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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an exclusive Small Group journey limited to 28 travelers.
- Ride a tuk tuk through
 Bangkok and take a
 cruise of the Chao Phraya
 River to see Wat Arun and
 Wat Pho, two of the city's
 most impressive temples,
 and a floating market.
- Experience the golden age
 of travel on the Eastern &
 Oriental Express train,
 and see the Thai and
 Malaysian countryside as
 you make your way from
 Bangkok to Singapore.
- Wander through the impressive ruins of Ayutthaya and visit an elephant sanctuary.
- Cruise the **River Kwai** to see the historic bridge built by Allied troops.
- Explore the lively city of **Singapore.**
- Discover both the lush highlands and beautiful beaches of **Bali**, one of the world's most idyllic islands.



Indonesia on this magical adventure, featuring an indulgent train journey designed by Eastern & Oriental Express. Begin in Bangkok and explore its exquisite temples, palaces, and shrines. Cruise down the River Kwai. Visit an elephant sanctuary in the ancient capital of Siam. On the island of Bali, discover both Ubud, the leafy artistic and spiritual enclave that has lured luminaries such as Noel Coward and Margaret Mead, and the island's sugar-white beaches that beg you to bask in the sun. A feast for the senses awaits you on this soul-stirring journey.

Above: Ayutthaya

UNESCO

The UNESCO World Heritage sites featured are the historic city of **Ayutthaya**, Thailand; colonial **Georgetown**, Malaysia; and **subak**, the cultural landscape of Bali.



Howdy, Ags!

Join us on the journey of a lifetime as we explore Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. On this 10-night adventure we will take in jaw-dropping tropical scenery from the refined Eastern & Oriental Express, ride tuk tuks through colorful Bangkok and float down the River Kwai. Your journey concludes in Bali, where you will discover both the lush, verdant highlands and the powder-soft beaches.

Traveling on one of our small group programs offers many advantages. You will receive special access and enjoy behind-the-scenes experiences not available to larger groups. An experienced Travel Director will take care of every detail during your journey. Best of all, expert guides lead you on fascinating excursions that will give you an in-depth look at the local culture and history along the way.

Enjoy the experience of traveling with one of our small groups, limited to 28 travelers. This program is sure to be popular, especially with the incomparable three-night Eastern & Oriental Express experience. We encourage you to make your reservations today.

Gig 'em!

Jennifer Bohac

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D. Director, Travel Programs The Association of Former Students Rice paddies, Bali

Great trip, wonderful experiences and the groups are exceptional.

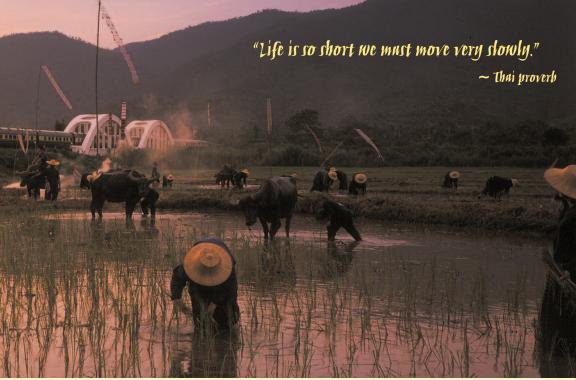
Tom Elting '55

Previously we have traveled independently. This trip was the first tour we have ever taken and it exceeded our expectations. The itinerary, the staff, and the arrangements made through the Traveling Aggies were all very positive experiences.

Wally '57 & Punky Penberthy

Travel the World and spread the Spirit of Texas A&M. Join the fun and travel with The Association of Former Students' Travel Program.

> Roger '52 & Helen Jenswold



DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Bangkok, Thailand.*

*Provided for AHI FlexAir passengers only.

DAY TWO

IN TRANSIT

Cross the international date line.

DAY THREE

BANGKOK

Upon arrival, transfer* to The Peninsula Bangkok.

