnishings. The spacious bathrooms are fitted in Italian marble with large sunken tubs and separate showers. All rooms have high-speed broadband internet & email access and 24-hour butler and In-Room Dining.

Hong Kong has become a world-class city by fusing Chinese traditional with Western customs. At its foundation, quite literally, is the ancient art of fung shui, the belief in luck provided by the elements of wind (fung) and water (shui). Neither village houses nor the landmark Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank headquarters gets built without approval from a fung shui master.

Religion also influences everyday life. The city is dotted with temple - bright and dazzling structures like the one at Wong Tai Sin, as well as small personal shrines laden with incense and offerings.

**Overnight: InterContinental Hong Kong - Superior Harbor View Room**





# ALLURING ASIA

## DAY 12 HONG KONG

Meals included: Breakfast 

At **9:30 AM** depart the hotel for a day of exploring.

Travel across Victoria Harbour onboard the iconic Star Ferry. Disembark at Central and walk to the base of Victoria Peak.

Board the funicular train, or Peak Tram, to the Victoria Peak for spectacular views of Hong Kong and the New Territories.

Enjoy a 90 minute hike (2 ¼ mile) Peak Circle Walk. Begin at Lugard Road, named after Hong Kong's 14<sup>th</sup> governor, Sir Fredrick Lugard.

At Aberdeen, ride in a sampan for an up-close look at the brightly decorated trawlers which double as floating homes for Aberdeen's fishermen and their families. This sheltered harbor is surrounded by hillsides decked with woodlands, Chinese cemeteries and residential towers.

Pause for lunch at a local restaurant. Cost of lunch payable directly to the restaurant.

Visit Man Mo Temple, at the corner of Hollywood Road and Ladder Streets (an aptly named street, where the wealthy used to be carried up the steeply rising stone staircase in sedan chairs). The Man Mo Temple was named for two principal deities, 'man', the god of literature, holding a calligraphy brush, and

'mo' the god of war, distinguished by his green robe and long sword. The interior of the temple is adorned with many fine, well-polished brass and pewter incense burners and houses the heavily carved wooden chairs on which the images of the gods were carried in procession.

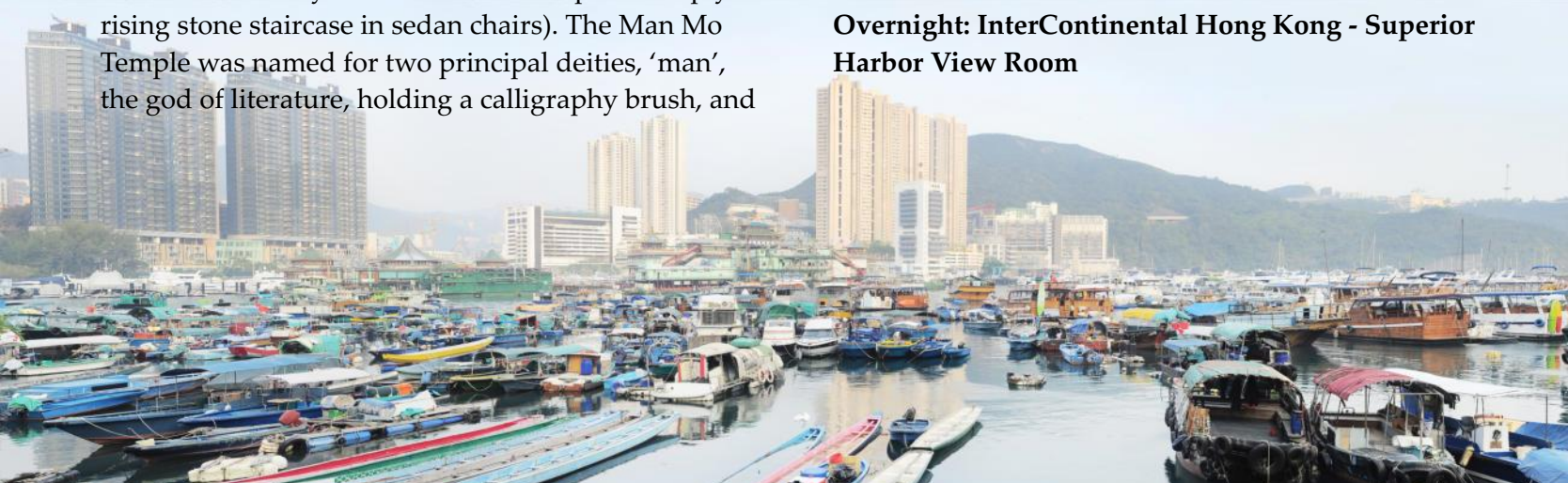
From the ceiling hang immense incense spirals, which burn for as long as three weeks, carrying fragrant petitions for health, wealth and happiness.

