

# VMFA

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## Singapore, Bali, Borneo and Indonesia

October 17 to November 1, 2024



# SINGAPORE, BALI, BORNEO AND INDONESIA

This exclusive, unforgettable 12-night voyage transports you to the lands and seas of Southeast Asia. On this awe-inspiring journey, experience the modern architecture and rich ethnicity of Singapore, the extraordinary biodiversity of Borneo, and the compelling cultural mosaic of Indonesia's spectacular archipelago. See Singapore from the river as you cruise along in a bumboat, and from the sky, as you take in the stunning views from the observation deck of Marina Bay Sands SkyPark, an architectural masterpiece. Immerse yourself in Bali's culture as you witness a traditional Barong dance depicting the eternal battle between good and evil. Stand in awe before the ancient UNESCO-inscribed Borobudur Temple, one of the largest Buddhist monuments in the world; and Prambanan Temple, the largest complex of Hindu temples in Indonesia. Embark on a Zodiac excursion along the river jungle of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Tanjung Puting National Park, where orangutans thrive among magnificent tropical rainforests. And, join in a walking safari within Komodo National Park to search for the now endangered, infamous Komodo dragon lizards. Enriching Siem Reap Pre- and Bali Post-Program extensions to enhance your experience.

*Front cover: Prambanan Temple, Java. This page: Borobudur Temple at Sunset, Java.*





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Dear VMFA Members:

Join us on this extraordinary 12-night land and sea voyage to Southeast Asia. Be among the fortunate few to explore this magical part of the world and glimpse rare species found nowhere else on Earth.

Throughout your journey, indulge in luxurious accommodations. During the land portion, stay in the luxurious FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SINGAPORE and FOUR SEASONS RESORT BALI at Jimbaran Bay. At sea, cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, 5-star LE JACQUES CARTIER, traveling in elegant comfort to the far reaches of Indonesia's archipelago.

Along the way, tour the dynamic, multi-cultural city-state of Singapore; explore Bali's gateway, capital city of Denpasar; and experience Indonesia's art epicenter, Ubud, a city that has inspired European artists for over a century. On the island of Java, visit the awe-inspiring, ancient Buddhist and Hindu temples of Borobudur and Prambanan, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. And, visit two acclaimed national parks for a thrilling glimpse at orangutans and Komodo dragons in their natural habitats.

This incredible journey will fill up quickly. VMFA is proud to be sharing this departure with travelers from Columbia University and Georgetown University and other fine organizations. Book your reservation today to experience the wonders of Southeast Asia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adele 'Hutch' Livingston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
VMFA Coordinator of Member Travel

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*Borobudur Temple, Java*



## TEMPLES TO THE GODS

Since ancient times, rulers have built temples to serve as holy places of worship, bring prestige to their kingdoms, and represent wealth and power. In Indonesia, Hindu is the oldest religion, having come from India around the second century, with Buddhism following as the second oldest religion. Buddhist temples symbolize the five elements of wisdom, water, fire, wind, and earth. Hindu temples are often centered around one towering shrine surrounded by a complex of individual temples and bordered by a wall. Borobudur Temple compound is a 8th- and 9th-century Mahayana Buddhist temple situated on a remote hilltop in central Java. Hailed as one of the greatest, and largest, Buddhist monuments in the world and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this monument draws pilgrims from around the world to stand in awe of its elaborate construction and 504 sitting Buddha statues meditating over the holy temple. Also in Java, UNESCO-inscribed Prambanan Temple compound was built in the 10th century and is the largest Hindu temple in Indonesia. Its central Shiva temple, standing at 154 feet, is surrounded by 240 smaller temples. The fact that of Borobudur and Prambanan temples were built in proximity to one another in Java is testament to the idea that Buddhism and Hinduism once coexisted peacefully.

*Prambanan Temple, Java*



# CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

*Komodo dragon*



*Arowana "Dragon" Fish*



Indonesia is a world of natural wonder, with an abundance of rare endemic species—including some you won't find anywhere else—with 9 species of primates, 230 species of birds, 2 species of crocodiles, and the highly endangered "dragon" fish. Encounter some of these fascinating creatures as we visit 2 of that region's most extraordinary national parks. The UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Tanjung Puting in south Borneo is home to the largest wild orangutan population in the world. See these fascinating great apes in their natural habitat as you wind your way through the river jungle. Our tour also takes us to the Komodo National Park, a group of volcanic islands inhabited by endangered native giant lizards that exist nowhere else on Earth. Growing to a size of nearly 10 feet long, weighing as much as 300 pounds, and preying on every other species on the islands, these "Komodo dragons" reign at the top of the food chain.



*Proboscis monkey*

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).

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## 16-DAY/12-NIGHT ITINERARY

### Depart Home City/ Cross the International Date Line

#### Day 1 and Day 2

Depart your home city.

#### Singapore

##### Day 3

Arrive in Singapore and transfer to the FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SINGAPORE.

