PREMIUM SMALL GROUP TOURS



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Explorations

BY Travellers. FOR Travellers.®

ASIA

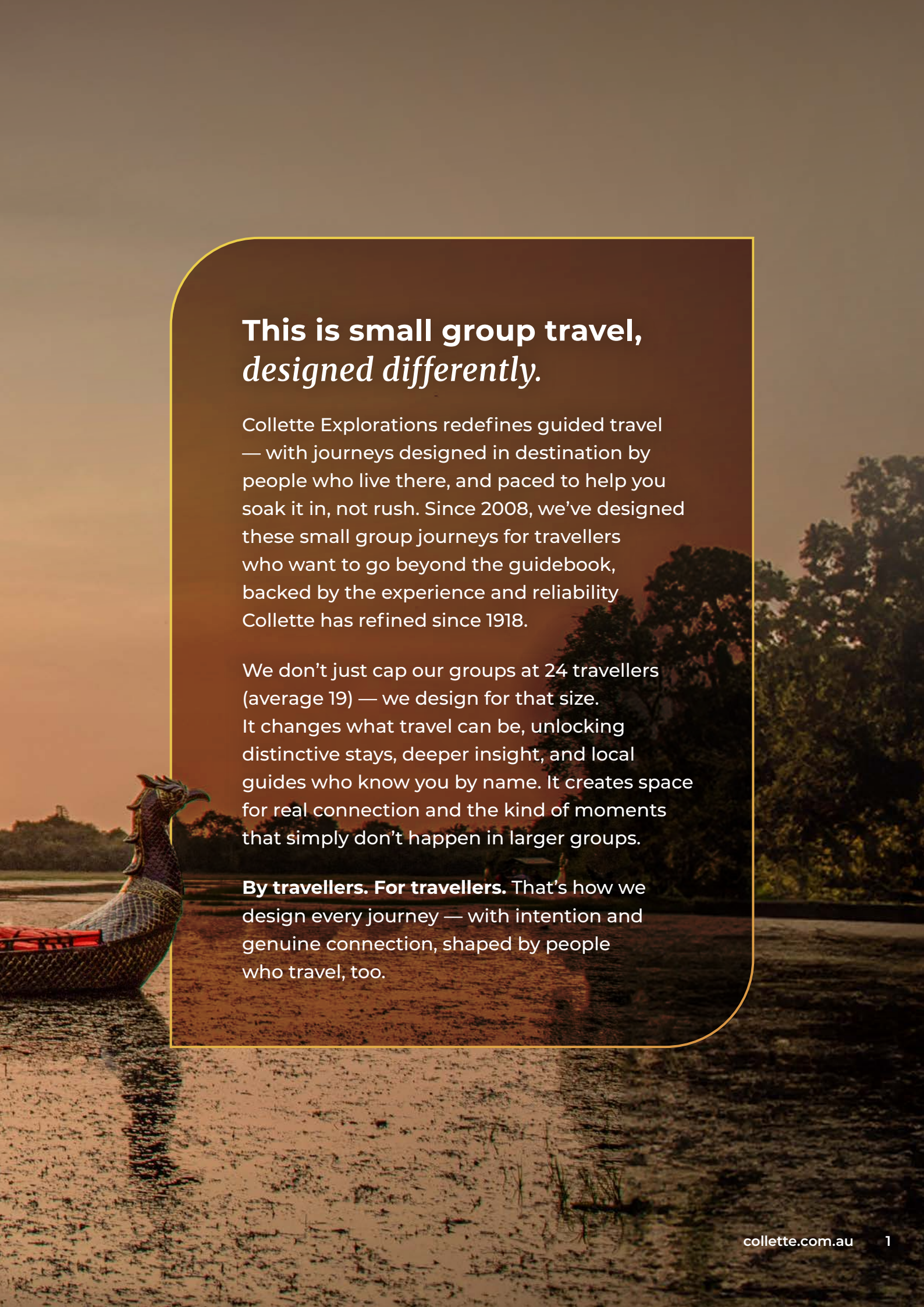
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This is small group travel, *designed differently.*

Collette Explorations redefines guided travel — with journeys designed in destination by people who live there, and paced to help you soak it in, not rush. Since 2008, we've designed these small group journeys for travellers who want to go beyond the guidebook, backed by the experience and reliability Collette has refined since 1918.

We don't just cap our groups at 24 travellers (average 19) — we design for that size. It changes what travel can be, unlocking distinctive stays, deeper insight, and local guides who know you by name. It creates space for real connection and the kind of moments that simply don't happen in larger groups.

By travellers. For travellers. That's how we design every journey — with intention and genuine connection, shaped by people who travel, too.



Asia Rewards the Curious.

Collette brings you closer.

In Thailand, you'll share a meal with Lanna locals who pass down recipes through generations. In Japan, you'll meet ama divers who still harvest the sea the way they have for centuries. Eat where the locals eat. Walk streets that don't make the highlight reel. Hear the stories you won't find in guidebooks, told by the people who live them every day.

This is travel that goes beyond the surface — rich, immersive, and unforgettable.

Sukhothai Historical Park



By *Travellers.* For *Travellers.*®

Our Asia tours are built by people who live there. The ones who know which streets to wander, what's worth your time, and know all the best ways to bring their home to life.

Drift through Bangkok's canals by longtail boat. Wake up in a ryokan. Spend an afternoon exactly how you want. These are journeys that take you beyond the guidebook, paced to help you soak it all in.

By travellers. For travellers. That's how we design every journey — with genuine connection and deeper insight, shaped by people who travel, too.





Yoshiko and Iliyas

In-Destination Experts: Asia

Meet Yoshiko and Iliyas, experts who create and lead tours across Asia — connecting you to the places they call home.

In Japan, Yoshiko guides travellers through places like the Senso-ji Buddhist Temple, sharing personal stories like how a monk there gave her her name.

In India, Iliyas designs journeys that include iconic sights like the Taj Mahal alongside moments of connection with local families.

For them, and all our designers and tour managers around the world, sharing their home and culture with you is more than a job — it's their passion.