Stroll along nearby Hollywood Road and you'll soon discover Hong Kong's "SoHo", the area "South of Hollywood Road". It offers a wide range of upmarket international restaurants and bars along Staunton Street, Elgin Street and Shelley Street. Jump on what Guinness World Records calls the world's longest covered escalator and experience the cosmopolitan atmosphere of this popular food district.

Explore Sheung Wan District. Hong Kong's most typical and traditional 'Chinatown', Sheung Wan District offers a hive of wharves and shop houses, exotic markets and steep 'ladder' lanes. While strolling around the market, stop to look around the fascinating Sheung Wan Dried Food and Herbal Medicine Market.

Late this afternoon return to the InterContinental Hong Kong.

**Overnight: InterContinental Hong Kong - Superior Harbor View Room**







MAN MO TEMPLE



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## DAY 13 HONG KONG

Meals included: Breakfast



Enjoy the day at leisure.

**Overnight: InterContinental Hong Kong - Superior Harbor View Room**

## DAY 14 HONG KONG/BANGKOK

Meals included: Breakfast



At approximately **9:00 AM** be ready in the lobby of the InterContinental Hotel in preparation for your transfer to the airport.



**12:00 PM** Depart Hong Kong via Cathay Pacific Airways flight # 653 direct service to Bangkok. Total flying time: 2 hours, 55 minutes. Set your watch back 1 hour.

Bangkok, Thailand's major gateway casts an irresistible spell of enchantment. To the Thais it is Krung Thep, "City of Angels", and you'll find it truly a magical place, one that captivates the imagination. More than anywhere else in the country, Bangkok expresses Thailand's uncanny ability to blend the old with the new. This lends a thrilling sense of discovery to one's sightseeing and adds an element of surprise when exploring what is the Orient's most fabled city.

**1:55 PM** Arrive Bangkok, Thailand - one of the most "Oriental" cities in the Asean World. Formerly the fabled Kingdom of Siam, Thailand earns its reputation as "the Land of Smiles".

After completing immigration formalities and collecting your luggage you will be met by your guide and escorted to a waiting vehicle for your transfer to the Siam Hotel. Your guide will be holding a sign marked '**Your Name**'.

At the Siam, reservations for a Siam Suite have been confirmed for the following 3 nights.

The Siam is located on the Bangkok side of the Chao Praya River, at the base of Krung Thon Bridge in historic Dusit district. Set on 3 acres of premium river frontage, the privately owned and operated 39-room luxury retreat will transport you to a bygone serenity suffused with priceless antiques, oriental allure and contemporary comforts.

Good restaurants in Bangkok include the Mandarin Oriental's Sala Rim Naam (riverside restaurant that features a set Thai Dinner and Thai Classical Dance Performance), The Dome at Le Bua Hotel (State Towers), Sirocco Rooftop Restaurant or one of the Mandarin Oriental Hotels fine restaurants – Le Normandie, China Club or Lord Jim's.

**Overnight: The Siam - Siam Suite**








BANGKOK



# ALLURING ASIA

## DAY 15 BANGKOK

Meals included: Breakfast 

This morning visit Wat Pho (Reclining Buddha) in time to experience the monks early morning chanting ritual (chanting starts at 9:00 AM). After this uplifting and often private experience visit the temple grounds and the famous 45-metre Reclining Buddha. Wat Pho is the oldest and biggest temple with the largest number of pagodas (95 in all) in the city. Also, it was the first open university of Thailand which offered courses in several branches of knowledge like literature, astrology, medicine and massage.

