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TRIP VIBE = fast-paced fun with tons of socialising, bucket-list sights and good times all round. Eye-popping sights. Paradisical beaches. Mad-crazy cities. Tasty AF food. Calling this corner of the world epic would be an understatement. And why waste time choosing one Southeast Asian country when you can see three? We're going big (and we mean REAL big) with this jam-packed adventure full of fun, culture and all-round good times. Ready for the most in-CREDIBLE month of your life? We're waiting.

WORTH NOTING...

New trip alert! Book one of our first departures and you'll get a sweeet price. FYI for trips departing on 13 Apr 2024 and 26 Oct 2024, you'll be cruising overnight in Halong Bay on Day 2 instead. Day 3 will be spent exploring Hanoi. Wanna experience Koh Phangan's legendary Full Moon Party? Grab a space on our 1 June 2024, 26 Oct 2024 or 22 Mar 2025 departures. You'll even get a one-way transfer to the party included. Nice!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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Ready for the time of your LIFE?

The countdown's on...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – from where to meet your Topdeck fam to what we suggest you bring.

Read them on the train, in the supermarket queue or on the loo – we don't mind, just look through them carefully so you know what to expect on your trip. We recommend you download this document so it's with you when you travel (and give a copy to your MVPs so they know what you're up to).

IMPORTANT: please refresh this doc as close to your departure as possible. This means you'll have the most up-to-date info available.

INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

- Overnight cruise in Halong Bay
- Overnight train to Hoi An (via Da Nang)
- Overnight train to Nha Trang
- Overnight train to Ho Chi Minh City
- Visit Cu Chi Tunnels
- Visit Ho Chi Minh City War Remnants Museum
- Tour of Killing Fields and S21 Museum in Phnom Penh
- Full-day tour of Angkor Wat temple complex
- Half-day tour to Mae Klong Railway Market and Damnoen Saduak Floating Market
- Overnight public bus and ferry to Koh Tao
- Overnight stay at Cheow Lan Lake, including longtail boat trip, kayaking, trekking and Nam Talu Cave visit

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Hanoi
Vietnam

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Phuket
Thailand

TRIP CURRENCIES

- Vietnam - VND
- Cambodia - KHR
- Thailand - THB

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 | HANOI (VIETNAM)

Blaring horns. French Colonial buildings. Picturesque lakes. And the smell of incense in the air. Welcome to historic Hanoi! We'll be kicking off the fun in Vietnam's second-biggest city. Say xin chao (sin chow) to your travel buddies and then head to a local eatery to gorge on goodies like bánh mì, pho, spring rolls and egg coffee – trust us, it's tasty. Then: make a beeline for Bai Hoi (aka Beer Corner). No need to guess how this place got its name. Pull up a roadside stool and get to know your crew a bit better over a few cold ones. This is gonna be good.



MEALS:

- Dinner

DAY 2 | HANOI

Ready to dive into this incredible city? We thought so. Slip on the Birks, grab your new travel BFFs and start exploring. Tick off the likes of One Pillar Pagoda, Lenin Park, Northern Gate, Cua Bac Church, B52 Lake and Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. If you'd prefer to see the sights on two wheels, jump on our optional vintage Vespa guided tour. Cruise through Hanoi's buzzing streets and alongside railway tracks, stopping off at local markets and tranquil temples. Need some new threads? There's also a trip to Van Phuc Silk Village on the cards where you'll enjoy a masterclass in silk weaving. Tonight: fill your belly with more local treats during an optional evening street food tour. How many spring rolls is too many spring rolls? Asking for a friend.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Vespa tour of Hanoi: prices available locally
- Evening street food tour in Hanoi: prices available locally
- Visit Van Phuc Silk Village and the Silk Collage workshop: prices available locally

DAY 3 | HANOI – HALONG BAY

Halong Bay: World Heritage Site. The jewel in Vietnam's crown. One of the 'New 7 Wonders of Nature'. Whichever way you look at it, Halong Bay is pretty damn special. So, today we're gonna do it justice with an overnight cruise. Spend the day back-flipping off the boat into glittering turquoise water, exploring limestone islands by kayak or chilling with your travel buds. Finish off the day with cocktails at sunset up on deck. Did somebody say Happy Hour?



