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JOIN STEVIE JAY and cruise from Shanghai, China to Singapore, with hotel stays before and after the cruise. Visit Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Thailand also: five countries and 7 ports of call. Indulge in countless

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cultures, histories, tranquil landscapes and mesmerizing temples when you spend two weeks sailing the wonders of Asia. Disembark into the massive urban center of Hong Kong and marvel at the Vietnamese metropolis of Ho Chi Minh City, a major hub of activity drawing on Asian and Western traditions alike.

Itinerary

Day 1 Tuesday: Central Illinois-Chicago

Stevie Jay welcomes us aboard our private motorcoach this afternoon as we head to an airport hotel near O'Hare where we stay overnight and need not worry about weather and heading up in the wee hours tomorrow. The hotel will have a complimentary social hour this evening and there are restaurants nearby for dinner on your own.

Day 2 Wednesday: Chicago O'Hare-Flight

We are taken to the airport to board our non-stop, morning United flight to Shanghai. Since we are crossing the international dateline, the rest of this day is "lost" because we arrive tomorrow afternoon! (BB)

Day 3 Thursday: Flight-Shanghai, China

We arrive in Shanghai this afternoon and are taken to our hotel. The rest of the day is free in this fabled port on the Huangpu River that has played a pivotal role in the history of





Above: Shanghai Pudong Skyline Photo by PJT56
 Right: Tai Chi exercisers at sunrise on The Bund

modern China. One of seven treaty ports inflicted by the West on Imperial China, the city was famed for the Bund, an elegant section of riverbank lined with European mercantile houses and elegant mansions. Shanghai was also the cradle of the Chinese Communist Party, and it is here that the People's Republic created its vast commercial and industrial bastion.

Day 4 Friday: Shanghai

We have a morning sightseeing tour of Shanghai, one of the most fascinating cities on the face of the earth. Its streets are packed with individuals, cars and bicycles, weaving an extraordinary tapestry of humanity. Yet serenity and beauty are always present, be it a class practicing early morning tai chi or the serene repose of the city's jade Buddha. Shanghai's attractions are legendary, from exquisite temples and superb museums to the Bund's elegant 19th-century European architecture. Afternoon and evening is free. (B)



The Great Cauldron at Sofukuji Temple in Nagasaki, Japan



Day 5 Saturday: Shanghai-Embarkation

We have a bit of free time before being taken to the port to board our floating resort, Sapphire Princess. After lunch aboard ship, we have time to explore our new home before we set sail at 6:00 P.M. and have dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Sunday: At Sea

A great delight of this cruise itinerary are the wonderful days at sea that are sprinkled throughout the itinerary that allow you to enjoy the amenities of the ship or just relax. This way you do not get tired by going ashore every day. (B, L, D)





Above: Shanghai, The Bund at Night

Below: Nagasaki, Japan

Day 7 Monday: Nagasaki, Japan

For most travelers, Nagasaki is a symbol of the horror and the inhumanity of war. An estimated 75,000 people perished in 1945 when the city became the second target of a nuclear attack. Today, Nagasaki's Peace Park and Atomic Bomb Museum draw visitors from around the world.

But this beautiful city on Kyushu island offers other sights. Often described as the San Francisco of Japan, the city occupies verdant hills surrounded by a deep-water bay. For three centuries, Nagasaki was Japan's sole window on the world. The city is also celebrated as the setting for Puccini's opera "Madame Butterfly." In port from 9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Tuesday: Busan, South Korea

The second largest city in South Korea, Busan (shown top of the first page) is your gateway to a fascinating land whose culture is a unique amalgam of old and new. Modern high-rise towers dwarf ancient Buddhist temples. The city's bustling business district offers a stark contrast to the serene grounds of Yongdusan Park. In short, Busan is a microcosm of South Korea,



Stevie Jay Khachaturian, whether on the radio or on the go, is designing unique tours and cruise packages with the help of 45-year travel veteran, Bill Owen.



the nation's startling economic success often obscures one of Asia's most sophisticated and venerable cultures.