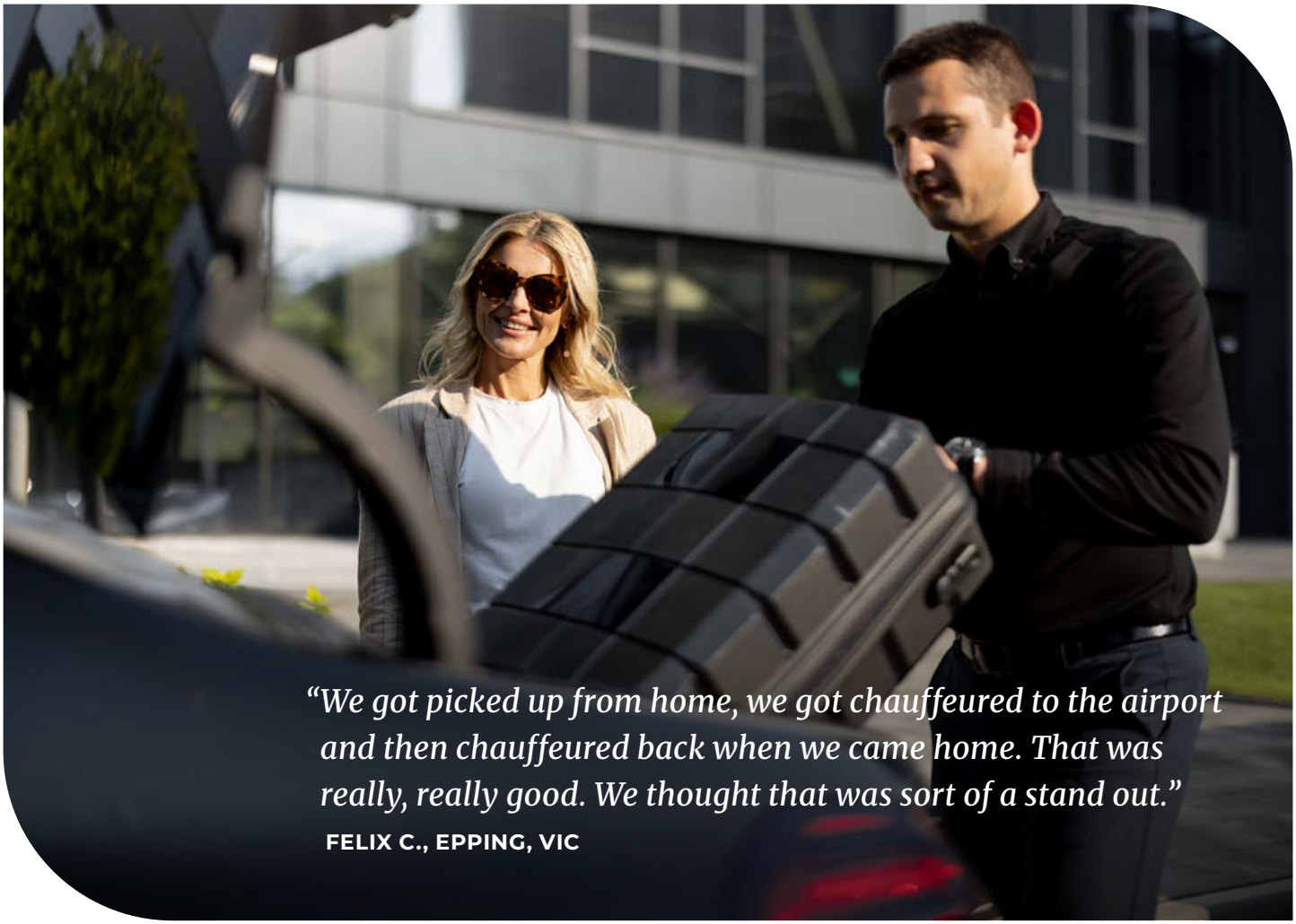
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Peace of Mind *Included by Design*

With Collette, peace of mind is built into the journey from the very beginning — and it's part of what makes Collette Explorations feel different, even before you arrive in destination.

Vietnam



"We got picked up from home, we got chauffeured to the airport and then chauffeured back when we came home. That was really, really good. We thought that was sort of a stand out."

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NEW! PRIVATE HOME-TO-AIRPORT CHAUFFEUR SERVICE

We get it — getting to and from the airport can be a bit of a hassle. But with Collette, it's designed to be a better experience.

On travel day, sit back and relax because private roundtrip, home-to-airport chauffeur service is included on every Collette Explorations tour* — making the transition from home to holiday (and back again) feel effortless.

*Private home-to-airport chauffeur service is included on land-only Explorations bookings. Travellers must live within 50kms of SYD, MEL, ADL, BNE, PER, or AKL airports. Ask our reservations team about surcharge pricing outside of 51km range.

CANCEL FOR ANY REASON, GET YOUR MONEY BACK

Plans change — and that's okay. That's why our Cancellation Waiver is included, giving you the flexibility to cancel for any reason up to 24 hours before departure and receive a full refund (minus deposit). No vouchers. No future credits.

GUARANTEED TO GO

When we say we're going, we're going. Guaranteed departures will never cancel due to lower-than-expected numbers. With thousands of guaranteed departure dates available, you can book with full confidence.

24/7 EMERGENCY CARE

With Collette, you're never on your own. Our global support and in-destination teams keep trips running seamlessly, no matter what unfolds.

Get Closer to Culture

Our journeys aren't designed to rush from highlight to highlight. They're designed to bring Asia to life through the people who live there, the traditions they share, and the everyday moments that create understanding.

Learn the rhythm of a place through a shared meal. Step into communities where centuries-old customs still shape daily life. Experience the iconic alongside the personal — thoughtfully, respectfully, and without intimidation.

SEEING ASIA IS EASY.
Feeling connected to it — that's something else entirely.



Protecting What's Rare

Bengal Tiger Conservation | India

The Bengal Tiger is an endangered species whose survival depends on protected habitats and responsible tourism. In India, travel to Ranthambore National Park to seek out tigers in their natural habitat and learn about local conservation efforts, connecting with a naturalist who introduces you to India's remarkable wildlife and the work being done to safeguard it.



HOME-HOSTED MEALS

Food is key to exploring new places. On Collette Explorations experience authentic Asian cuisine during a home-hosted dinner with a local family, where a shared meal offers a rare glimpse into daily life — a warm, personal way to connect beyond language or labels.



IMPACT MOMENTS

Visit social enterprises, non-profits, or organisations that directly benefit local communities on every Explorations tour. Meet a North Korean defector, learn about Cambodia's 'hero rats' and more.



CULINARY INCLUSIONS

Get a taste of daily life while you dine at local restaurants, take part in cooking classes or share a meal with locals.



CHOICE ON TOUR

On select days, you can choose between two or three included excursions — giving you the freedom to follow what feels right in the moment. Look for **It's your choice!** in the itinerary.

Wake Up to a New Adventure. Every. Single. Day.

With Collette, no two days on tour are alike.
We like to keep things fresh, from the culturally reflective accommodation to the ways you'll get around.



MaiChau Eco lodge



Travel across Japan aboard the high-speed *shinkansen* bullet train.



Zip through the neon-lit streets of Bangkok, Thailand by tuk tuk.



Sail past green mountains, small villages, and limestone peaks during a cruise through Vietnam's iconic Ha Long Bay.



Board an open-air vehicle for a wildlife drive in Ranthambore, India.

A Journey That Gives You *Space To Be Yourself*

Whether you're new to solo travel or a seasoned pro, Collette Explorations is one of the best ways to experience the world on your own. Small groups make it easier to connect, feel comfortable, and explore with confidence. Enjoy the freedom of solo travel and embrace your next adventure alongside travellers who value cultural connection, personal space and community.