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Overnight cruise in Halong Bay

DAY 4 | HALONG BAY – HANOI – HOI AN

Head feeling a little sore today? A hearty brunch with your crew will sort you right out. Then: we're dropping anchor and heading for Hanoi station. Why? Because we'll be moving on to ancient Hoi An the traditional way – by overnight train! This is your chance to catch up on some zzzs and swap tales with your trip mates. Shotgun the top bunk!



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Overnight train to Hoi An (via Da Nang)

DAY 5 | HOI AN

Hop off the train and wave goodbye to the locals. After a short drive from Da Nang, prepare to be SERIOUSLY charmed by the lantern-filled city of Hoi An. This stunner is a patchwork of all the civilisations that have left their imprint here. Expect: rustic Chinese shophouses, multi-coloured French Colonial villas, and one helluva spectacular Japanese bridge. Need help discovering this gem of a place? We got you. Soak up views of Hoi An's beautiful palm forest on an optional sunset paddleboarding adventure along the river. Or opt for a local basket boat ride and a cooking class – your mad new gastro skills are sure to impress the Tinder matches back home. Tonight, we'll have free time to explore the magic of Hoi An Old Town and enjoy a few cocktails along the riverfront. This is what you came for.



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Sunset paddleboarding in Hoi An: prices available locally
- Cam Thanh cooking class and basket boat ride in Hoi An: prices available locally

DAY 6 | HOI AN

You wanted more free time to explore. So, here it is. Need some suggestions? Explore the buzzing Central Market. Get a custom piece made by the city's famous tailors. Or see every inch of the town on an optional cycle and kayak tour. And tonight? There's an evening street food tour to sink your teeth into. Cue = stuffing your face with local bites like white rose (dumplings) and banh xeo (crispy pancakes filled with shrimp and beansprouts).



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Full-day biking and kayaking tour of Hoi An: prices available locally
- Evening street food tour in Hoi An: prices available locally

DAY 7 | HOI AN – NHA TRANG

Fallen in love with Hoi An? You've got another morning to tick off any activities you didn't quite fit in yesterday. Get any final alterations on your new 'fit. Or gather the gang for one last lunch at a local eatery in the Old Town. This afternoon, we'll make tracks back to Da Nang to catch our second overnight train of the trip. Ear plugs? Tick. Pillowcase? Tick. Snacks? Tick. You know the drill.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Overnight train to Nha Trang

DAY 8 | NHA TRANG

Second overnight train = completed. Grab some brekkie at a local café before exploring this beautiful coastal city. Nha Trang is Vietnam's diving capital – but it's not just underwater marvels that you've got to look forward to. Need some recs? Soak up the city's top sights on an optional guided tour followed by a visit to one of the city's famous mud baths. Or get horizontal lying on paradisaical white-sand beaches during a full-day tour of Nha Trang's nearby islands. Can't get enough of Vietnamese grub? There's also an evening cycle and street food tour on offer. Tonight, show off your best moves at a beach party. This is livin'.

★ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Half-day Nha Trang city tour with mud bath visit: prices available locally
- Cycle and street food tour of Nha Trang: prices available locally
- Full-day islands tour from Nha Trang: prices available locally

DAY 9 | NHA TRANG – HO CHI MINH CITY

Feeling sleepy after last night's shenanigans? Grab your travel buddies and hit Nha Trang Beach for some sunshine, swimming and snoozing. Or tick off the city's best hiking trails. Your Trip Leader has heaps of food recs for when you get peckish. Then, pack up your bags 'cos we're making tracks for Ho Chi Minh City. By overnight train, obv.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Overnight train to Ho Chi Minh City

DAY 10 | HO CHI MINH CITY

Home to nearly 9 million people, HCMC is a bubbling pot of energy, excitement and hidden gems. Hop off the train and start exploring. Wanna pull on your history hat? Let's start with a visit to the Cu Chi Tunnels. Surrounded by jungle that was once a stronghold of the Viet Cong, take a guided tour of the area and learn all about how this underground network was used by guerilla fighters during the Vietnam War. Afterwards: shop for bargains at the massive Ben Thanh Market or sip beer and soak up epic scenes from Saigon SkyView – the top floor of Vietnam's tallest building.