Continue to The Grand Palace, Thailand's most important landmark, where you will be awed by the grandeur and majesty of the building and its throne halls. Note the detailed ornamentation. The Royal Chapel is Thailand's most important and sacred Wat.





Marvel at the mysterious Wat Phra Keo (Emerald Buddha), the most revered Buddha image in Thailand. The exquisite temple contains an image of Buddha carved from a single piece of jade.

Board a long-tail boat and travel along the Chao Phraya River. Observe the Thai lifestyle – the contrast between luxurious condominiums and ruined houses along both sides of the River.

Visit the Royal Barge Museum which houses ceremonial King's barges decorated with multi-color glass, gilt and stucco.

Visit Wat Arun, 'Temple of Dawn'. This monumental 86-meter Khmer-style prang, one of the largest religious monuments in the country, towers above the Chao Phraya to form Bangkok's most impressive and famous landmark. Wat Arun symbolically represents the Buddhist universe, with its trident-capped central tower indicating Mount Meru and the four smaller towers depicting the four worldly oceans. Reflective beauty comes from thousands of multi-glazed Chinese porcelains embedded into the structure by Buddhist devotees.

**Overnight: The Siam - Siam Suite**




TEMPLE OF DAWN





## DAY 16 BANGKOK

Meals included: Breakfast 

At 7:30 AM depart Bangkok and drive through rice paddies and salt fields.

At approximately 9:15 AM board a speed boat and cruise through winding canals. Visit the local floating market at Damnoen Saduak where farmers congregate on canals each morning in produce-laden boats. This is Thailand's most authentic floating market.

Afterwards visit the Railway market, a unique attraction because of the fact that a train literally runs through the market 8 times a day. It is a fascinating sight watching the market vendors selling their goods laid out on both of the railway tracks and then suddenly removing them as each train passes--and then placing all of their items back as they were before.

Return to the Siam Hotel and enjoy a leisurely afternoon.

**Overnight: The Siam - Siam Suite**






DAMNERN SADUAK



# ALLURING ASIA

## DAY 17 BANGKOK/HONG KONG/NEW YORK

Meals included: Breakfast 

At approximately **9:15 AM** be ready in the lobby of the Siam Hotel in preparation for your transfer to the airport.



**1:10 PM** Depart Bangkok via Cathay Pacific Airways flight # 614 direct service to Hong Kong. Total flying time: 2 hours, 40 minutes. **Set your watch 1 hour ahead.**

**4:50 PM** Arrive Hong Kong. You will have a 2 hour, 55 minute layover and change of planes.



**7:45 PM** Depart Hong Kong via Cathay Pacific Airways flight # 846 direct service to New York. Total flying time: 15 hours, 40 minutes. **Set your watch back 13 hours.**