Going Guided Makes Travelling Solo *Easy*

✓ **INSIDER INSIGHT & EXPERIENCES**

Every itinerary is crafted by travellers, for travellers. Focus on enjoying the experience and leave the planning to us.

✓ **CONFIDENCE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY**

With 100+ years of experience and expert Tour Managers, you're never on your own.

✓ **CAMARADERIE WITHOUT COMPROMISE**

Small groups make connection easy, while private rooms and ample free time give you space to recharge and have independence.

✓ **SAFETY & PEACE OF MIND**

Travel worry-free with round-trip home-to-airport chauffeur service, our industry-leading cancel-for-any-reason Cancellation Waiver, and 24/7 emergency support.

"I like the security for a start, and the ability to mix with other people, whereas if you're on your own, you're on your own, you don't make friends, and you don't get access to some places that are difficult if you're on your own, whereas in a group it's all organised."

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Moments That Make the Journey

Guided by local perspective, these experiences invite you to slow down, lean in, and discover Asia beyond the expected.



Arashiyama Bamboo Grove



India

Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning, when the colours of the sky dance on the bright façade and shimmer in its reflective pool.

Mysteries of India



Mekong River Cruise

Cruise the legendary Mekong River from vibrant Ho Chi Minh City to the ancient wonders of Angkor. Along the way, explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, glide through Cai Rang Floating Market at dawn, and meet artisans in riverside villages where traditions endure.

Treasures of the Mekong



Siem Reap

Take in the beauty of Angkor Wat at sunrise — an iconic bucket-list experience where you see the temple's five towers silhouetted against a colourful morning sky.

Kingdoms of Southeast Asia



Japan

Embark on a culinary adventure sampling traditional Japanese cuisine – from a *shabu-shabu* to a *kaiseki* feast, and hands-on sushi making classes – delight in authentic Japanese flavours.

Journey Through the Heart of Japan



Seoul

Take a tour of Korea's infamous Demilitarized Zone. Join a conversation with a North Korean defector and enjoy a traditional lunch hosted in a Korean family's home.

Japan & South Korea: From Tokyo to Seoul



Journey Through Northern Vietnam

11 days • 23 meals

Starting at $5,599 (DOUBLE) or $7,299 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 18 February 2028 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/737

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

5 Lunches

8 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 17

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Hanoi

- Discover Vietnam's vibrant capital, a city of tree-lined boulevards, French colonial architecture, and buzzing street life.
- Experience the centuries-old art form of water puppetry when you visit a master artist at his home.
- Explore the streets of Hanoi's Old Quarter by cyclo, a 3-wheeled bicycle taxi.
- **It's your choice!** Visit the famous Train Street **-OR-** sit down to a bowl of *bún cha* at Huong Lien Restaurant, where President Obama and Anthony Bourdain once shared this staple dish.
- Visit the Ho Chi Minh Complex and Temple of Literature, and sample local favourites on a Vespa-led evening food tour.

Accommodation: Hotel du Parc, Hanoi

Days 4–5 | Mai Chau Valley

- Journey into the scenic heartland of Mai Chau, surrounded by rice paddies and misty mountains.
- Meet a Vietnam War veteran and their family, hearing firsthand stories that offer a personal lens into the region's past.
- **Impact Moment:** Travel to Lac Village and visit Hoa Ban, a social enterprise that uplifts women from the White Thai minority through vocational training.
- Join a local family for a home-hosted dinner and learn more about the traditions and culture of the White Thai ethnic group.

Accommodation: Mai Chau Ecolodge, Mai Chau

Days 6–7 | Ninh Binh

- Travel to Ninh Binh, often called “Ha Long Bay on land” for its towering limestone formations and winding rivers.
- Explore Hoa Lu, Vietnam’s ancient capital, where **it's your choice!** Hike to Hang Mua’s panoramic viewpoint **-OR-** relax at the hotel spa.
- Glide by rowboat through the UNESCO-listed Trang An Grottoes and enjoy a hands-on cooking experience with local hosts.

Accommodation: Emeralda Ninh Binh Resort & Spa, Ninh Binh

Days 8–9 | Ha Long Bay Cruise

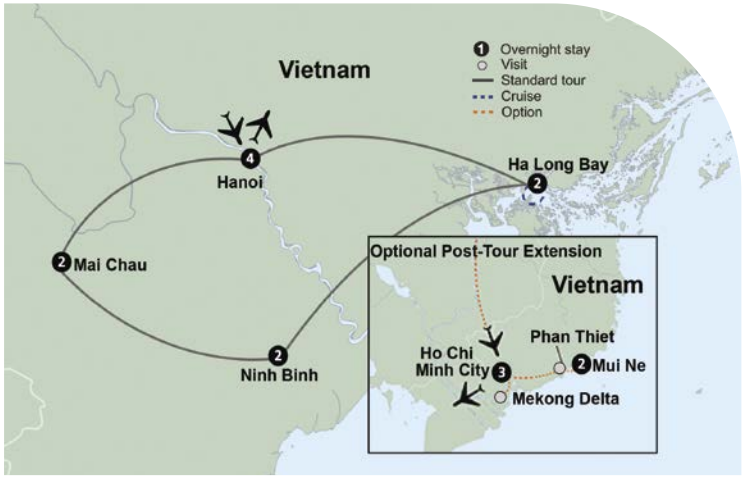
- Board a traditional cruise ship for two unforgettable nights on Ha Long Bay.
- Visit a coastal village and explore via bicycle or electric cart, learning about daily life in this peaceful corner of Northern Vietnam.
- **Impact Moment:** Visit Bhaya Community Farm, where you’ll learn about sustainable farming as well as the Save the Langurs conservation project.
- Practice Tai Chi at sunrise, kayak among limestone karsts, and explore the floating village of Cua Van.

Accommodation: The Au Co Ship, Ha Long Bay

Days 10–11 | Ha Long Bay – Hanoi

- **It’s your choice!** Explore the largest cave in Ha Long Bay **-OR-** relax on Titov Island with the option of hiking up the mountain for a panoramic view of the landscape.
- Return to Hanoi for a free afternoon and farewell dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel du Parc, Hanoi









OPTIONAL **5-NIGHT SOUTHERN VIETNAM POST-TOUR GUIDED EXTENSION**

From cultural treasures to natural wonders, this journey offers an unforgettable taste of Vietnam’s vibrant south.



Journey Through the Heart of Japan

11 days • 15 meals

Starting at $10,749 (DOUBLE) or $13,299 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 10 July 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 3 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/746

Included Meals

10 Breakfasts

5 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Tokyo

- Explore highlights including the Imperial Palace East Garden, Ginza, and the Tokyo National Museum.
- Witness the captivating *Goma* fire ritual at Fukagawa Fudo-do Temple, where devotion meets dramatic spectacle.
- Sit down for a private sumo wrestler show, offering a glimpse into the world of these revered athletes.

