

Experience Singapore, Philippines to Taipei Asian Discovery

February 3 – 24, 2025
(22 Days)

Tentative Itinerary



Your high seas adventure in Asia begins today! Get set for the tour of a lifetime as you experience, first-hand, the wonders of this amazing part of the world! Your ship, the newly renovated Norwegian Sky offers an abundant variety of delectable dining options including 15 bars and lounges, a casino, a spa, pools, and a fitness centre. These amenities help make the cruising portion a central attraction on this tour. The ports on this incredible cruise tour are uniquely beautiful, showing you a fabulous mix of culture and beauty as we make our way throughout Asia! Please review the following daily itinerary and call or email our office if you have questions. Your tour manager looks forward to making this an enjoyable and care-free getaway that will leave you inspired.

Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO

Monday, February 3rd – Day 1 – Depart Canada – Flight to Singapore

- With your valid passport in hand, depart the Maritimes on your scheduled flight, en route to Toronto, where you will meet your tour manager. The group will clear Customs in Singapore once you have landed, NOT in Toronto. (If Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare is purchased; luggage fees for your first checked bag, taxes, airline surcharges and your destination transfers to and from Airports and hotels are included).

Tuesday, February 4th – Day 2 – Continued Journey by aircraft.

- Thanks to crossing the International Date Line your arrival in Singapore will take place on February 5th. Do not worry, you are not “losing” a day. You will cross the International Date Line again at the end of your tour in the opposite direction regaining that time back when you return to Canada.

Wednesday, February 5th – Day 3 – Arrival in Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza

- **Arrival in Singapore Feb 5th** - Once we have collected our bags in Singapore, meet your tour manager and board our private coach transfer to the beautiful 4.5-star Marriott Tang Plaza hotel located in the city centre. Your check-in will take place in the evening of the 5th of February due to the crossing of the International Date Line.
- **Dinner will be served on board the flight and the rest of the evening is free.**
- Upon arriving at our hotel, the tour manager will check the group into the hotel and distribute your room key. They will also have your bag sent to your room (luggage handling fee included 1 bag per person), a signature Collins Tours service that you can expect at each hotel and cruise ship check-in during your vacation.



Thursday, February 6th – Day 3 – Guided Tour of Singapore (B, Welcome Reception)

- Enjoy hot buffet breakfast included in your hotel this morning. Later this morning, please board the coach for our complimentary city tour of Singapore with highlights such as the famous Orchard Road, China Town, the Sri Mariamman Temple, and a ride on a traditional Bumboat on the Singapore River and see Merlion Park! Following this tour, we will have some relaxing down time for you to enjoy the downtown area and lunch on own before heading back to our hotel.
- Tonight, meet your tour manager for our Welcome to Singapore Reception (included) for hot and cold appetizers and wine and beer. Get to you know your fellow Collins Tours friends and get ready for a magnificent experience.

Friday, February 7th – Day 4 – Free Day in Singapore (B, Welcome Group Dinner)

- Enjoy another included hot buffet breakfast at your hotel and spend a free day in Singapore, your way!
- Meet your tour manager this evening for a welcome group dinner complete with wine or beer included.
- Rest of the evening is at your leisure.

Saturday, February 8th – Day 5- Embarkation of Norwegian Sky (B, L, D)

- Enjoy a relaxing morning in this amazing 4.5-star property in the heart of Singapore, with another complimentary hot buffet breakfast!
- You will check out of the hotel this morning and make our way to the cruise terminal and board the Norwegian Sky for lunch (included), relax and get acquainted with your ship.
- Relax during your first evening at sea, exploring the Sky at your leisure.
- There are so many options and places to explore onboard this newly redesigned vessel. The spa, the shops, the lounges and much more!
- Be sure to check out the ship's daily program for featured shows and entertainment while cruising that is delivered to your stateroom daily.

Sunday, February 9th – Day 6 – Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur), Malaysia (B, L, D)

OPTIONAL PRIVATE GROUP SHORE EXCURSION. PRICE TBA.

- Today we arrive in Malaysia at Port Klang granting us access to the country's capital city of Kuala Lumpur from 9:00am to 6:00pm.
- Often referred to as the Garden City, Kuala Lumpur, has an abundance of greenery and beautifully landscaped parks. **OPTIONAL:** Join your fellow Collins Tours travelers on a private group shore excursion to see highlights of this vibrant tropical city including the seeing of connected twinned Petronas Towers – a landmark skyscraper, the National Mosque, Old Railway Station one of the cities most photographed buildings with its Moorish architecture complete with arches and minarets. (PRICE TBD).
- This evening our ship sets sail for a day at sea sailing around the tip of the Malay peninsula into the South China Sea.

Monday, February 10th – Day 7 – Day at Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to the ship's itinerary for today's special events during your sea day!
- It's another day in free-style cruising heaven, so live like the Norwegians...smile bigger, explore further and relax longer!
- This evening, meet your fellow Collins Tours travellers for a Collins Tours Collins Tours Cocktail party at sea with open bar and appetizers (**included**). Following our cocktail reception, we will have our a group dinner (included) in the ships main dining room, the TBA Dining Room while enjoying additional time together.

