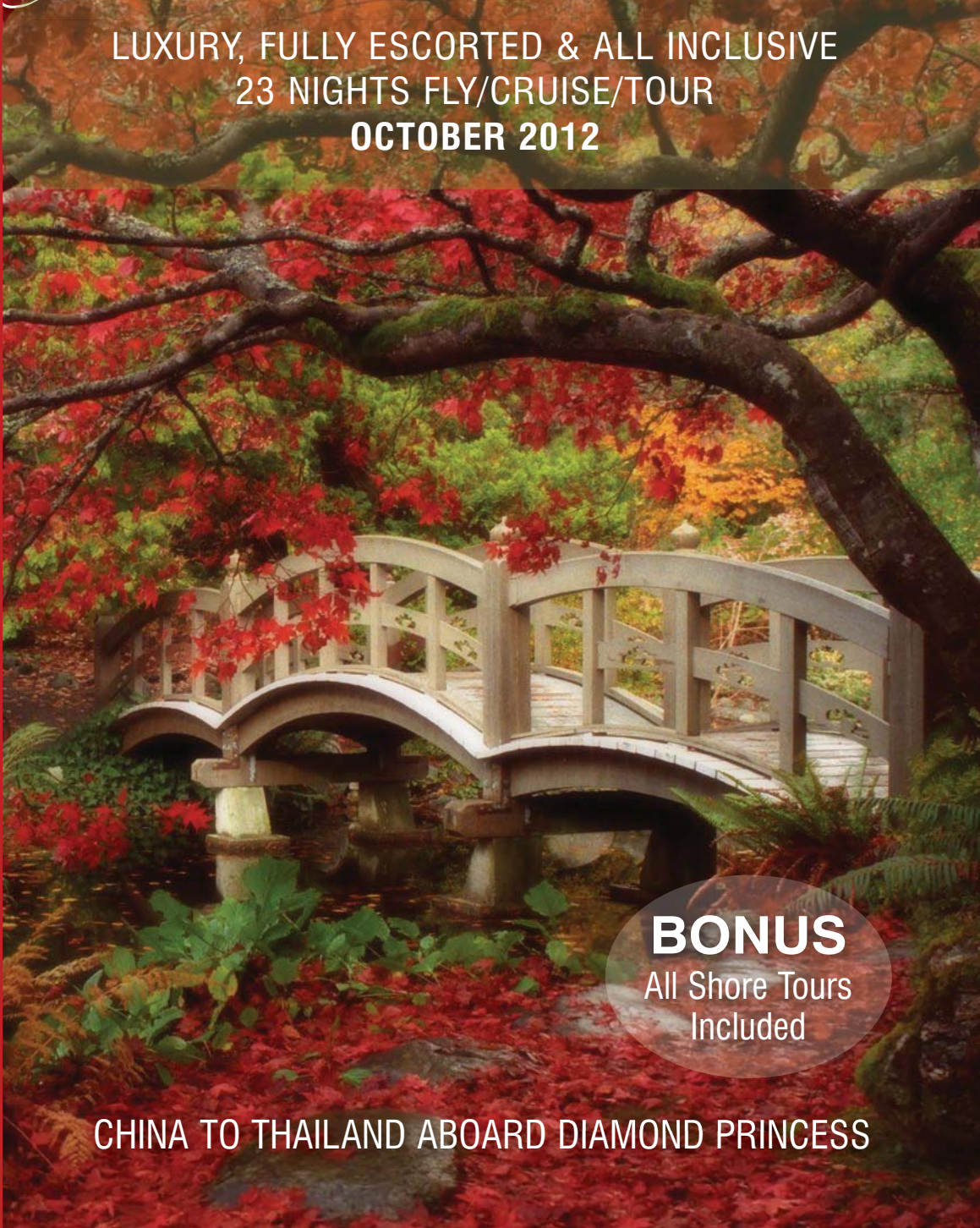




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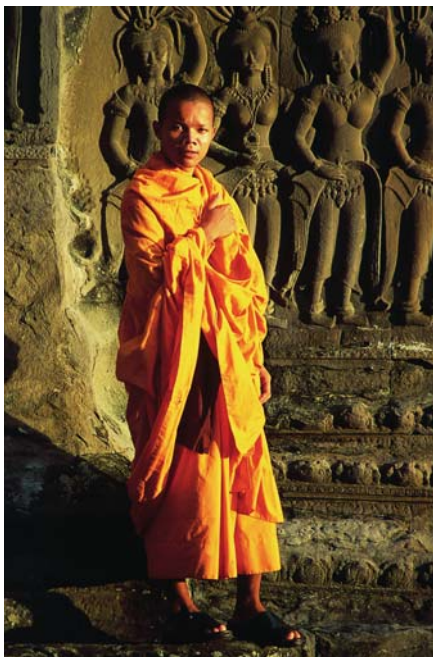
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**Explore the mysterious Orient with Cruise Express in October, 2012, and discover enchanting and exotic wonders that will leave you spellbound. Our hosted cruise tour through six of Asia's most colourful countries offers the most relaxing and affordable way to experience Asia's fabled treasures.**

Packed with highlights and including sightseeing in every destination, our exciting itinerary embraces China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore, offering three weeks of sights, sounds and flavours you'll never forget.



Bustling Bangkok begins our Oriental sojourn. Here we'll cross the bridge over the River Kwai, visit sacred temples and ornate palaces and witness one of the biggest and most spectacular stage productions in the world – Siam Niramit – which showcases Thailand's rich culture. Three nights in Beijing allows us time to walk along the breathtaking Great Wall of China and visit the world's biggest square – Tiananmen Square, the captivating Forbidden City and the striking stadiums built for the 2008 Olympics.

Our floating home for 16 nights, the deluxe Diamond Princess, awaits us as we sail to the South Korean city of Busan – home to the world's largest department store. In Nagasaki, we make a moving visit to the atomic bomb museum and Peace Memorial Park. The extraordinary tapestry of Shanghai with its eye-catching skyscrapers follows before we cruise into the beautiful harbour of Hong Kong where we'll enjoy a traditional dim sum lunch and ride the tram to The Peak.

Vietnam will enchant you with its warmth and friendliness while Singapore will wow you with its shopping and eye-catching attractions. Our three-week adventure ends back in Bangkok where we fly home with a trunk full of memories.