Gather for a Welcome Reception at the hotel this evening.

DAY FOUR

BANGKOK

Educational Focus: A History of Thailand.

Excursion: *Vibrant Bangkok.* Take a short boat ride to the Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha Temple. Next, take a tuk tuk ride to Wat Pho to see the reclining Buddha. This temple also is considered the country's first university.

Local Flavor: Stop for a lunch of Thai cuisine at a restaurant in a century-old historic building.

DAY FIVE

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BANGKOK | AYUTTHAYA

Excursion: *Ayutthaya.* Take a leisurely cruise of the Chao Phraya River to Bang Pa-In, the extravagant royal Summer Palace surrounded by manicured gardens, and the ruins of Ayutthaya, the grand capital of Siam



from the 14th-18th centuries.
Continue to the Royal
Elephant Kraal and visit a
sanctuary for endangered
Asian elephants, which
are a Thai national
symbol. Tour this
exceptional facility that
promotes the humane
treatment and
conservation
of these
gentle giants,
newborns to
seniors.



EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

Board the green-and-gold carriages of the Eastern & Oriental Express, and experience the golden age of travel as you wind through some of the most exotic, untouched countryside on earth. The sister train to Europe's Venice-Simplon Orient Express, the E&O offers an equally luxurious experience complemented by an unparalleled encounter with Southeast Asia's far-flung landscapes. Elegance and attention to detail make riding the E&O an unforgettable treat. Orchids and frangipani flowers perfume the air. Stewards polish shoes and deliver freshly baked croissants and delicately carved local fruits at sunrise.

Feel like you are dining in one of the world's top restaurants when you take your seat in one of the lavishly decorated dining cars. Enveloped in rosewood paneling, you will enjoy refined service and gourmet meals prepared with the freshest ingredients.

As the sun sets, listen to the sounds of the forest as you relax in the open-air Observation Car and sip a Shanghai Express while the pianist plays your old favorites in the piano bar.

Filled with the sights and sounds of Southeast Asia, retire to your climate-controlled Pullman Cabin, paneled in cherry wood and elm burr, with large picture windows. Enjoy the privacy of your well-appointed en-suite bathroom and fall asleep to the rhythm of the rails.

DAY SIX

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BANGKOK I EASTERN

& ORIENTAL EXPRESS

Excursion: Bangkok's

Thonburi Klongs and the

Jim Thompson House.

Begin your day with a cruise of the famous Thonburi klongs. This canal network

forms a floating community,

where people live and work.

Then ponder the life and

mysterious American who brought Thai silk to

disappearance of Jim Thompson, the









international attention, as you explore the teak complexes that made up his antique-rich home. Enjoy some free time to browse the shop, which is filled with exquisite silk goods.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a Thai lunch at the Thompson Bar & Restaurant.

Below: Bridge over River Kwai Right: Georgetown Lower right: Singapore



This afternoon, board the opulent Eastern & Oriental Express. As the train departs Bangkok, watch the cityscape fade into a lush rural tapestry.

DAY SEVEN

BILID

EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS | KANCHANABURI

Sip your morning coffee as the E&O departs from Wang Po along the wooden trestle viaduct beside a towering cliff.

Excursion: *Kanchanaburi.* Board a boat at River Kwai Bridge station. As you float down the Kwai Yai River, learn about the Thailand-Burma railway from a local historian. Then, drive past the North Temple and Chinese Cemetery to the Thailand-Burma Railway Center and the Don Rak War Cemetery, where 7,000 Allied soldiers who died while building the railway during World War II are buried.

DAY EIGHT

BILID

EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS | GEORGETOWN, MALAYSIA

Excursion: *Georgetown.* Stroll the narrow streets of colonial Georgetown, capital of Penang. See the Malay, Chinese and Indian influences in this old trading port as you explore historic mosques, churches, temples, bazaar and shops. This evening, sip a nightcap in the piano bar with friends on the final evening aboard the elegant E&O.