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Tuesday, February 11th - Day 8 – Phu My (Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam (B, L, D)

OPTIONAL PRIVATE GROUP SHORE EXCURSION. PRICE TBD. – Included for reservations made by May31st, 2023 (Value CDN\$120 per person tax included)

- Enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard the ship before landfall.
- This afternoon the Sky enters the mouth of Vietnam's Soai Rap River to reach the port of Phu My at 2:00pm for an overnight stop giving you access to nearby Ho Chi Minh City, also known as Saigon, the largest city in Viet Nam with over eight million inhabitants. Enjoy this unforgettable experience and the ever-ready smiles of the locals. See the rickshaw drivers and motorbike riders skillfully negotiate the road side by side, while street vendors peddle an assortment of seasonal fruits.
- **OPTIONAL:** Today you can opt to take part in another optional private group shore excursion with your Tour Manager and fellow Collins Tours travellers. The city of Ho Chi Minh is filled with bustling markets. See the 19th-century French-built Notre Dame cathedral and Independence Palace, a modern building that was home to the President of South Vietnam during the Vietnam War. This shore excursion is sure to give you an insight on the daily lives of the locals firsthand.
- Remember, your ship stays in port overnight tonight for another full day in Vietnam!



Wednesday, February 12th - Day 9 – Phu My (Ho Chi Minh City), Vietnam (B, L, D)

- Wake up in the Phu My port, The ship sets sail at 7:00pm this evening giving you plenty of time to further explore the city of Ho Chi Minh, or the countryside of southern Vietnam. Today is yours to explore this welcoming country on own.
- Tonight, the ship sets sale for another day at sea in the South China Sea.

Thursday, February 13th - Day 10 – Sea Day (B, L, Group D)

- Maybe today you want to hit the spa and treat yourself to a relaxing massage or treatment? There are so many opportunities to spoil yourself on this vacation, take advantage!
- Tonight, meet your tour manager for another fantastic group dinner onboard the Norwegian Sky before the ship sets sail towards Muara, Brunei.

Friday, February 14th - Day 11 – Muara, Brunei (B, L, D)

- Today we visit the tiny country of Brunei in the port of Muara from 7:00am to 5:00pm, our first stop on the island of Borneo. A drive through the city or a boat ride on its canals will let you capture the spirit of Muara. Ornate mosques glitter in the sun with their golden domes and minarets. Visit the Brunei Museum, a repository of Malay culture and Islamic art, or take a water taxi over to Kampong Ayer, "the Water Village." Experience a trip back in time with a visit inland to a Dayak village. Back in Muara, look for silver jewelry, brass, and bronze items, intricately made heirloom sarongs and antiques.
- This evening the ship sets sail towards Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.



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Saturday, February 15th - Day 12 – Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia (B, L, Group D) Optional Excursion TBA.

- The ship is scheduled to dock in Kota Kinabalu, our second port of call on the island of Borneo, from 7:00am to 4:00pm.
- Kota Kinabalu is a bustling, ethnically diverse city offering sightseers a diversity of culture. A gold-domed mosque, unique high-rise architecture and the Heritage Village all combine to paint a picture of the city's past. Perhaps you would like to venture into the interior to astonishing Kinabalu Park, where exotic plants and rare orchids flourish, or spend time on the glorious beaches and enjoy the local fresh fish.
- Join your fellow travellers and Tour Manager for a Group Dinner inside TBA dining room onboard the ship.
- This evening the Norwegian Sky sets sail towards our first port of call in the Philippines' Puerto Princesa.

Sunday, February 16th - Day 13 – Puerto Princesa, Philippines (B, L, D) OPTIONAL PRIVATE GROUP SHORE EXCURSION. PRICE TBA.

- Enjoy another breakfast onboard the ship before exploring your day in Puerto Princesa, Philippines!
- We are docked here today from 9:30 am until 6:00 pm this evening.

Puerto Princesa is full of history, nature, good food, and relaxing beaches. **OPTIONAL** If you're feeling adventurous join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers to visit the Subterranean River-a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enter the underground river by paddleboat (don't worry, and experienced guide does the paddling for you!). This is the most popular activity in the area, a true up-close view of the natural jungle and riverways! Price TBA.

- Enjoy dinner on own this evening as our ship sets sail towards Boracay, Philippines.

Monday, February 17th - Day 14 – Boracay, Philippines (B, L, D)

- We arrive in Boracay, Philippines, our second of four ports in this welcoming country, at 8:30am until 6:00pm
- White Beach is this small island's most famous feature, with sand so pale it almost looks like icing sugar. The water is usually clear, warm and inviting-perfect for a swim! Away from the shore, you can find restaurants



that satisfy any craving. Perhaps, you would like to take part in a local spa treatment "Hot Kawa" seated in warm, relaxing waters infused with fragrant flowers and leaves. A 'kawa' refers to the huge cauldron that was traditionally used in sugar-making, specifically to process molasses. But since technology and advanced methods came along, these giant pans were replaced by sugar mill factories. Local residents found a way to reuse the pans, turning them into big tubs for hot baths (referred to as kawa baths) - a perfect way to refresh oneself.