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit Cu Chi Tunnels



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Visit Saigon SkyView with beer tasting: prices available locally

DAY 11 | HO CHI MINH CITY

Today = options. First, we'll visit the sobering War Remnants Museum to learn more about a key part of modern Vietnamese history. Then, there's an optional motorbike tour up for grabs. Soak up alllll the city's highlights on two wheels, including Saigon Central Post Office (designed by the same guy as the Eiffel Tower), Dong Khoi Street and Gia Long Palace. Or visit the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam: the Mekong Delta. Evening plans? Easy. Grab the whole group for dinner and drinks at a rooftop restaurant. Or get lost in the streets and find yourself along the way.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Visit Ho Chi Minh City War Remnants Museum



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Motorbike tour of Ho Chi Minh City: prices available locally
- Visit Mekong Delta: prices available locally

DAY 12 | HO CHI MINH CITY – PHNOM PENH (CAMBODIA)

No cap, today's a bit of a drive day. We'll be swapping one capital city for another as we make tracks to Phnom Penh. Keep your forehead pressed to the window as we whizz past some of Cambodia's most idyllic rural scenes. When we roll into Phnom Penh, you'll have a few hours to relax. Then, dinner's on you tonight. Dishes to look out for: amok Trey (coconut fish curry), green mango salad, and steamed pork buns. You might wanna wear your elasticated trousers. Just saying.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 13 | PHNOM PENH

Warning: today's set to be an emotional rollercoaster. We'll begin with a sobering visit to the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum which documents the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge during their 'revolution'. Then, head just beyond the city limits to the Choeung Ek Killing Fields. There's a lot to take in, but learning about this devastating period of the country's history is important to fully understand modern Cambodia. Afternoon plans? Completely up to you. Check out the city's beaut temples or visit a local brewery (craft beer is having a bit of a thing in Phnom Penh right now). You could also quiz your expert Trip Leader on the best bargains to sniff out at the iconic art deco Central Market. Then, the evening's yours to sample some sizzling street food along Sihanouk Boulevard.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Tour of Killing Fields and S21 Museum in Phnom Penh

DAY 14 | PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP

Stock up on snacks and dig out that inflatable neck pillow. Today's a big travel day as we swap Phnom Penh for Siem Reap. When we arrive, you'll have some free time to settle in and get your bearings. Wanna do some good? There's an optional half-day tour around some local social enterprises. Learn about a range of awesome projects that are helping make Cambodia a better place. Later, stuff your face during an optional evening tuktuk food tour. Bonus points if you're brave enough to munch on a few fried crickets. Afterwards, immerse yourself in the neon jungle that is Angkor Night Market or experience the crazy of Pub Street. Go steady – tomorrow is packed with memory-makers that you're not gonna want to miss.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Social enterprise tour in Siem Reap: prices available locally
- Evening street food tour in Siem Reap: prices available locally

DAY 15 | SIEM REAP

Ready for a real-life temple run? This is it. First up: we'll explore the Angkor Thom complex with our local guide. Venture through statue-lined South Gate, the intricately decorated Bayon Temple and check out the Elephant Terrace. Then it's onto Ta Prohm – a ruin filled with crumbling towers and overgrown tree roots. Think: Tomb Raider. Refuel and rehydrate – next we're headed for Angkor Wat temple. The biggest temple complex in the world, 'otherworldly' doesn't even come close to describing this place. Once you're all temple-d out, gather your mates for dinner. Suggestions? Try coconutty Khmer red curry (it's less spicy than the Thai version, promise). Or get stuck into sizzling Cambodian BBQ. You won't regret it.



MEALS:

- Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Full-day tour of Angkor Wat temple complex

DAY 16 | SIEM REAP – BANGKOK (THAILAND)

Today, we'll be up bright and early to begin our journey to Bangkok – Thailand's high-energy, temple-filled, market-brimming, food-loving capital. Bus essentials: snacks, ear pods, a comfy 'fit. This evening is yours for the taking. Ask your Trip leader for dinner recs. Early disclosure: chawp pet noi (chop-pet-noy) is a phrase some of you will need to remember – meaning you like things 'a little bit spicy'. Best used when ordering food.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

DAY 17 | BANGKOK

Ready to explore one of Asia's most action-packed cities? Experience local life on an optional bike tour around Bangkok's historic centre. Or there's another optional street food tour via tuktuk on the cards. Thought the pad thai from your local takeout was good? Wait 'til you try the real, authentic thing *wipes drool from chin*. Then, grab dessert at the Chinatown Market. Or catch up with your group over a few cocktails at a rooftop bar with epic views of Bangkok's neon-lit streets.