Busan was the scene of bitter fighting during the Korean War. The United Nations Memorial Cemetery marks the final resting place for the troops from 16 nations who gave their lives during the conflict. In port 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 9-10 Wednesday-Thursday: At Sea

DINING: Passionate about our culinary craft, Princess is committed to serving you mouth-watering, handcrafted dishes made from scratch throughout your voyage. Be sure to join us at one of our award-winning specialty restaurants to celebrate your next birthday, anniversary or milestone and enjoy tantalizing specialties.

- Crafted by Curtis Stone (dining room dishes)
 - Chef's Table Experience†
 - Chocolate Journeys
 - Sabatini's (Italian specialty restaurant)†
 - Sterling Steakhouse†
 - Alfredo's Pizzeria
 - International Café
 - Vines (wine bar)†
 - Horizon Court (buffet)
 - Trident Grill (burgers & hot dogs)
- † Nominal charges may apply at marked restaurants. Learn more about Food & Dining. (B, L, D)

Day 11 Friday: Hong Kong, China

Skyscrapers form a glistening forest of steel and glass, junks and sampans ply the busy harbor waters, and the green, dragon-crested hills of Kowloon beckon. Welcome to Hong Kong, one of the world's great travel destinations. Now a semi-autonomous region of China, Hong Kong - literally "Fragrant Harbor" - has lost none of its charm, excitement or exoticism. Modern skyscrapers and luxury hotels climb the slopes of Hong Kong Island. Narrow streets are crammed with noodle vendors, fortune-tellers and bone setters. The endless array of shops offer the visitor everything from hand-tailored suits and ancient porcelain to the latest consumer electronics. And everywhere more than seven million people are moving at a breathtaking pace in one of the world's great monuments to capitalism, commerce and enterprise.



The former Crown Colony has enough attractions to last a lifetime. To take in the entire spectacle, head to Victoria Peak for panoramic views. Enjoy lunch on one of the city's floating restaurants. Walk down one of the crowded streets to take the city's rapid pulse. And whether you think you are in the mood or not - shop. After all, you are in the duty-free capital of the world. In port 7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 12-13 Saturday-Sunday: At Sea

ENTERTAINMENT: There's always something happening on board — from heading to the Princess Theater for a lavish original musical production to enjoying a blockbuster movie poolside under the stars or simply relaxing in a lounge sipping a cocktail where a live band is playing your song.

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- Princess Theater
- Skywalkers Nightclub
- Club Fusion (dance club)
- Churchill's (cigar lounge)
- Crooners Bar

Learn more about Onboard Entertainment. (B, L, D)

Day 14 Monday: Ho Chi Minh City (Phu My), Vietnam

Over three decades have passed since the Vietnam War ended with the fall of Saigon. Today, the name of this bustling metropolis on the Mekong River is Ho Chi Minh City. Yet, the essence of the city, a major trading center since the 18th century, remains unchanged. The air is filled with the cries of street hawkers and honking horns. Bicycles, motorbikes and automobiles fly down the boulevards at dizzying speeds. And everywhere, friendly faces and warm greetings meet you.

The port of Phu My (pronounced "Foo Me") is your gateway to Ho Chi Minh City and the seaside resort of Vung Tau. In port 7:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 15 Tuesday: At Sea

JOYFUL REJUVENATION: Everything you need to refresh body and mind is right on board. Indulge in a manicure, pedicure or a makeover in the salon,



Notre Dame in Ho Chi Minh City Photo by Hieucd

or a soothing massage in the Lotus Spa®. Or maybe it's a brisk workout in the fitness center, followed by a little "me time" in The Sanctuary, a tranquil retreat reserved just for adults.