- Mt. Luho towers over the island. Ascending to the top offers you a breathtaking view of this island widely known as a destination popular with international visitors seeking its white beaches.
- This evening our ship sets sail towards Manila, Philippines.

Tuesday, February 18th - Day 15 – Manila, Philippines (B, L, D) OPTIONAL PRIVATE GROUP SHORE EXCURSION. PRICE TBA.

- Today we reach the bustling capital city of Manila, Philippines docked from 7:00am until 5:00pm.
- **OPTIONAL** Join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers on an optional private group shore excursion into the city. Visit Intramuros, "The Walled City," the oldest district in Manila. This is what remains of the fortified city, which was the seat of power during Spanish Colonial times (1521-1898). Visit the elegant Malacañang Palace, the National Museum of the Philippines and Rizal Park. Price TBD.
- This evening the ship sets sail for our fourth and final port of call in the Philippines, Salomague.

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Wednesday, February 19th – Day 16 – Salomague, Philippines (B, L, Group D)

- Our ship arrives in Salomague, Philippines at 8:30am until 4:30pm.
- Just a short ride away from both the beautiful beach town of Cabugao and the must-see architecture of Vigan City, this port has something for everyone. If you can't get enough of the ocean, spend a relaxing day in a cove on a white sand beach. If you're looking to explore the history and culture of the Philippines, Vigan has multiple UNESCO World Heritage Sites to explore. Stroll through streets of well-preserved Spanish Colonial buildings and see where the Spanish-style architecture fused with Asian-style architecture. As you take all that in, get a taste of what they're cooking at one of many food carts throughout the city.
- Join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a group dinner this evening at the TBD Dining Room onboard the ship.
- This evening the Norwegian Sky sets sail towards Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Thursday, February 20th – Day 17 – Kaohsiung, Taiwan (B, L, Group D)

- Welcome to Taiwan! We are in port from 9:00am to 3:30pm. This unique port of call (Kaohsiung) was colonized by the Dutch in the 17th century has left an ample architectural legacy, as did Taiwan's rule by Japan from 1895-1945. Grab a coffee at the former British Consulate, a landmark overlooking the bay. Art lovers can enjoy the outdoors and contemporary sculptures at the Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts' Sculpture Park, and for a spiritual experience, a visit to the Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Centre, with the world's largest sitting Buddha, is highly recommended.
- This evening meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for a group dinner onboard the ship and get details regarding tomorrow.
- Tomorrow, we disembark the ship in Taipei, Taiwan.

Friday, February 21st – Day 18 – W Taipei Hotel. Taipei, Taiwan (B, Disembark Norwegian Sky)

- Enjoy breakfast onboard the ship before meeting your group for disembarkation from the ship to our transportation taking us into the metropolis of Taipei. We are greeted by our friendly local guide showing us the bargain shopping districts for Taiwanese lacquerware, silk and fine art, plus traditional sites, and temples of this fascinating city.
- We arrive at our hotel this afternoon, the 5-star W (Westin Hotel) Taipei hotel that is centrally located in the city, your home for the next three nights. Your Tour Manager will check you in to the hotel and have your luggage (one bag per person) delivered to your room for you.
- Enjoy this evening on own.

Saturday, February 22nd – Day 19 – Taipei, Taiwan (B, Farwell Group D)

OPTIONAL PRIVATE GROUP EXCURSION. PRICE TBA.

- Enjoy a full breakfast this morning before a day on own to explore this fascinating city. **OPTIONAL:** Excursion to ascend to the 91st floor of the cities striking landmark, the Taipei 101 skyscraper for an unforgettable view of the city, then we ride the Maokong Gondolas to reach a mountaintop with its ornate traditional temple. Price TBA.
- This evening we meet for our Farewell Dinner including a glass of wine or beer.

Friday, February 23rd – Day 20 – Taipei, Taiwan (B)

Today is your final full day in Asia. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Take advantage of your time spent for those final shopping bargains or relax before your journey home tomorrow.

Saturday, February 24th - Day 21 - Flight to Canada (B, Dinner on Flight)

- Today we begin our journey homeward towards Canada. Please enjoy one last breakfast inside the hotel. Complimentary transfers to the airport **for those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package** (additional cost is listed on website for air package pricing). Sit back and enjoy the signature Collins tours check in procedure with one bag per person allowed. Today you will fly from Taipei to Canada crossing the International Date Line, arriving in Canada the same day we left Taiwan.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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REMEMBER:

Your tour manager handles: hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation at events, hotels, Broadway, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his or her experience to the fullest. Gratuities for your tour manager and driver are not included in your tour price.

Tour director tipping guidelines are \$7-10.00 per person per day and \$3.00 per person per day for step on guides and \$3.00 per person for bus drivers.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

February 5, 6, 7: Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel - 320 Orchard Rd, Singapore 238865, Ph: 65 6735 5800

February 21, 22, 23: W Taipei - No. 10, Section 5 of Zhongxiao East Road Section 5 of Zhongxiao E Rd, Xinyi District, Taipei City, Taiwan 110 Ph: +886 2 7703 8888

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