☆ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Historic Bangkok bike tour:
prices available locally
- Tuktuk street food tour in
Bangkok: prices available locally

DAY 18 | BANGKOK

Want more free time to explore Bangkok? Wish granted. Practice your foot jabs and switch kicks in a Muay Thai boxing class. Or hop on the bus and see the sights from the top deck during an optional guided tour. Your guide will also take you down some of Bangkok's hidden lanes to a great shopping area. Souvenirs = sorted. Afterwards, the evening is yours for the taking. The city's night markets are a VIBE. Our picks? Jodd Fairs (for bar hopping) or Chang Chui Plane Market (it has a slide, 'nuff said).

☆ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Muay Thai boxing class in
Bangkok: prices available locally
- Through the lanes tour of
Bangkok with a local guide:
prices available locally

DAY 19 | BANGKOK – KOH TAO

Stuff those souvenirs into your suitcase and say goodbye to the locals. Today, we're making a beeline for the INCREDible island of Koh Tao. First though, a duo of awesome markets. Arrive at Mae Klong Railway Market just in time to see the locals pack up their stalls and make way for the train (yep, an actual train) to pass through. Next up: Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. This colourful maze of canals (khlongs in the local lingo) is the place to pick up everything from fragrant spices to cool artwork. Afterwards, board the bus, recline your seat and get comfy. When you wake up, we'll (almost) be in Koh Tao.

🌟 INCLUDED TODAY:

- Half-day tour to Mae Klong
Railway Market and Damnoen
Saduak Floating Market
- Overnight public bus and
ferry to Koh Tao

DAY 20 | KOH TAO

All aboard, sailors! After a quick ferry ride, we'll arrive in Koh Tao. Think: lush rainforest, gleaming white beaches (sunnies essential) and turquoise water so dreamy even the Little Mermaid would want to stay there. AND you've got the afternoon to explore it all. Tonight? Grab the gang and head to your nearest beach for fruity mocktails, convos, and general good times.

DAY 21 | KOH TAO

Fancy a free day in the sunshine? Course you do. Today, Koh Tao is your oyster – whether you want to laze around on the sand or dive into some pretttty awesome activities. Make friends with the local sea turtles during an optional snorkelling trip around Koh Tao and neighbouring Koh Nangyuan. Or park yourself at the nearest beach club for an afternoon of swimming and sippin' on fruity cocktails. THIS is what you came for.

☆ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Snorkelling trip around Koh Tao and Koh Nangyuan: prices available locally

DAY 22 | KOH TAO – KOH PHANGAN

Ready for another day in paradise? Hell. Yes. Today, we'll be swapping one beaut island for another as we hop across to Koh Phangan. You've got over 48 hours to experience it ALL. Need some recs? Your in-the-know Trip Leader's got them by the bucketload. This evening: track down a beachside stall selling sizzling satay skewers and end the day on a high.

DAY 23 | KOH PHANGAN

Today is totally up to you – but we've got the inside scoop, obv. Jump in a longtail boat and get ready for an optional underwater adventure around three stunning snorkelling spots. Or visit Angthong Marine Park for kaleidoscopic coral and kayaking adventures. Prefer to keep your feet firmly on the ground? Channel your inner eco-warrior with an optional tour of a local sustainable farm. Stroll around lush gardens, learn about habitat restoration and make your own drink out of Mother Nature's bounty. Tonight, round up your trip mates and tuck into satay, spicy soup and shrimp salad. Sparkling convo = guaranteed.

☆ OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Snorkelling and kayaking trip to Angthong Marine Park: prices available locally
- Longtail boat snorkel trip from Koh Phangan: prices available locally
- Visit to eco-learning farm: prices available locally

DAY 24 | KOH PHANGAN – KHAO SOK NATIONAL PARK

Say lah gorn to the locals: this morning we're heading to Khao Sok National Park. After we've checked into our hostel and soaked up some serious tropical vibes, the rest of the afternoon is yours. Want recs? We got you. Get your hike on around this stunner of a park to spot the resident wildlife – it's like being dropped straight into The Jungle Book. Or grab your mates and shimmy your way down to the pool for happy hour. Bliss.

