

2WORLD TEXTILE TOURS

TEXTILE & CREATIVE DISCOVERY TOURS

2017 -18



BALI – CAMBODIA – LAOS - VIETNAM

Experience the magic of Asia's ancient cultures as you explore its historical sights, markets, galleries, museums, traditional craft and textile communities. Try your hand at traditional crafts including water hyacinth weaving, tribal embroidery, weaving, batik and natural dyes.

For further information & booking enquiries

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Wander through the rural villages of Asia and you will catch a glimpse of a world steeped in tradition and a blaze with colour.... Take the time to stop, and you will enter a world where time is measured not in hours but in crop cycles and embroidery stitches and the click of a weaving shuttle and where arts and crafts are a way of life handed down through generations.

A different kind of travel...

Our travel is guided by a desire not to impact on local communities but to carefully tip toe into the lives of those we visit and share with them our mutual love of textiles, traditional crafts and cultures different from that of our own.

Our tours are not just about seeing the sights but experiencing something new. Share a laugh and a smile with the locals as you are welcomed into their villages and homes to learn about their ancient traditions and how they live. Our unique itineraries are not your standard sightseeing tour as we pride ourselves on giving you truly unique experiences every day. Our small group tours of only 10 ensure you experience your destination in a unique and personal way and do not impact on the communities we visit.

We incorporate a balance of culture and humanitarian projects in all our journeys, enriching travellers with a true insight into unique the communities of Asia and each tour gives you the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of the people you meet on your travels.

Our tours are 'soft adventure' – they take you off the beaten tourist trail without the need for roughing it. We handpick our accommodation based on local knowledge – not on what the travel brochures say and ensure it is always centrally located, safe, clean and where possible locally owned to ensure that the money goes directly into the local community.



Your Tour Leader...

On small group tours of 6 to 10 people you will be escorted by Narelle Grudgfield of MTA Travel. Her passion for textiles & traditional cultures & long time involvement with local communities in the region will give you a unique insight into the destinations you share with her.

On independent tours you will be accompanied by the very best of local guides and experts who will ensure that you experience everything a destination has to offer.

Travelling solo...

Want to travel, but you don't have a travel companion? Or concerned about traveling solo or traveling with us for the first time? Around 80% of people that travel with us are travelling on their own without a companion. Don't let the "newness" of the experience stand between you and your desire to discover new places and create new memories. Once you take that first trip, you'll wonder why you didn't do it sooner.

As we travel in such a small group you will always have a friendly face to share the experience with – be it sharing a meal with or having that second opinion when deciding on the purchase of that gorgeous textile – you'll never be travelling solo!

With your Australian tour leader and a local guide travelling with you we can help you every step of the way whether it's using local ATM's, contacting home, deciphering local food menus or shopping in the markets - we are always there to support you.

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Independent tours...

We know not everyone likes the idea of group travel so we have come up with a range of options which allow independent travellers to experience a unique holiday **without the hassle that comes with going it alone**. You will get your **own personal guide** who will greet you when you arrive at the airport and they will look after your every need until you leave. **It's like travelling with a real life guide book**. With all the local knowledge your guide will be able to share with you things about the local culture and you experience a truly unique experience.

We know that travelling independently in a foreign country can be daunting - so we work closely with only the most reliable and professional local companies in the areas we travel to and are able to provide you with 24 hour emergency in-country contacts that are able to assist you should you need anything.

Independent tours depart with a minimum of 1 or 2 people and can usually be arranged within 3 weeks of your travel dates. (Availability may be limited during peak travel seasons). Use one of our Independent or Small Group tour itineraries, or we can tailor-make a tour just for you, to fit your time-frames, your budget and your interests.

Special Group departures...

If you want to get away with a group of like-minded friends or you'd like to arrange a tour for your craft or sewing group, we can also help you put something together which will fit the interests of the group and the times that they wish to travel. (For groups of 3 to 10).