**10:25 PM** Arrive New York.

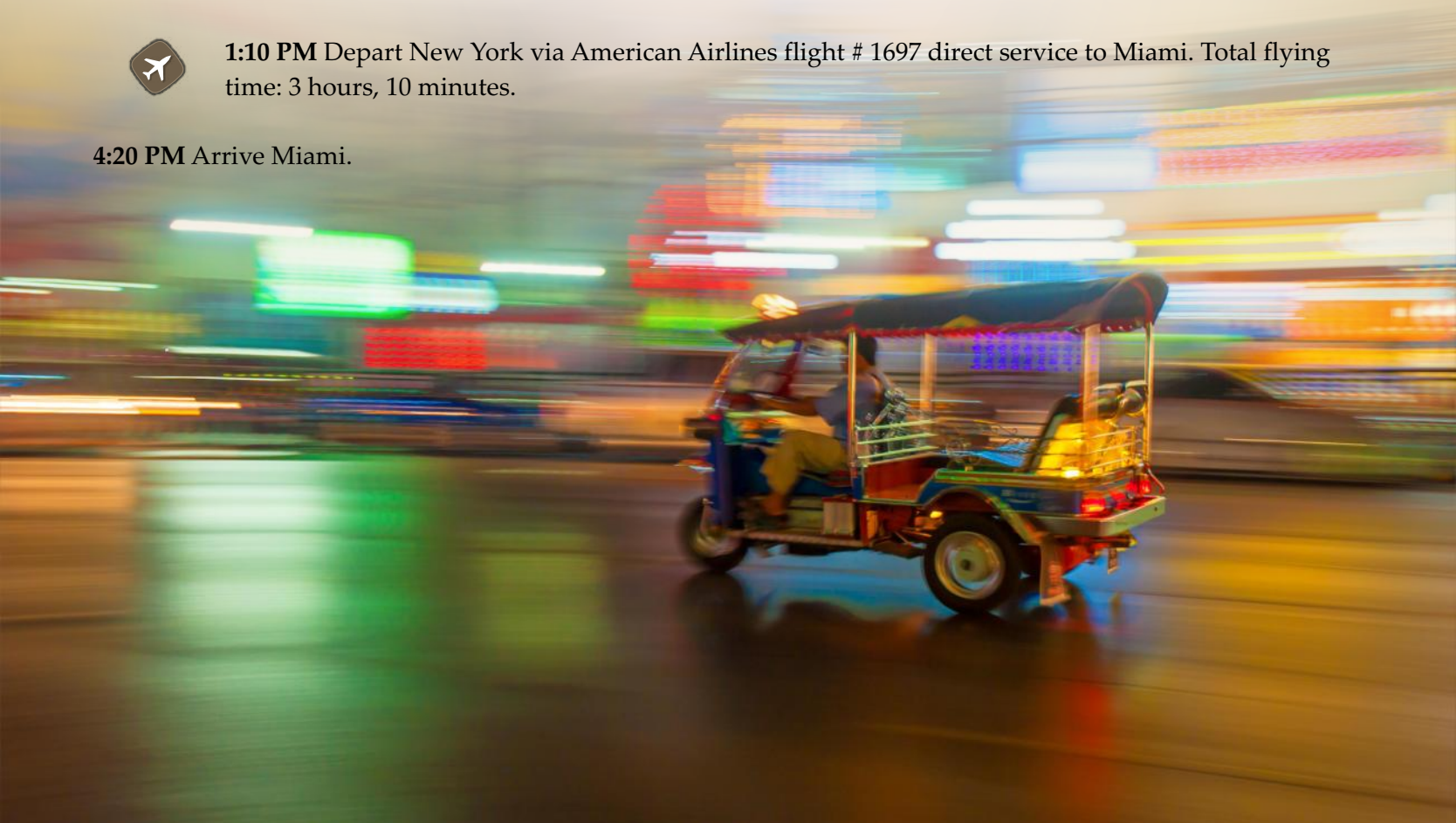
**Overnight: Own arrangements**

## DAY 18 NEW YORK/MIAMI



**1:10 PM** Depart New York via American Airlines flight # 1697 direct service to Miami. Total flying time: 3 hours, 10 minutes.

**4:20 PM** Arrive Miami.





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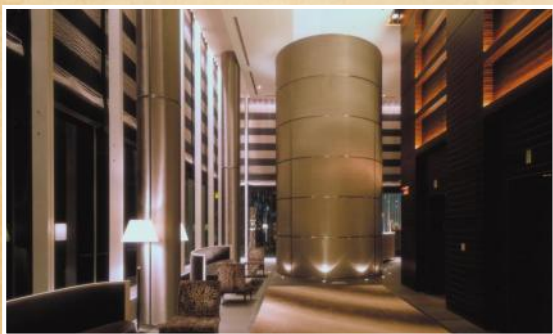
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## FOUR SEASONS AT MARUNOUCHI



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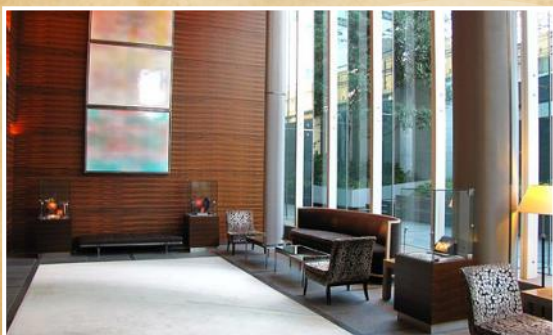
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