Our deluxe tour offers exceptional value, with 60 meals and sightseeing in every city and port included as well as flights and the services of your experienced Cruise Express escort and local guides whose passion it will be to see you enjoy a first-class holiday you'll always treasure.

***Bon Voyage from the Cruise Express Team!***



## YOUR HOLIDAY ITINERARY

### OCTOBER 2012

#### Wed 03 – Australia to Bangkok, Thailand

Fly Australia to Bangkok with Thai Airways. Transfer to our hotel for three nights – the 4½-star Pathumwan Princess Hotel.

#### Thu 04 – Bangkok

Our tour today will take us to the Royal Grand Palace and Thailand's most sacred temple, the dazzling Wat Phra Kaew. After lunch, the afternoon is free to explore this fascinating city. Tonight we enjoy the spectacle of the breathtaking Siam Niramit Thai show with dinner. (B/L/D)

#### Fri 05 – Bangkok – River Kwai

We travel 130km west to Kanchanaburi where we visit the war cemetery and take a scenic train ride along the infamous 'Death Railway' over the legendary bridge on the River Kwai. (B/L)

#### Sat 06 – Bangkok – Beijing, China

We fly to Beijing and check into the 4½-star Marriott City Wall Hotel for three nights. (B)

#### Sun 07 – Beijing

Our full day of exploration takes in Tiananmen Square, the splendours of the Forbidden City, the magnificent Summer Palace and the Silk Markets. Continue onto the 'hutongs' – the back alleys of Beijing – by cycle rickshaw. Enjoy glimpses into the traditional life of the locals. (B/L)

#### Mon 08 – Beijing

An unforgettable day awaits us as we journey to the Ming Tombs and the Great Wall of China – one of the world's greatest wonders. (B/L)

#### Tue 09 – Embark Diamond Princess

This morning, visit the Olympic 'Birds Nest' and 'Watercube' stadiums before we transfer to Tianjin to begin our cruise aboard Diamond Princess (B/L/D)