Accommodation: Hilton Odaiba, Tokyo

Days 4–5 | Hakone

- Travel to Hakone with a stop at Mt. Fuji's 5th Station, taking in views of Japan's most iconic landmark.
- Stay at a traditional *ryokan*-style hotel featuring tatami rooms and sliding paper doors.
- Cruise across Lake Ashi, walk the historic Old Tokaido Highway and visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum.
- Enjoy a *shabu-shabu* dinner with a geisha experience.

Accommodation: Hakone Yunohana Prince Hotel, Hakone

Days 6–8 | Kyoto

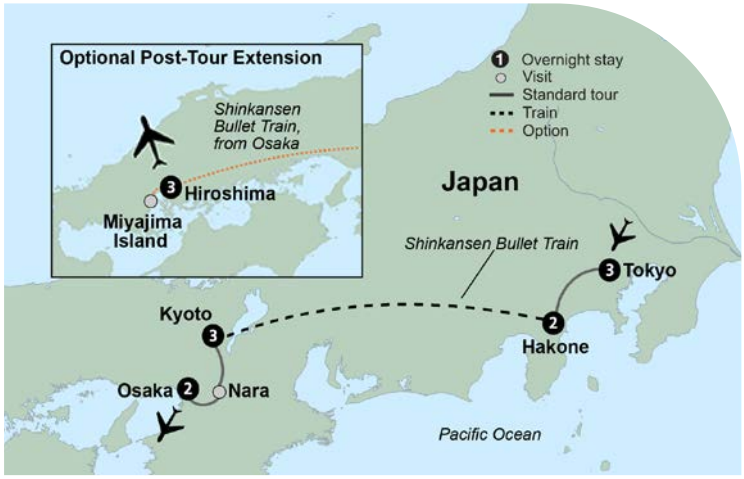
- Board the *shinkansen* (bullet train) and travel to Kyoto, the cultural heart of Japan.
- Stroll along Pontocho, a notable alley of dining experiences that runs beside the Kamo River.
- Visit Fushimi Inari Shrine, walking among thousands of torii gates.
- Stroll through the historic Gion district and experience Kyoto's refined traditions.
- Walk through the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove before participating in a hands-on sushi-making class, enjoying your creations for dinner.
- Roll up your sleeves for a hands-on sushi-making experience, then enjoy your delicious creations for dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Okura, Kyoto

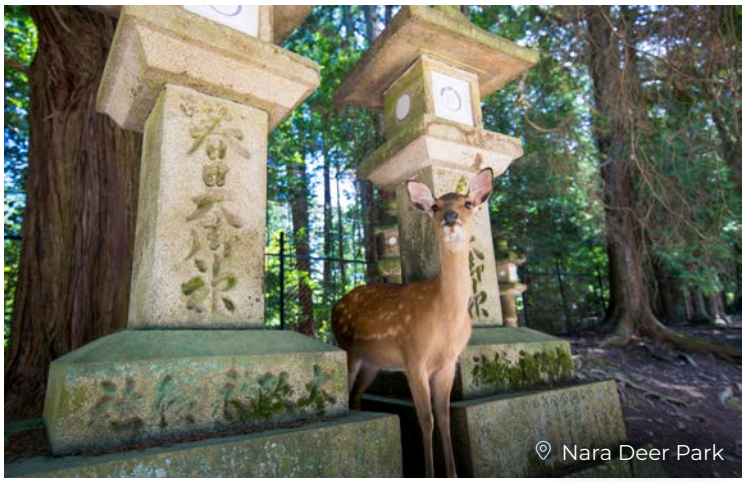
Days 9–11 | Osaka

- Travel to Nara and encounter the sacred deer of Nara Park and visit Todaiji Temple, home to the Great Buddha.
- Continue to Osaka for a guided walking tour through lively Dotonbori and Shinsaibashi districts.
- Participate in a traditional *taiko* drum lesson before visiting Osaka Castle Park and exploring the city's samurai legacy.
- Enjoy free time to explore Japan's culinary capital at your own pace.
- Depart Japan with unforgettable memories of its landscapes, flavours, rituals, and timeless beauty.

Accommodation: Centara Grand Hotel, Osaka




Hakone


Nara Deer Park


Sumo Show

OPTIONAL **3-NIGHT HIROSHIMA GUIDED POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Complete your journey through Japan with a meaningful Hiroshima extension that blends culture, scenery and reflection.


Kinkaku-ji Temple

Japan & South Korea: From Tokyo to Seoul

15 days • 23 meals

Starting at $14,499 (DOUBLE) or $17,649 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 7 November 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/733

Included Meals

14 Breakfasts

2 Lunches

7 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 Tokyo

- Set out on a walk to the Imperial Palace and see the Niju Bridge, the well-known symbol of the Palace.
- This morning, head to Asakusa to visit Sensoji Temple, where incense drifts through the air and daily worship unfolds in real time.
- Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Tokyo independently, perhaps visiting the Tokyo National Museum or settling into a neighbourhood *izakaya* for a bowl of ramen.

Accommodation: Hilton Tokyo, Tokyo

Days 4–5 | Ise-Shima

- Climb aboard the high-speed *shinkansen* (bullet train) and comfortably speed through the Japanese countryside at 320 kilometres per hour.
- Venture to the Mikimoto Pearl Museume to explore the legacy of the *ama* pearl divers – women who defied conventional gender roles to dive in the sea, and watch them take the plunge.
- **Impact Moment:** Cross by ferry to Azurihama Beach where you will walk alongside *ama* divers as you help clean the shoreline that sustains their community. After, enjoy a seafood dinner at an *ama* hut whilst divers share stories of their lives and the traditions they continue to protect.

Accommodation: Shima Kanko Hotel, Ise-Shima

Days 6–7 | Hiroshima

- Board the *shinkansen* again and be whisked away to Hiroshima.
- Enjoy dinner at a local cooking studio, where you'll learn how to make the famous Japanese *okonomiyaki*, or savoury pancake, a favourite of Hiroshima residents.
- **Impact Moment:** Visit the Peace Memorial Park to see the ruined Atomic Dome, then reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum where you'll speak with someone who experienced the devasting effects of the atomic bomb.
- Board a ferry for the short trip to Miyajima Island, famous for the Itsukushima Shrine and its mythic O-torii Gate standing proudly in the water.