DAY 25 | KHAO SOK NATIONAL PARK

Tums filled with another tropical fruit-laden breakfast, today we've got the super-stunning Cheow Lan Lake in our sights. Not to boast, but this lake is big (like, REALLY big), with magical limestone cliffs and beautiful islands galore. Time to activate explorer mode and get out there! Dive into the crystal-clear water and make BFFs (or not) with the local fish. Jump in a kayak and weave around the ultra-dramatic rock formations. And channel your inner Indiana Jones to discover Nam Talu Cave and the glittering hidden waterfalls. Lunch and dinner are on us today, so expect more drool-worthy, rainbow-coloured dishes of dreams. And tonight? We're hunkering down in a traditional raft house bobbing along the twinkling lake. Sweet dreams.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- Overnight stay at Cheow Lan Lake, including longtail boat trip, kayaking, trekking and Nam Talu Cave visit

DAY 26 | KHAO SOK NATIONAL PARK – PHUKET

Truth bomb: today is a bit of a drive day. We'll be making tracks for Phuket via land and sea, so stock up on local snacks, soak up the tropical views, and put the lingo skills of your travel buds to the test. Crazy-gorgeous beaches. Lip-smacking eats. And a fascinating fusion of cultures and traditions. Phuket sure packs a punch. To kick things off, head up Khao Rang viewpoint and check out this dazzling island at night. You won't regret it.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Lunch

DAY 27 | PHUKET – PHI PHI ISLANDS – PHUKET

Bad news = it's our last day in paradise. Good news = we've got an incred optional activity lined up. Opt for a day trip speedboating around the Phi Phi Islands for more emerald waters and mind-blowing scenery. Or do your own thing back on Phuket. There are golden beaches galore, plus a huge white marble Buddha statue you can climb up to for amazing island views. And tonight? Settle in for our final group dinner. WHAT an adventure it's been.



MEALS:

- Breakfast
- Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Full-day Phi Phi Islands speedboat tour: prices available locally

DAY 28 | PHUKET

Four weeks of non-stop fun? Completed. You embraced it all and shared the ride with a bunch of strangers who are now like family. Now, all that's left to do is to swap insta handles – you'll need them for next year's reunion trip, obvs.



MEALS:

- Breakfast

OTHER INFORMATION

TOPDECK APP

Feeling appy? Download the Topdeck app and get PUMPED for the adventure ahead. Best bit is: from 45 days before departure you'll be able to chat with your soon-to-be tripmates.

Plus, get your itinerary at your fingertips – so you know where you'll be going and what you'll be doing on each day of your trip. Nice!

Links:

Apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/topdeck/id994727866>

Android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.FlexiTechSolutions.TopDeck&hl=en>



YOUR SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

We love a good night out – experiencing the nightlife and entertainment places have to offer is a big part of travelling. But alongside the fun it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety.

When you're out late, remember to avoid walking alone – particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. Make sure you have your trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking – and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Customers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana – even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip immediately. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER: if you are found in possession of drugs, not only do you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if they are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you don't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!

- Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink you could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations
- Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home too – so they're sure to know some tried- and- tested ways to beat the blues
- Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (fact!)

TRAVEL SINCE COVID-19

Travel looks a bit different since COVID-19. That's why we've put some new procedures in place to help keep you safe on the road.

What remains the same? Your Topdeck trip will be run hygienically, responsibly, and with your safety at the forefront of everything we do. End of.

Here's the info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/travel-safely>

RESPECT ON THE ROAD

RESPECTING FELLOW TRAVELLERS

Our trips are for everyone. We're a family – and we want every Topdecker to have an incredible time.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow tripmates . The golden rules? Respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation, and treat others how you'd wish to be treated. Easy!

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome adventure AND a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your room towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets, and book tours and activities run by local guides
- Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

Head to our FAQ for more info: <https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/faqs-0>

Got more Qs? Chat with our Customer Service team: <https://www.topdeck.travel/about-us/contact>

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling. Check out our handy interactive map showing global visa requirements:

<https://www.topdeck.travel/resources/latest-border-restrictions>

PLEASE NOTE: some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

TIPPING

Basically: it's not necessary.

Your Trip Leader and Driver don't expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. Meaning? More dollar to spend on optional activities (and a souvenir for your nan).

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!).

Off to Japan? Your luggage must be no bigger than 160cm in total (height x width x length). So maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

Psst: this is a packing list for Topdeck trips in general. Obv you'd look silly splashing around the Greek islands in a snowsuit.

- 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- 4 shirts/T-shirts
- 2 sweaters/jumpers
- Smart casual evening wear
- 1 warm jacket + 1 rainproof jacket

- Underwear and socks + swimwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Hat and sunscreen
- Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- Adaptor plug
- Reusable water bottle
- Snow gear



THAT'S IT!