- The Princess Luxury Bed (on board in Mar. 2018)
- SLEEP by Princess
- The Sanctuary (retreat for adults)†
- Lotus Spa®†
- Lotus Spa® Fitness Center
- Fitness Classes†

† Nominal charges may apply. Learn more about Onboard Wellness. (B, L, D)

Day 16 Wednesday: Bangkok (Laem Chabang), Thailand

Laem Chabang is your gateway to Bangkok. This enchanting city on the Chao Phraya River is a magical place where graceful dancers perform in shimmering silk gowns, temples with gold-leaf spires harbor priceless Buddhas and riverboats cruise a maze of canals. The only nation in Southeast Asia to escape colonial rule,



Thailand offers a rich and ancient culture that flowered unhindered by Western influence. Proud and strongly nationalistic, the Thai people call their nation Muang Thai - "Land of the Free."





Bangkok Wat Phra Sri Rattana Satsadaram
 Photo by Paolobon140

Founded in 1782 by King Rama I, Bangkok is home to more than eight million people. The capital's proper name is Krung Thep - the "City of Angels." In port 7:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. (B, L, D)



Bangkok floating market Photo by Paolobon140



Day 17 Thursday: Ko Samui, Thailand

Thailand's third largest island has been attracting international travelers for less than half a century. Before then, this island in the Gulf of Thailand was noted for its coconut plantations and rubber production. Today, Ko Samui's premier charms are its powdery white beaches, its Buddhist temples or wats, and its crystalline waters. Despite the island's increasing popularity, it retains a casual and unspoiled air that offers a bracing tonic to the experienced traveler.

The majority of the island's population resides in Nathon, Ko Samui's capital. The island's first settlers were a mix of Hainanese coconut farmers and Malay fishermen.

Nathon is an anchorage port. Passengers transfer to shore via ship's tenders so wheelchair access is limited. 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. (B, L, D)

Day 18 Friday: At Sea

ACTIVITIES: Each day, a world of exciting activities awaits, from cooking demonstrations to dance classes, trivia contests and a range of enrichment programs, including our

Encounters with Discovery at SEA™ speaker series from experts who offer insights into the places you'll visit.

- Discovery at SEA™ Programs
- Festivals of the World
- The Piazza
- Shops of Princess
- Art Gallery & Auctions
- Photo & Video Gallery
- Platinum Photography Studio
- Freshwater Pools & Hot Tubs
- Sports Court (basketball, volleyball, tennis)
- Lawn Court (golf putting and lawn games)

Learn more about Onboard Activities. (B, L, D)

Day 19 Saturday: Singapore-Disembarkation-Hotel

Docking in Singapore from 7:00 A.M. After breakfast we say farewell to the wonderful crew members that have served us so grandly. We are taken by a private motor coach to our hotel, enjoying a sightseeing tour of Singapore on the way. We will see both the original Colonial section of this once backwater port of the British Empire, as well as the part that has been transformed into a modern and successful city-state. Afternoon and evening is free. (B)

Day 20 Sunday: Singapore

Today is free for independent sightseeing or great shopping. Singapore - the very name summons visions of the mysterious East. The commercial center of Southeast Asia, this island city-state of four million people is a metropolis of modern high-rise buildings, Chinese shop-houses with red-tiled roofs, sturdy Victorian buildings, Buddhist temples and Arab bazaars. Founded in 1819 by Sir Stamford Raffles of the fabled East India Company, the city is a melting pot of people and cultures. Malay, Chinese, English and Tamil are official languages. Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Hinduism and Christianity are





the major faiths. Singapore is an ever-fascinating island boasting colorful traditions, luxurious hotels and some of the finest duty-free shopping in the world.