Accommodation: ANA Crowne Plaza, Hiroshima

Days 8–10 | Kyoto

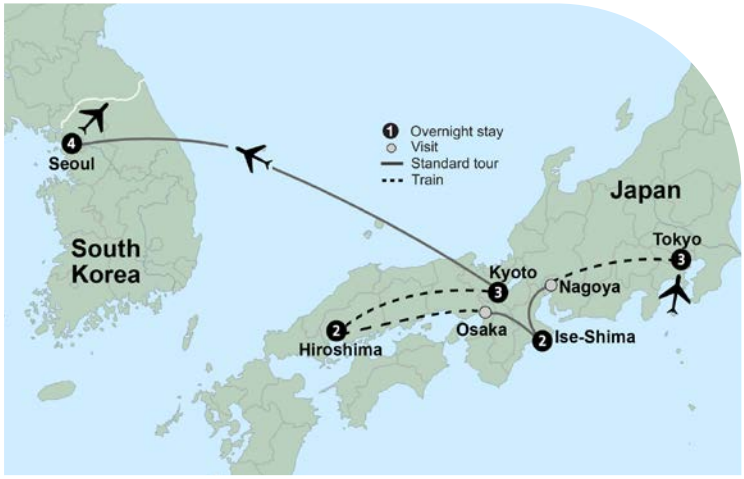
- Journey to Japan's former capital city via *shinkansen*. Explore Gion, Kyoto's famous geisha district, before enjoying an evening at leisure.
- Enjoy a full day to explore Kyoto on your own, perhaps joining an optional tour to see how circular agriculture supports year-round growing, with time to pick and taste fresh produce.
- Wander through the Arashiyama bamboo forest before continuing to Kinkaku-ji Temple, also known as the Golden Pavilion.
- Try your hand at making sushi during an interactive class and dinner.

Accommodation: Hotel Okura, Kyoto

Days 11–15 | Seoul

- Visit the Korean Demilitarized Zone for a tour of this storied border and learn about the long cold war between North and South Korea.
- **Impact Moment:** Learn about the struggles in North Korea firsthand when you gather for a private talk with a North Korean defector.
- Sit down for a home-hosted traditional Korean lunch with a local family, and get insight into their daily lives.
- Tour the sprawling grounds of Gyeongbok Palace and watch the ceremonial changing of the guard.
- Visit Insadong Street and tour the narrow maze of alleys that hold tea shops, boutiques, galleries, and cafes.

Accommodation: Courtyard Marriott Namadaemun, Seoul




Kyoto


Gyeongbok Palace


Sushi making class



NEW TOUR

Treasures of the Mekong

12 days • 29 meals

Starting at $12,899 (DOUBLE)
or $19,049 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 7 December 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/753

Included Meals

11 Breakfasts

9 Lunches

9 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1-2 | Ho Chi Minh City

- Visit the Cu Chi Tunnels, a labyrinth of underground passageways that echo the resilience and ingenuity of the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War.
- Sample local delicacies, such as Vietnamese coffee and dine at a local restaurant, where the flavours of Vietnam set the tone for the journey ahead.

Accommodation: Caravelle Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City

Days 3–9 | Mekong River Cruise

- Glide through narrow waterways on a *sampan*, a traditional wooden boat, and feel the gentle sway of the river as you pass stilted homes and lush vegetation.
- In Ben Tre, the sweet aroma of coconut candy fills the air as you visit a family-run workshop, where generations have perfected this craft.
- Ride a vintage *xe lam* through the streets of Can Tho, a city that has long been the cultural heart of the Mekong Delta.
- At the Zihuang Pagoda, the vibrant colours and intricate carvings come alive with the energy of a traditional unicorn dance — a joyful celebration of local heritage.
- Experience the bustling energy of Cai Rang's Floating Market, where boats laden with fresh produce create a kaleidoscope of colours on the water.
- In Hòa An village, connect with the land and its people. Learn how rice, the staple of Vietnamese cuisine, is cultivated and processed, and meet a family who crafts the iconic conical hats.

- As the Mekong carries you across the border into Cambodia, the vibrant energy of Phnom Penh awaits. Explore the city on a *cyclo*, a traditional three-wheeled bicycle taxi, and feel the lively rhythm of the riverfront as you approach the Royal Palace.
- Visit Choeung Ek, one of Cambodia's most somber and historically significant sites. Walk the grounds of the Killing Fields, visit the small museum, and pause at the Memorial Stupa as you learn about the tragic events of the Khmer Rouge era.

  Accommodation: Mekong Princess Cruise Ship

Days 10–12 | Siem Reap

- Witness sunrise at Angkor Wat and explore the monastic complex of Ta Prohm and the 12th century Khmer empire of Angkor Thom.
- **Impact Moment:** Meet Cambodia's "hero rats" that are trained to navigate minefields and save lives.

  Accommodation: Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Resort, Siem Reap

Day 13 | Ho Chi Minh City

- Board your flight to bustling Ho Chi Minh City, where you'll spend one last night before your tour ends.

  Accommodation: Caravelle Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City




Killing Fields


Angkor Wat


Mekong Delta



Cooking Class

Kingdoms of Southeast Asia

18 days • 32 meals

Starting at $9,449 (DOUBLE) or $11,399 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 17 September 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/425

Included Meals

17 Breakfasts

8 Lunches

7 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 19

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Hanoi

- Embark on a city tour of Hanoi and the Old Quarter.
- Head out on a walking food tour featuring some of Vietnam's most famous dishes.
- Visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, commonly referred to as the "Hanoi Hilton" by American POWs.
- Sit down with a local veteran from the Vietnam War for a chat as he recounts his experience.

Accommodation: Silk Path Hotel, Hanoi

Day 4 | Ha Long Bay

- Aboard a charming junk boat, explore Ha Long Bay, cruising past small villages and the limestone peaks jutting from the sea before settling in for a night on calm waters.

Accommodation: The Au Co Ship

Days 5–7 | Hoi An

- Take a sunrise Tai Chi lesson on the sundeck of your traditional junk boat.
- Explore Hoi An's Old Town on a walking tour.
- Board a basket boat and journey along the Coco River for a cooking class in Hoi An.
- Try your hand at crafting a traditional Vietnamese lantern at a local workshop, a beautiful symbol of Hoi An's heritage.

Accommodation: Little Oasis Hotel and Spa, Hoi An

Days 8–10 | Ho Chi Minh City

- Get to know Ho Chi Minh City during a city tour.
- Peruse goods from local vendors on display at the Old Market in District 1.
- Sail the waters of the famous Mekong Delta.
- Spend time at the Cu Chi Tunnels, a maze of underground passageways used during the Vietnam War.

Accommodation: Novotel Saigon Centre, Ho Chi Minh City

Days 11–13 | Siem Reap

- Get a taste of Cambodian cuisine at a local restaurant, accompanied by a traditional Khmer dance performance.
- Watch the sun rise at Angkor Wat, a perfect example of classic Khmer architecture.
- **Impact Moment:** Spend time at the APOPO Visitor Center, where "hero rats" are trained to navigate minefields and save lives.
- Learn about daily life in the village of Preah Dak and see how *nom banh jok* (rice noodles) are created.
- Make your way to Les Chantiers Ecoles, where local apprentices are trained in fine arts.

Accommodation: Borei Angkor Resort & Spa, Siem Reap

Days 14–16 | Luang Prabang

- Explore Luang Prabang's lively outdoor markets at night.
- Hop into a *tuk tuk* and make your way to the Luang Prabang city centre.
- Cruise to the Pak Ou Caves, shrouded in mystery and home to thousands of Buddha statues.
- Enjoy a home-hosted dinner and traditional Baci ceremony.
- Journey to a Hmong hill tribe village in Ban Long Lao where you'll learn about this ethnic group and their way of life.