Wholesale tours for small business

You pick the dates and an itinerary and leave the rest up to us. We'll escort your group and take care of your clients while you sit back and enjoy your holiday and get to know your clients in a fun and relaxed environment. Ask us about our tour convenor incentives and wholesale tours on offer. (Groups of 8 to 10).

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TEXTILE TRAILS OF INDOCHINA

18 DAY – SIEM REAP- LUANG PRABANG – HANOI – MUONG HUM –SAPA- HANOI – HOI AN

Explore the temples of Angkor, visit a Cambodian silk farm and take a water hyacinth weaving workshop on Tonle Sap Lake. Fly to Luang Prabang Laos, take a tour of some of the temples and the Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre. Visit local weaving and paper making villages and take part in silk weaving and dyeing workshops. Take a lesson in Hmong reverse appliqué. Fly to Hanoi where you explore the Old Quarter, the Ho Chi Minh complex, Temple of Literature, CraftLink and the fabulous textiles at the Ethnology Museum. Travel north to the remote resort town of Sapa. Visit the remote tribal market of Muong Hum and ethnic villages in the area, spend a day in a traditional Dao village learning how to master the techniques of Red Dao embroidery. Fly to the World Heritage town of Hoi An. Take a walking tour of the historic part of town and the fabric markets and explore the hundreds of tailors, colourful markets and galleries of this quaint town.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Siem Reap, Cambodia:

22 Nov 2017 - \$5340 pp twin share + \$670 single room supplement

7th Mar 018 - \$5440 pp twin share + \$690 single room supplement

7th Nov 2018 - \$5440 pp twin share + \$690 single room supplement

Small group tours depart with a min of 6 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart Siem Reap weekly on a Wednesday

From \$4120 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application

Independent guided tours depart with a minimum of 2. Solo traveller prices on application



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TEXTILES OF LAOS & VIETNAM

LUANG PRABANG- HANOI – SAPA – HANOI – HOI AN

You start your textiles tour the enchanting UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang where you'll visit its colourful temples, textile villages and the famous craft markets. You'll also spend time learning the art of Laos silk weaving and natural dyes and Hmong reverse applique. You'll take a short flight to the city of Hanoi, Vietnam, where you'll explore the city before heading north west to the resort town of Sapa where you visit the remote mountain market of Muong Hum and spend time in a traditional Red Dao village learning how to master the techniques of their embroidery and take a workshop to learn about the Black Hmong hemp textiles. You end your tour in the beautiful UNESCO town of Hoi An. Here we take a walking tour of the historic part of town and the fabric markets and explore the hundreds of tailors, colourful markets and galleries of this quaint town.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Luang Prabang, Laos;

26 Nov 2017 \$4800 pp twin share + \$510 single room supplement

11th Mar 2018 \$4800 pp twin share + \$510 single room supplement

11th Nov 2018 \$4875 pp twin share + \$525 single room supplement

Small group tours depart with a min of 6 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart Luang Prabang weekly on a Sunday

From \$3,584 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application

Independent guided tours depart with a minimum of 2. Solo traveller prices on application.



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TEXTILES & CRAFT OF CAMBODIA & LAOS

10 DAYS – SIEM REAP – LUANG PRABANG

In Siem Reap you'll explore the temples of Angkor including the awe inspiring Angkor Wat, the magical Bayon, the jungle temple of Ta Phrom and the beautiful pink sandstone temple of Banteay Srei. You'll visit a Cambodian silk farm, a weaving and natural dyes project and spend a morning taking a water hyacinth weaving class. You'll take a short flight to the charming UNESCO World Heritage town of Luang Prabang, Laos. While here you take a tour of some of the most colourful temples of the town and visit the Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre to learn about Lao's ethnic diversity. You'll visit local textile villages and spend a day learning the art of Laos silk weaving and natural dyes and learn the art of Hmong reverse applique in a fun morning with some of the local women of Luang Prabang.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Siem Reap, Cambodia:

15th Feb 2017	\$3450 PP twin share + \$367 single room supplement
22nd Nov 2017	\$3450 PP twin share + \$367 single room supplement
5th Mar 2018	\$3500 pp twin share + \$405 single room supplement
5th Nov 2018	\$3500 pp twin share + \$405 single room supplement

Tours depart with a min of 6 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart Siem Reap daily

From \$2,270 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application

Independent guided tours depart with a minimum of 2. Solo traveller prices on application.