#### Wed 10 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Thu 11 – Busan, South Korea

Modern high-rise towers dwarf ancient Buddhist temples in South Korea's second biggest city and our afternoon tour will take us to the city's main attractions. (B/L/D)

#### Fri 12 – Nagasaki, Japan

For many travellers, Nagasaki is a symbol of the horrors of war. But this beautiful city, with its inspiring Peace Park, offers timeless charm as well. Often described as the San Francisco of Japan, the city occupies verdant hills surrounded by a deep-water bay. The city is also celebrated as the setting for Puccini's opera, 'Madame Butterfly'. (B/L/D)

#### Sat 13 – At Sea (B/L/D)



#### Sun 14 – Shanghai, China

Shanghai is one of the world's most fascinating cities and home to a staggering 13 million people. This incredible metropolis has played a pivotal role in the tumultuous history of modern China. Our tour will take us to the famous Bund along the river as well as the striking 88-storey Jin Mao Tower, Old Chinatown and the Yu Gardens. (B/L/D)

#### Mon 15 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Tues 16 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Wed 17 – Hong Kong, China

Diamond Princess docks today in the heart of one of the world's great cities where modern, neon-lit skyscrapers hug the hillsides while noodle vendors and fortune tellers ply their trade in the narrow streets below. Our tour includes all the famous sights such as a tram ride up to The Peak and what would a visit to 'Honkers' be without a hearty dim sum lunch on a floating restaurant? (B/L/D)

#### Thu 18 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Fri 19 – Nha Trang, Vietnam

Nestled on the south-central coast of Vietnam, Nha Trang retains a welcoming small-town ambience. A resort town, it is flanked by nearly 10km of inviting beaches. We visit the ancient Po Nagar Cham Towers and 'Chong Promontory'. (B/L/D)

#### Sat 20 – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 with the fall of Saigon, this pulsating metropolis on the Mekong River is today a friendly, thriving trading centre, where hawkers, honking horns and more motor scooters than you've ever seen before fill the streets. Our tour today includes the Reunification Palace, war museum, temples, City Hall, Opera House and the colourful markets. (B/L/D)

#### Sun 21 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Mon 22 – Singapore

Our shore tour includes all the top drawcards of this energetic, hi-tech city including the stunning

Marina Bay complex, cricket club, City Hall, the famous Merlion statue – part lion, part fish – the National Orchid Garden, the giant Singapore Flyer ferris wheel and Sentosa – an island of peace and tranquility that we reach by a panoramic cable car. (B/L/D)

#### Tue 23 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Wed 24 – At Sea (B/L/D)

#### Thu 25 – Bangkok

We disembark Diamond Princess to visit The Ancient City – a stunning cultural theme park showcasing Thailand's history and culture. After lunch, there's free time for last-minute shopping before we board our flight home to Australia tonight. (B/L)

#### Fri 26 – Arrive Australia

B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner

## INCLUSIONS

- Return Economy class airfares from SYD/BNE/MEL/ADL/PER and Bangkok-Beijing flight with Thai Airways, including taxes
- 3 nights Bangkok in a deluxe hotel including breakfast
- 3 nights Beijing in a deluxe hotel including breakfast
- 16 night cruise onboard Diamond Princess, port charges and gratuities
- 60 meals as listed in the itinerary
- Group transfers throughout
- Comprehensive sightseeing in Bangkok and Beijing
- 7 Shore Excursions (a tour in every port)
- Double entry visa for China
- The services of a professional Cruise Express Escort
- Cruise Express Souvenir Backpack, Cap or Visor & Lanyard

#### Not included:

- Travel insurance, Items of a personal nature such as souvenirs, laundry and beverages

## YOUR HOLIDAY FARES

Stateroom	Twin	Single
Inside (Cat JJ)	\$6990	\$8890
Outside (Cat FF)	\$7390	\$9490
Balcony (Cat BC)	\$8190	\$11,990

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## BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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Please read all booking terms and conditions carefully. By payment of your deposit we understand you have read, understood and accepted these conditions.

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### PRICING & ITINERARY

All prices are in Australian dollars and are per person based on twin or single occupancy. Your "total fare" is based on operator prices that are correct at time of publication (December 2011), but are subject to change without notice. In the event that operators, service providers or currency fluctuations alter prices, the Facilitator reserves the right to adjust pricing at any time up to and including the day of departure. When circumstances beyond the control of the Facilitator occur, the Facilitator also reserves the right to alter itineraries accordingly.