Accommodation: Victoria Xiengthong Palace, Luang Prabang

Days 17–18 | Bangkok

- End your adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant nestled by the serene Chao Phraya River.

Accommodation: Cape House Hotel, Bangkok

OPTIONAL **3-NIGHT BANGKOK GUIDED POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Set out on a journey that introduces you to Bangkok, the capital of Thailand. Marvel at ancient monuments, explore local culinary treasures, shop for unique souvenirs, or just soak in the energy of the city — there is a reason Bangkok has always been one of the most popular destinations in Asia.




Hoi An


Ha Long Bay


Angkor Wat


Marble Temple

Wonders of Thailand

15 days • 24 meals

Starting at $7,899 (DOUBLE)
or $9,399 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 15 October 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/711

Included Meals

14 Breakfasts

6 Lunches

4 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 18

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Bangkok

- Explore the canals in Bangkok's Old Town on a private boat trip.
- Visit Wat Po, the famous Buddhist temple complex, and see the world-renowned Reclining Buddha.
- Experience more of Bangkok's highlights, including the sacred Emerald Buddha and the ornately decorated Grand Palace.
- See another side of Bangkok during a nighttime city tour by *tuk-tuk*. Your motorised rickshaw will whisk you to a street food tour that captures the local flavour. Take in the night lights and get a different perspective of typically busy attractions, like the local flower market.

Accommodation: Amari Bangkok, Bangkok

Days 4–5 | Sukothai

- **It's your choice!** Visit the Suan Pakkad Palace Museum **-OR-** take a trip to the Marble Temple where you can join Buddhist monks in their daily chanting.
- Discover the archaeological sites in Sukhothai.

Accommodation: Sriwilai Sukhothai Resort & Spa, Sukhothai

Days 6–7 | Chiang Rai

- Stop for lunch at a local restaurant and visit the intricate Buddhist-styled White Temple.
- Tour the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet, separated by the Mekong River.
- Learn about the opium trade and its impact on local communities at the Opium Museum.
- Take a short boat ride along the Mekong River, to float at the confluence of Burma, Laos, and Thailand.
- Spend the evening exploring the Chiang Rai night bazaar.

Accommodation: The Legend Chiang Rai Boutique River Resort & Spa, Chiang Rai

Days 8–10 | Chiang Mai

- Embark by cable car to Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, one of the most important Buddhist temples in Thailand.
- **Impact Moment:** Visit an elephant sanctuary dedicated to the ethical treatment of these endangered species. Take a 4X4 and cross a rice paddy field for your glimpse into the elephants embracing their freedom.
- Sit down to lunch in a local family's home and learn about the Lanna ethnic group — thought to be the first people of Thailand.
- **It's your choice!** Choose between a relaxing one-hour Thai massage **-OR-** get a taste of the local flavour during dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Kantary Hills, Chiang Mai

Days 11–13 | Phuket

- Spend some time winding down after an eventful trip at your resort set on a private tropical beach.
- Explore Phuket's Old Town, adorned with brightly painted, historic Sino-Portuguese townhouses, stores, cafes, and ice cream shops.

Accommodation: Cape Panwa Hotel, Phuket

Days 14–15 | Bangkok

- Head to an airport hotel, take time to get some rest, and prepare for your trip home.

Accommodation: Hyatt Regency Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport Hotel, Bangkok




Floating Market


Reclining Buddha


ChangChill

OPTIONAL **4-NIGHT SINGAPORE GUIDED PRE-TOUR EXTENSION**

With a Singaporean local guide, visit several of the heritage neighbourhoods and learn about what makes this country so unique.


Ranthambore National Park

Mysteries of India

14 days • 26 meals

Starting at $7,299 (DOUBLE)
or $9,099 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 6 November 2027 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/292

Included Meals

13 Breakfasts

7 Lunches

6 Dinners

Travel Style

Small Group Explorations

Average Group Size: 17

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Delhi

- Explore Humayun's Tomb, one of the best-preserved Mughal monuments dating back to the 1500s.
- Cut through Old Delhi's buzzing streets on a rickshaw.
- Take some free time to explore on your own.
- Visit Jama Masjid, one of the largest mosques in India.

Accommodation: Jaypee Vasant Continental, Delhi

Days 4–6 | Jaipur

- Take in the palace complex of Amber Fort, India's former seat of power, by vintage Jeep.
- Get to know a local family as they host you in their home for dinner.
- **Impact Moment:** Explore the hidden secrets of Jaipur on an eco-friendly e-rickshaw with an organisation employing women from low-income households.
- Take in some of Jaipur's most memorable sites, like the City Palace and Jantar Mantar – the world's oldest stone sundial.

Accommodation: Radisson Jaipur City Center, Jaipur

Days 7–8 | Ranthambore

- Travel to Ranthambore National Park and seek out tigers in their natural habitat.
- Learn about Project Tiger's conservation efforts and the impact the organisation has had on the Ranthambore sanctuary.
- Connect with a naturalist, introducing you to India's extensive wildlife.
- Board a canter (open-air truck) for two game drives.
- **It's your choice!** Enjoy leisure time at the hotel **-OR-** choose to experience an **Impact Moment** with a visit to Dastkar Ranthambore, a social enterprise dedicated to providing employment and training for local women artisans.

Accommodation: AamaGhati Wildlife Resort, Ranthambore

Days 9–10 | Agra

- Experience the romantic spirit of the Taj Mahal in the early morning.
- Visit Agra's impressive Abhaneri step well. Built over 1,000 years ago, it is an architectural marvel hidden from visitors until recently.
- **Impact Moment:** Enjoy lunch at Sheroes' Hangout – a café that empowers female survivors of violence, allowing them to reclaim their lives through employment.

Accommodation: Jaypee Palace Hotel, Agra

Day 11 | Khajuraho

- Embark on a train ride on the Vande Bharat Express from Agra to Khajuraho.
- Explore the small, ancient city of Khajuraho at your leisure.