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COLOURS OF VIETNAM

10 DAYS – HANOI – SAPA – MUONG HUM – HANOI – HOI AN

Starting in the vibrant city of Hanoi. Explore the city including the 1000 year old shopping district of the Old Quarter, the Ho Chi Minh complex and the Temple of Literature. Visit CraftLink and the fabulous textiles at the Ethnology Museum. Dine at the famous KOTO restaurant. Travel north to the remote resort town of Sapa, where you visit the remote and colourful tribal market of Muong Hum and ethnic villages in the area. Spend a day in a traditional Dao village learning how to master the techniques of Red Dao embroidery and learn about the secrets of Black Hmong textiles. Fly to the World Heritage town of Hoi An, where you take a walking tour of the historic part of town and the fabric markets and explore the hundreds of tailors, colourful markets and galleries of this quaint town.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Hanoi, Vietnam:

23 Feb 2017	\$3200 pp twin share + \$335 single room supplement
30 Nov 2017	\$3200 pp twin share + \$335 single room supplement
15 Mar 2018	\$3320 pp twin share + \$350 single room supplement
15 Nov 2018	\$3320 pp twin share + \$350 single room supplement

Tours depart with a min of 6 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart Hanoi weekly on a Thursday

From \$2347 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application

Independent guided tours depart with a minimum of 2. Solo



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TEXTILE TRAILS & ETHNIC VILLAGES OF VIETNAM

12 DAYS - Hanoi-Sapa - Muong Hum-Taphin- Sinho -Muong Te- Lai Chau-Muong Khuong – Bac Ha

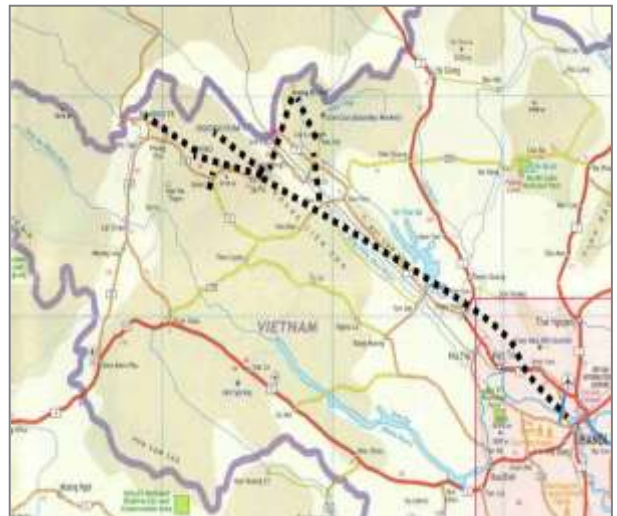
This unique tour takes you off the tourist trails of Vietnam and into the remote and beautiful mountains of North-Western Vietnam. With stops at remote villages and colourful ethnic markets this tour gives you the opportunity to see Vietnam's colourful ethnic minority groups and experience their amazing cultures and their diverse and vibrant costumes. Just some of the groups you will see include the colourful Flower, Red, Black and White Hmong clans; the different clans of the Black and Red Dao with their amazing embroidered clothing along with other groups such as the Ha Ni, Pu La, Pa Di, Tu Di, Nung, Lu and Tai.