DAY NINE

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EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS | SINGAPORE

Excursion: *Singapore.* Explore Singapore and see the skyscraping Marina Bay Sands resort and Merlion Park. Drive through the Civic District past the Padang, Cricket Club,





Parliament House, Supreme Court, City Hall and more. Explore Thian Hock Keng Temple. Also known as the Temple of Holy Bliss, it is one of the city's oldest temples.

This afternoon, check in to the Mandarin Oriental, Singapore.

DAY TEN

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SINGAPORE | BALI, INDONESIA

This morning, depart for the airport for a flight to Bali. Upon arrival, transfer to the Belmond Jimbaran, which overlooks one of the island's most beautiful beaches.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

DAY ELEVEN

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BALI

learning about daily life on the island of Bali. Visit a local school to meet the students and their teachers. Also, visit a traditional Balinese housing compound to observe the local lifestyle and traditional activities. Continue to the rice fields to learn about subak, an ancient irrigation system still in use today. This cooperative system is more than a means to water fields. It is an extension of temple culture. If you wish, you can try your hand at planting or harvesting rice. If you choose, surrender your feet to a traditional Balinese foot massage, a relaxing experience.



Left: Bali Below: Ubud market

The Mystery of the American Silk King

American architect Jim Thompson, who worked for U.S. intelligence during World War II, settled in Bangkok after the war. He became captivated by Thai culture and arts. With a charismatic personality and a keen eye for color and design, Thompson introduced the world to Thailand's silk industry and helped countless villagers in the process.

Over some 20 years, "the best known foreigner in Bangkok" became an authority on Thai art, built a unique home that attracted luminaries and ushered in new dyes to create the brightly colored silks we see today.

The Silk King with CIA connections disappeared in the Malaysian jungle while vacationing with friends over Easter weekend in 1967. Despite extensive investigations, his disappearance remains a mystery.

Local Flavor: Take a Balinese coffee break. Enjoy coffee and tea prepared the local way and try some typical snacks. Then at lunch, savor Indonesian specialties during an alfresco lunch by the rice fields.

DAY TWELVE

BILID

BALI

Excursion: Spiritual Bali, Ubud Monkey Forest and a Traditional Market. Today, head to the hills of Bali. The morning begins with a visit to Pura Tirta Empul, a temple



in Tampak Siring where the water from a bubbling spring is believed to have healing powers. The temple, built in 926, features two bathing pools where the Balinese hold purification ceremonies. Continue to the Sacred Monkey Forest of Padangtegal near the village of Ubud to see the long-tailed macaques who live in this rain forest and to learn about this sacred area. Conclude with a visit to Ubud's famous market, where you will find batiks and other textiles, silver jewelry, woodwork and other traditional crafts.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a lunch of Balinese cuisine in Ubud.

This evening, gather with your fellow travelers to bid farewell to Bali at a Farewell Dinner.

DAY THIRTEEN

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This morning, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

Included meals indicated each day as $B \mid L \mid D = Breakfast \mid Lunch \mid Dinner$.

ACCOMMODATIONS





THE PENINSULA BANGKOK

Sitting on the bank of the Chao Phraya River, this W-shaped landmark is consistently rated one of the best hotels in the world by discriminating travelers. Tranquil, spacious questrooms feature sensational views of river and city as well as indulgent touches like silk-clad finishes and marble baths with televisions above the bathtub. Swim in the three-tiered pool embraced by lush landscaping or sneak away to the colonial Thai Peninsula Spa for a chakra-balancing massage.

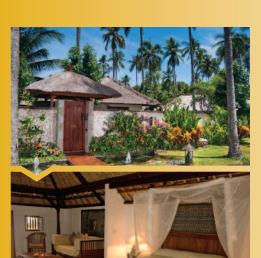






MANDARIN ORIENTAL, **SINGAPORE**

Mandarin Oriental, Singapore sits in Marina Bay just steps from the Esplanade. The hotel offers many enticing amenities to its guests. Stroll through the garden, unwind at the spa, or swim a few laps in the outdoor swimming pool. There also is a fully equipped fitness center. The hotel also is a showcase of Asian art: the collection features the works of regional artists. Enjoy everything from cocktails to international cuisine at the hotel's five restaurants and two lounges.