Accommodation: Radisson Jass Hotel, Khajuraho

Days 12–13 | Varanasi

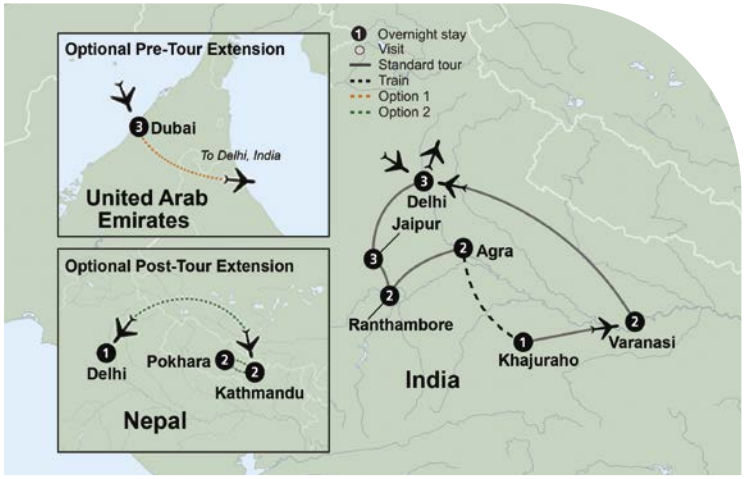
- Visit the Chandela Temple complex, home to unparalleled temple architecture and intricate stone carvings.
- Sail along the Ganges River where locals wade into the river.
- Experience the Ganga Aarti ceremony as it illuminates the night sky.
- Hop on a morning boat ride for an opportunity to see the sunrise on the Ganges River.
- Discover the holy site of Sarnath where Siddhartha Gautama – later known as Buddha – gave his first sermon in the 6th century B.C., and gain insight into the country's divine past.

Accommodation: Radisson Hotel, Varanasi

Day 14 | Delhi

- Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Delhi.

Accommodation: Lemon Tree Premier, Delhi Airport




Taj Mahal


Amber Fort


Ganga Aarti Ceremony

OPTIONAL **5-NIGHT NEPAL GUIDED POST-TOUR EXTENSION**

Continue your tour with a fully guided Nepalese adventure, from Kathmandu to Mount Everest and beyond.


Meiji Shrine

Cultural Treasures of Japan

13 days • 18 meals

Starting at $10,399 (DOUBLE) or $12,949 (SOLO)

Pricing is per person, land only, and varies by departure date.

Prices based on 7 February 2028 departure.

Tour Activity Level 1 2 **3** 4

Learn more at collette.com.au/607

Included Meals

12 Breakfasts

6 Dinners

Travel Style

Classic

Average Group Size: 31

> Please note: This is a classic tour and has a higher number of guests on tour.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Days 1–3 | Tokyo

- Visit the Meiji Shrine before taking a stroll through Ginza, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world.
- Enjoy a drink at Avatar Robot Café, staffed by robots controlled remotely by people who have difficulty leaving their homes or hospital rooms.
- Browse the artwork and learn about Tokyo's fascinating history and culture at the Tokyo National Museum.
- Take some free time to explore the city as you wish.

Accommodation: Grand Nikko Daiba, Tokyo

Day 4 | Hakone

- Journey to the lakeside resort of Hakone and make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone.
- Climb aboard an aerial cable car for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji.
- Set sail on Lake Ashi for stunning views of the local mountains.

Accommodation: The Prince Hakone Lake Ashinoko, Hakone

Days 5–6 | Takayama

- Explore the city of Matsumoto and its castle with your guide.
- Step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, well known to the locals for its connection to *sake*.
- Experience a true Japanese treat — traditional rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner.
- **It's your choice!** Choose to glimpse into the past at the 19th-century Takayama Jinya, a former government building **-OR-** visit the Matsuri Yatai Kaikan and view intricate, traditional, hand-carved floats used in festivals.
- Spend some extra time in Takayama and stroll through the 600-year-old open air market.

Accommodation: Mercure Hida, Takayama

Days 7–8 | Kanazawa

- Embrace the unique charms of Shirakawa-go (UNESCO), famous for its *gassho-zukuri*-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer.
- Dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a hands-on lesson before immersing yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture with a free evening.
- Experience local life in the Omicho fish market before experiencing the beauty of Kenroku-En — Garden of Six Qualities.
- Visit the Geisha quarters of Kanazawa, the Higashi Tea district.

Accommodation: Hotel Nikko Kanazawa, Kanazawa

Days 9–13 | Kyoto

- Explore Fushimi Inari Taisha for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari, made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*.
- Enjoy a private visit to the Women's Association of Kyoto and delve into a wide array of enlightening Japanese activities.
- Learn the art of sushi making during a hands-on cooking class.
- Hop on the *shinkansen* (bullet train) to Hiroshima and board a ferry for a short trip to "Shrine Island" (UNESCO).
- Venture into Hiroshima city and take time to reflect at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.
- Spend time with a monk at Koshoji Temple, where you'll have the opportunity to chant and meditate with them, before taking part in the ancient art of the tea ceremony.
- Be fully immersed in Japanese culture during a special farewell dinner and private *maiko* show.

Accommodation: Hotel Nikko Princess Kyoto, Kyoto




Gold Leaf Class


Hiroshima


Fushimi Inari Taisha

Frequently Asked Questions

Accommodation

What is the difference between a twin room and a double room? A double room is designed to accommodate two people, but may not have two separate beds. A twin bedded room has two separate beds of any size, and is the type most commonly utilised.

What size is a triple room? A triple room is the same size as a twin bedded room and beds will accommodate three people, but we cannot guarantee three separate beds. If there are only two beds, a rollaway may be requested but cannot be guaranteed due to size of room and fire codes. Please enquire at time of reservation.

Can my children travel on tour? Discounted Child land rates are available and are valid for ages 5-17, sharing a room with one full-paying adult. If you are travelling with a child, it is your sole responsibility to ensure the child follows all safety rules of the tour. For safari tours, travellers must be at least 13 years of age.

Are single and triple rooms always available? On many tours, triple and single rooms are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Be advised that single rooms are often smaller.

When can I check into my hotel? Normal check-in time is late afternoon. If you do have an early arrival, rooms may not always be available for immediate check-in.

Flights

Can Collette book our airline reservations? Collette is happy to assist you in accommodating your flight needs. Due to tour scheduling and limited availability, you are strongly encouraged to take advantage of Collette's air packages. We are not responsible for air arrangements you have made on your own. On occasion, it is necessary to change tour dates. In this case, we can only protect air reservations booked through Collette. For all air reservations, it is strongly recommended to reconfirm flights before departure, in the event that the airline has an unexpected schedule change. We cannot assume responsibility for schedule changes, routings or flight cancellations involving the airlines.

Attractions and Sightseeing

Are attractions always available? Access to some attractions or Collette Foundation sites may be affected by local holidays, weather conditions or other circumstances. As a result, the days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilise your time on tour. Boat rides are weather permitting. Some attractions may not be available during the "off-season" months. When attractions are unavailable, other similar attractions will be substituted. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

Can you tell me more about the safaris? For a fuller wildlife experience you will be travelling by custom-built safari vehicles which requires frequently climbing in and out of the vehicles and sometimes traversing bumpy roads. We recommend a good fitness level and to prepare properly.

How can I plan for shore landings? Special clothing is required for the shore landings (Antarctica, Galapagos); please refer to your predeparture documents for important details.

Are all theatre performances suitable for children? Some theatre performances may be unsuitable for children — please consult your tour manager.

Documentation

Do I need a passport? Government-issued identification is required for all air travel. A valid passport is required for all trips outside of Australia. All passengers should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for entry and validity requirements. We recommend that your passport has six months validity, and at least 3 blank pages. Passports and visas are the responsibility of each client.