Our first stop is Sapa where we spend a day in a traditional Red Dao village learning the secrets of their embroidery and learn how the Black Hmong create their hemp fabrics. We then head west to Sinho, Muong Te, Lai Chau, Muong Khuong and end our time on the road in Bac Ha town before making our way back to Hanoi. Many of the villages and markets we visit on this tour don't ever see tourists – so every day is an adventure and holds unexpected encounters.

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES

Departures: Starts Hanoi
8 Sept 2017 \$4250 pp twin share + \$360 single room
13 Apr 2018 \$4250 pp twin share + \$360 single room
7th Sept 2018 \$4250 pp twin share + \$360 single room

Cost: \$4,150 per person twin share
Single Supplement: \$365 Tour departs with a minimum of 4 travellers and a maximum of 10



INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart Hanoi on a Friday – please contact us for details

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THREADS & STITCHES OF LAOS

9 DAYS - LUANG PRABANG – VIENTIANE

Witness the early morning procession of orange robed monks through the UNSECO town of Luang Prabang. Take a tour of some of the towns colourful ancient temples and the Traditional Arts & Ethnology Centre. Visit local weaving and paper making villages and take part in silk weaving and dyeing workshops. Take a lesson in Hmong reverse appliqué (Pa Nadau). Fly south to Vientiane where you explore the city including its beautiful ancient temples, vibrant markets and textile galleries. You visit the famous Carol Cassidy textile studio and there's an opportunity to improve your natural dyes and weaving techniques at an optional day at a local textile training centre.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Luang Prabang, Laos

26th Nov 2017	\$3450 pp twin share + \$390 single room
11th Mar 2018	\$3450 pp twin share + \$390 single room
11 Nov 2018	\$3525 pp twin share + \$405 single

Tours depart with a min of 6 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Departs Luang Prabang daily

From \$2,099 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application *

Tours depart with a minimum of 2



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COLOURS OF CAMBODIA

8 DAYS – PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

Explore the vibrant city of Phnom Penh including the majestic Royal Palace, the gorgeous pink National Museum, iconic Wat Phnom, the fantastic markets and the somber realities of the S21 Genocide Museum.

Travel overland to the northern tourist hub of Siem Reap and explore the amazing temples of Angkor including Angkor Wat, Ta Phrom, Banteay Srei, Angkor Thom and the Bayon. Visit the town markets and textile projects including a silk farm, a unique forest project set up to revive traditional natural dyes and an outlet for the Mekong Quilts project. Learn about the weaving of water hyacinth fibres on a floating workshop on the famous Tonle Sap Lake.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Phnom Penh, Cambodia:

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| 20th Nov 2017 | \$2780 pp twin share + \$283 single supplement |
| 5th Mar 2018 | \$2880 pp twin share + \$298 single supplement |
| 5th Nov 2018 | \$2880 pp twin share + \$298 single room supplement |

Tours depart with a min of 6 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart Siem Reap weekly on a Wednesday

From \$1700 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application

Tours depart with a minimum of 2



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TEXTILES & CRAFT OF BALI

7 DAYS – DENPASAR- UBUD-SANUR

Transfer from Denpasar airport to the beautiful mountains of Ubud. There's plenty of time to relax in the gardens or by the pool at our gorgeous villa located around 10 minutes from downtown Ubud town where you will find lots of fabulous shops, markets and restaurants. Take a cooking class, silver jewellery class, a batik class and a beading class. Join a seminar at the Threads of Life to learn about the textile traditions and weaving styles of the island and take a field trip to explore the textile villages of eastern Bali including the village where double ikats are woven. We end our time in Bali on the quiet stretch of beach at Sanur and make a visit to the fabulous Sulawesi Street fabric markets.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

Departs Denpasar 2nd June 2017
 6th July 2018

\$2440 pp twin share – \$640 Single supplement
Tours depart with a min of 4 and max of 10

INDEPENDENT GUIDED TOURS

Depart daily
From \$1500 pp twin share – single room supplement price on application
Independent guided tours depart with a minimum of 2.

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