Lying just 85 miles north of the Equator at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, the island was a haven for Malay pirates and Chinese and Arab traders. (B)

Day 21 Monday: Singapore-Flight-Chicago-Central Illinois

We are taken to the airport this morning and board our flight connection back home. Because of crossing eastbound over the international dateline, we get back the day we “lost” on the way over! After changing planes and clearing customs on the west coast, we have plenty of time before continuing to Chicago. Here we board our private motor coach back to Central Illinois with grand memories of Asia! (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Package Prices

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Singapore Satay Stalls Photo by Paolobon140



Thailand's Ko Samui Photo by Manfred Werner

What's Included: • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois • Baggage handling • Round trip flights to Shanghai & return from Singapore • Round trip motor coach transportation between the airport, hotel & ship • 47 Meals: 19 Breakfasts 14 Lunches 14 Dinners • \$746 current total taxes & fees, subject to change • Hotel accommodations • Choice of cruise stateroom • Led by Stevie Jay Khachaturian

Accommodations: (19) total number of nights
 Rosemont (1) Residence Inn O'Hare by Marriott
 In Flight (0) Crossing International Dateline
 Shanghai (2) Shanghai Marriott
 Cruising (14) *Sapphire Princess*
 Singapore (2) The Fullerton Hotel

What's Not Included: • Airline baggage fees if any • Cruise staff gratuities (these are included if you book in time) • Optional tours and meals not noted in itinerary • Tax/fuel surcharges in effect if any • Travel insurance

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy for double or single staterooms (3rd & 4th person cost \$2783 if interior/oceanview or \$3183 if higher types). • Passport and foreign visa requirements: assuming you are flying with our group both directions January 2-21, 2019, we recommend that your Passport be valid through July 21, 2019 and that you have 9 blank pages in your passports to allow for each countries' passport stamp. Only two countries normally require a visa: China and Vietnam. No shots are required; however you are advised to consult www.cdc.gov for a list of suggested shots. Other citizens should consult their consulate. Note that Visa fees are not included in your cruise and will cost \$56-76 charged by Princess Cruises to your stateroom account. This is less expense and trouble than obtaining the visa through a visa service. Here are the specifics. **According to Princess Cruises about China:** *many guests [Australian, Canadian, New Zealand, UK, or U.S. citizen] embarking in Shanghai may not require a Chinese visa for this voyage if: (detailed link)
 1) You arrive in Shanghai directly from a country other than China [we are] or the first country other than China visited on the cruise;
 2) You embark your cruise within 144 hours of arrival in Shanghai [we are]; and
 3) You do not leave the Yangtze Delta region (Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang) during that time [we have no plans to go beyond the city area]. **YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR CRUISE BOARDING PASS AND TRAVEL SUMMARY TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES UPON ENTERING CHINA**



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*Evening dining time: the 3 fixed seating times will, each night, be at a pre-assigned table, with the same companions, same waiter and time. However, those on a fixed seating (or Anytime) may make reservations at an alternative dining location whenever they wish.** With "Anytime" you are flexible and may vary time between 5:30-10:00 PM; a different table, waiter and/or companions each evening; reservations are available.

**Alternative Dining, see Day 9-10 on page 4.

At top: Singapore skyline; below, our hotel in Singapore, The Fullerton, Raffles Plaza Photo by Demi Romero

to take advantage of the 144-hour Visa-exemption Transit Policy. Please also check with your airline regarding their documentation requirements.

Further from Princess Cruises about Vietnam: "A Vietnam visa is required for most guests on this voyage, including Australian, Canadian, New Zealand and U.S. passport holders. You may either obtain the visa on your own before your cruise, or a visa will be issued upon arrival in Vietnam. If you choose to have the visa issued on board, a passport-size photo or copy of your passport photo page is required, and a visa fee of USD \$56.00 per person (USD \$76.00 per person for those participating on an overland package) will be charged to your stateroom account. Some guests, including UK passport holders, do not require a visa; however, they will be charged \$1 per person for a landing card and a \$1 per person processing fee. All guests' passports must be valid for at least six months after departing Vietnam and must contain at least one unused page for entry/exit endorsements." **[Notice you must make a copy of your passport.]**

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