BELMOND JIMBARAN, BALI

This luxurious resort overlooks one of Bali's beautiful beaches. Enjoy the privacy of your own cottage suite with a private garden and terrace. Venture out to the powder-soft sands of the beach or take a dip in the infinity pool built into the terraced landscape. The hotel has a spa, but you can also relax with an in-room massage or aromatic facial treatment. Savor international cuisine at one of two restaurants, and enjoy a drink and the sunset at the lounge.

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LAND PROGRAM April 21-May 1, 2015

	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
Pullman Cabin	\$6.545	\$250	\$6.295*

62 sq. ft. private lounge with banquette-style sofa. At night, the seating converts to upper and lower beds.

State Cabin \$7,445 \$250 **\$7,195***

84 sq. ft. private lounge with banquette-style sofa and chairs. At night, the seating converts to two single beds.

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel. VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are per person, based on double occupancy (unless otherwise stated). The Pullman Single Cabin (54 sq. ft., one lower bed) supplement is an additional \$1,495. The State Cabin single supplement is an additional \$2,895. There is limited availability for all single accommodations.

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April 19-May 1, 2015

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ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Gateway City*
- Day 2 Cross international date line
- Day 3 Arrive in Bangkok, Thailand
- Day 4 Bangkok
- Day 5 Bangkok
- Day 6 Bangkok/Eastern & Oriental Express
- **Day 7** Eastern & Oriental Express/ Kanchanaburi
- **Day 8** Eastern & Oriental Express/ Georgetown, Malaysia
- **Day 9** Eastern & Oriental Express/ Singapore
- Day 10 Bali, Indonesia
- Day 11 Bali
- Day 12 Bali
- Day 13 Return to Gateway City*

Note: This itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

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INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Three nights in Bangkok, Thailand, at The Peninsula Bangkok, a deluxe hotel.
- Three nights aboard the deluxe
 Eastern & Oriental Express.
- One night in Singapore at the deluxe Mandarin Oriental, Singapore.
- Three nights in Bali, Indonesia, at the deluxe beachfront Belmond Jimbaran, Bali.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including 10 breakfasts, seven lunches and four dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Farewell Dinner.

TRANSPORTATION

 The flight, train ride and deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

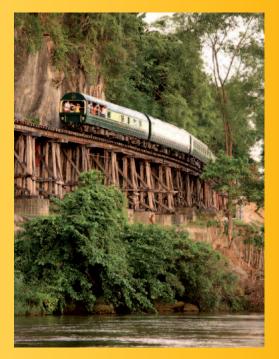
(For details, see the day-by-day itinerary.)

Informative educational programs
 presented by local experts to enhance your
 insight into the region.

All excursions:

- Discover Bangkok's Grand Palace, Emerald Buddha Temple, Wat Pho and more.
- Visit Ayutthaya and the Royal Elephant Kraal.
- Explore the Jim Thompson House museum.
- Raft down the River Kwai to see the River Kwai Bridge, Thailand-Burma Railway Center and Don Rak War Cemetery.
- Tour colonial Georgetown, capital of the Malaysian state of Penang.
- See the highlights of Singapore.
- Discover Bali's sights, including a traditional housing compound, the famous





- arts and crafts market in Ubud and a monkey sanctuary and temple.
- Get a firsthand look at subak, an age-old Balinese cultural, spiritual and agricultural system.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated
 Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of a professional Travel Director throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of all guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.





Top to bottom: Ayutthaya Statue, Singapore Elephants, Ayutthaya

Cover photos: Eastern & Oriental Express Fisherman, Bali





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