If travelling internationally with a child under the age of 18, please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the guest to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

Collette will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or cancelled tours where a guest fails to secure proper documentation.

Extending your Stay

Can I extend my tour to see more of a region? Yes! You may enhance your tour by purchasing either an extension or pre/post hotel stays when offered. Extensions may be "hosted" rather than escorted. When hosted, passengers will be greeted upon arrival by a local tour manager who will be available on-call during the duration of the stay. A minimum number of passengers may be required to operate some extensions. Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request. Collette also offers pre and post hotel nights before and/or after a tour. Should you purchase additional nights, your tour manager will not be available during this time.

Extras

What is not included in the tour price? The land price does not include international air travel from Australia, travel insurance, airline fees, airport or departure taxes, transfers, visas, pre/post tour accommodation, extensions, extension air, presold optional excursions, customary end-of-trip gratuities for your tour manager, driver, local guides, hotel housekeepers, cruise ship waitstaff, government quarantine fees, and any incidental charges.

Gratuities

Are gratuities included? Collette offers a pre-paid tipping option for travellers. This allows guests to purchase the package up to 45 days prior to departure and know that all tipping is covered for the tour manager, driver and local guides. Gratuities are not included in the tour price and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Customary gratuities have not been included for hotel housekeeping staff, local sightseeing guides, transfer drivers, motor coach drivers, pre/post accommodation, extensions and tour managers. Gratuities should be given in direct proportion to the level of professionalism and personal service extended to you. With this in mind, we have created a guide for you:

- Tour Manager: $15 AUD for Classic tours and $18 AUD for Explorations tours (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Local Guide: $3-5 AUD (or equivalent in local currency) per person
- Motor Coach Driver: $8 AUD for Classic tours and $11 AUD for Explorations tours (or equivalent in local currency) per person for each travel day
- Hotel Housekeeping Staff: $3-5 AUD (or equivalent in local currency) per room per day
- Applicable gratuities for bellmen, doormen and dining room staff for group meals have been included.

Late Bookings

Do you accept late bookings? Yes, tour sales normally close 7 days prior to departure. Late bookings are on request and must be guaranteed with full payment if within 90 days prior for standard departures and 120 days prior for cruises.

On-tour Experience

Where do I meet my tour manager? Our tour manager will make contact with you at your first hotel. The hotel's address and phone number will be included in your documents.

Can I pre purchase optional excursions/activities? Yes, the majority of optional excursions and activities are available for advance purchase provided that you make your options purchase 15 days or more prior to the tour start date. Collette makes it convenient to reserve presold options by visiting our website for a full listing of activities and excursions or when your reservation is made with our team. In addition, there are benefits to prepurchasing options including a price guarantee once your tour is paid in full, so once payment is received in full, your preselected options are guaranteed by Collette. Although you can still purchase options while on tour, reserving them ahead of time ensures you a spot in the event that the activity sells out. Collette will provide a refund if you cancel a presold option prior to tour departure, but some may incur fees for cancelling. Any presold options cancelled while on tour are nonrefundable.

Revisions/changes

Would my tour date ever be changed? While it is unlikely, Collette does reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Should this happen, Collette will make every effort to put you on another departure date. If an alternate cannot be found, a full refund will be made. Flights booked through Collette will be protected. We cannot be held responsible for penalties incurred if you secured your own flights.

Transfers

Are airport and hotel transfers available? Roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers are provided for all passengers who purchase airfare through Collette. These transfers also apply to pre- and post-night stays. Passengers who do not purchase airfare through Collette can purchase transfers (for the first and last day of the tour) at an additional cost, roundtrip. Some restrictions may apply. All transfers leave at prescheduled times.

What is the Private Chauffeur Service?

It's your ticket to and from the airport when travelling with Collette.

Land Only Explorations Tours

Private home to airport chauffeur service is included for travellers living within 50 km of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, or Perth airports. Travellers residing outside 51 km may access this service for an additional surcharge. Surcharge pricing will be confirmed at the time of reservation.

Air Inclusive Collette Tours

This service is included across Collette's portfolio of tours when travellers book an air inclusive tour with Collette and live within 80 km of Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, or Perth airports.*

Extended kilometres for travellers living between 81–100 km are available for a small surcharge. A surcharge will be advised at time of reservation.

Services are direct to/from the gateway, no stops.

* One transfer per room booking. More options are available - ask our Reservation staff for details.

Visit gocollette.com/chauffeur for more details on this amazing service!

Travel Loyalty

We design and deliver touring experiences to encourage travellers to choose to explore the world with Collette. We also reward travellers for making the choice to travel again with us. Travellers are automatically enrolled into our Passport Club on booking. Benefit details are available at gocollette.com.au/loyalty or simply ask our consultants for details when you book.

COLLETTE PASSPORT CLUB

Rewarding You With Every Trip

Our loyalty program is a tiered model that rewards you the more you travel with us. Plus, the bigger the tour, the bigger your reward.

Level One: *Adventurer (1 - 2 completed tours)*

- ✓ **Receive a 5% Loyalty Credit** on your next Collette tour when it's completed within 24 months of the most recent tour departure date.
- ✓ **Receive a 3% Loyalty Credit** on tours completed within 25–36 months of the most recent tour departure date.

Level Two: *Explorer (3+ completed tours)*

In addition to the perks of Level 1, after you return from your third tour and all subsequent tours, you'll receive the following **additional benefit:**

- ✓ **$100 of credit** towards purchasing optional tour components or upgrades when travel is completed within 36 months of the most recent tour departure date.

For more details and FAQs, visit **collette.com.au/loyalty**







Traveller Referral Program

When you introduce someone new to Collette, you'll receive a credit* towards your next journey — and your friend will enjoy an exclusive referral credit* too.

Collette past traveller (Ambassador)

- ✓ Receives a $150 Collette travel credit
- ✓ Credit is available once the referred traveller has paid in full and departed
- ✓ No limits — refer 10 friends, earn $1,500; refer 20, earn $3,000

New-to-Collette traveller (Referred traveller)

- ✓ Receives a $150 travel credit on their first booking with Collette
- ✓ Must be brand-new to Collette (never travelled, booked, or cancelled)

*The Collette Referral Program is open to Collette past guests aged 18+. Travel Agents, Collette employees, and affiliated contractors are not eligible. Credits are not valid on group allocations or special group bookings. Other terms apply. Visit **collette.com.au/traveller-referral** to see a full list of terms.



The entire trip was exceptionally well-managed, with everything running seamlessly from start to finish.

The itinerary struck a perfect balance—offering just the right mix of interesting places to visit without ever feeling rushed or overwhelming.

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Pricing is per person, land only, double occupancy and varies by departure date. Port and park fees and on-tour air are included where applicable. Pricing is subject to change. On some dates alternate hotels may be used. See collette.com.au for full tour details and booking terms and conditions. ACN 600 161 671