### BOOKINGS

All bookings must be made directly with the Facilitator and are subject to availability of the appropriate services (eg. airline seats, cabins and hotel accommodation) at the time of booking. When circumstances beyond the control of the facilitator occur, the facilitator also reserves the right to alter the itinerary.

### CONFIRMATION & PAYMENT OF DEPOSITS

The Facilitator will prepare and forward a written confirmation. A non-refundable deposit payment of \$1500.00 per person will be required within 7 days of confirmation in order to secure the booking. If a deposit is not received within this period, the booking will automatically lapse. Credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Card) payments are accepted. Amex and Diners payments attract a 3% administration fee. A relevant booking form must be completed, signed and returned to the Facilitator with all deposit payments.

### FINAL PAYMENT

Full payment is due and must be received no later than 105 days prior to your departure date (unless otherwise specified). Documentation will be distributed at a Group Pre-Departure gathering approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

### CANCELLATIONS

In the event of cancellation after a deposit payment is made, the cancellation must be made IN WRITING to the Facilitator. Cancellation charges apply and will be dependent upon the time at which notice of your cancellation is received and on the individual cancellation policies of the operators (eg. cruise line) involved. Cancellation fees for air tickets issued will be determined by Airline Tariff Regulations. No refund is payable for flight coupons issued but not flown. Additional cancellation fees may be applied by airlines where special conditions apply to early ticketing time limits accepted by the passenger.

### AMENDMENTS

After deposits are paid, the first amendment will be free. Should you wish to make further alterations, an amendment fee of \$100.00 will apply for each alteration.

### TOUR INCLUSIONS

Economy class airfares inc. airline taxes & government charges, cruise accommodation in selected cabin grade inc. onboard gratuities, port & handling charges, group transfers, coach transportation, hotels and sightseeing where indicated, portage of one piece of luggage per person, meals as specified and the services of a Tour Escort or independent Tour Guide(s) throughout the itinerary (see Tour Escort). Accommodation is on a twin-share basis unless otherwise requested and confirmed. Hotels are subject to change.

### NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COSTS

All items not specifically referred to as Tour Inclusions including excess baggage, portage other than for one piece of baggage per person, meals, gratuities and tips except where indicated, passports, visas, travel insurance, laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature.

### TOUR ESCORT

It is intended that this departure will be accompanied by at least one Tour Escort nominated by the Facilitator. However, should minimum group numbers not be reached, the Facilitator reserves the right to operate the itinerary as an unescorted group departure utilising local independent Tour Guides and/or Escorts.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of travelling with the Facilitator that each passenger MUST HAVE a current travel insurance policy. Because of the cancellation policies outlined above, we strongly recommend that insurance is purchased at the time of paying initial deposits, to cover cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances.

### HEALTH, FITNESS AND PARTICIPATION

Passengers may NOT rely on the Tour Escort for personal physical assistance and warrant that they ARE in good health and/or fit to travel on tour. While our tours do not require a special level of fitness, for the overall benefit of the group, all tour members must possess a moderate level of mobility, including the ability to:

- negotiate airports and railway stations without wheelchair assistance
- use combined shower/bath facilities (it is impossible to guarantee walk-in shower facilities)
- undertake walking tours of 2-3 hours duration, including using stairs, walking over cobblestones and other uneven surfaces
- stand for long periods in museums and other sites
- embark /disembark coaches, trains and other methods of transportation without assistance
- handle your own luggage.

### BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

All passengers are permitted one piece of check-in luggage restricted to 20kgs per person for Economy or Premium Economy class. In addition to this, passengers are also allowed one piece of carry on luggage restricted to 5kgs per person. Any additional luggage may only be carried on the understanding that passengers are personally responsible for additional portage costs and/or excess luggage charges imposed by the airline(s) and other carriers.

### TRAVEL WARNINGS

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade issues regular updates for overseas travel. Please refer to the DFAT website – [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au) for the most up-to-date travel advice. If you do not have website access please contact the Facilitator for a print-out of the latest advice relating to your travel destination(s).

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