#### Singapore

##### Day 4

Admire the golden dome of Sultan Mosque in Kampong Glam. Wander through multi-cultural markets in Little India, its air filled with aromatic spices; and in Chinatown, with its restaurants, teahouses, and shops. Peruse local products ranging from batik fabrics, rattan baskets, and perfumes to foodstuffs, arts, crafts, and Chinese medicinal herbs. Take a scenic tour through the Civic District to see notable sites. Embark on a bumboat ride along the Singapore River. Cap off the day with stunning views from the iconic Marina Bay Sands SkyPark. Attend this evening's welcome reception. (B,R)

#### Singapore/ Bali, Indonesia

##### Day 5

After breakfast, transfer to Changi International Airport

for your flight to Bali. Transfer to the FOUR SEASONS RESORT BALI at Jimbaran Bay. (B)

#### Bali/Denpasar

##### Day 6

In the bustling capital and gateway city to the Indonesian province of Bali, visit the Bali

carving, and painting to textile design, beadwork, and basketry, Indonesia's visual arts are diverse and plentiful. Here, visit multiple villages to admire silver and gold work, wood carving, and batik making. Marvel at rice terraces en route to lunch in the resort town of



Bali Museum, Denpasar, Bali

Museum, built in the style of temples and pagodas, with artifacts, masks, and weaponry dating from the Mesolithic Age; and Jagatnatha Temple, the largest Hindu temple in the city. In Batubulan Village, enjoy a performance of a traditional Balinese Barong dance. (B)

#### Bali/Ubud/Sanur/ Benoa/Embark ship

##### Day 7

Ubud has emerged as Bali's art epicenter. From sculpture,

Sanur Beach. Embark LE JACQUES CARTIER. (B,L,D)

#### Cruising the Java Sea

##### Day 8

Cruise through Indonesia's amazing archipelago. Enjoy the Captain's Welcome Reception this evening. (B,L,R,D)

#### Semarang/Java

##### Day 9

Today's full-day tour takes you to UNESCO-inscribed Borobudur Temple, one of the



*Kampong Glam, Singapore*

greatest Buddhist monuments in the world; and Prambanan Temple, the largest Hindu temple in Indonesia with 240 temples in the complex.

*(Active)* There will be an alternate excursion choice to take a guided tour of Semarang to see top city sites, the complex process of batik making, and Kota Lama's Dutch Old Town. (B,L,D)

### **Cruising the Java Sea Day 10**

Enjoy onboard lectures as you cruise towards Borneo. (B,L,D)

### **Tanjung Puting National Park/Borneo Day 11**

Prepare to see the great ape Orangutans, and possibly long-nosed proboscis monkeys, as you explore the Tanjung Puting National Park, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, while winding through the river

jungle in a Zodiac boat. Float through the rainforest to see these fascinating primates for a thrilling experience.

*(Active)* (B,L,D)

### **Cruising the Java Sea Day 12**

Indulge in the ship's amenities and the tropical views. (B,L,D)

### **Badas/ Sumbawa Island Day 13**

Travel to Pamulang Village for an exclusive cultural experience. The head of the village welcomes you to observe the local traditions of rice pounding and weaving, and experience an exciting Sumbawa buffalo race. (B,L,D)

### **Loh Liang/ Komodo Island Day 14**

Visit the UNESCO-inscribed Komodo National Park

for a 1-hour walking safari with a park ranger and naturalist guide. Walk the beach for a sighting of the stealthy Komodo dragon, Earth's largest lizard—growing up to 10 feet in length and weighing up to 300 pounds—in its only natural habitat in the world. Enjoy the Captain's Reception and Dinner this evening. (B,L,R,D)

### **Benoa, Bali/ Disembark ship/ Return to Home City Day 15**

After breakfast, disembark the ship and transfer to the Bali Post-Program or continue on to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

### **Arrive in Home City Day 16**

Today, flights arrive in your home city.

*Tegalalang Village, Ubud, Bali*





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**2024 DEPARTURE DATE: October 17 to November 1** (Tour Begins: October 19)

| Category                  | <b>LAND/CRUISE RATES</b><br><i>excluding taxes, per person, based on double occupancy</i>  | <b>Early Booking Rate through May 29, 2024</b> | <i>Rates after May 29, 2024</i> |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 8                         | Deluxe stateroom with a picture window, single door onto private, partial-wall balcony. <b>Deck 3, midship.</b> (limited availability)   | <b>\$7,970</b>                                 | \$8,855                         |
| 7                         | Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 4, midship.</b>  | <b>\$9,620</b>                                 | \$10,690                        |
| 6                         | Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 5, midship and aft.</b>  | <b>\$10,852</b>                                | \$12,055                        |
| 5                         | Prestige stateroom with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 6, midship and aft.</b>  | <b>\$11,325</b>                                | \$12,585                        |
| 4                         | Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 3, midship.</b> (limited availability)   | <b>\$11,655</b>                                | \$12,950                        |
| 3                         | Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 4, midship.</b> (limited availability)   | <b>\$12,095</b>                                | \$13,440                        |
| 2                         | Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 5, midship.</b>  | <b>\$12,680</b>                                | \$14,090                        |
| 1                         | Deluxe suite with sliding glass door, <b>private balcony.</b> <b>Deck 6, midship.</b>  | <b>\$13,780</b>                                | \$15,310                        |
| <b>Prestige Suite II</b>  | Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <b>Deck 5, midship.</b> (limited availability)  | <b>\$16,090</b>                                | \$17,880                        |
| <b>Prestige Suite I</b>   | Two-room suite, expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> two bathrooms, two closets, large sitting area with sofa. <b>Deck 6, midship.</b> (limited availability)  | <b>\$17,355</b>                                | \$19,285                        |
| <b>Privilege Suite</b>    | Large suite with expansive sliding glass door, <b>larger private balcony,</b> sitting area with sofa. <b>Decks 5 and 6, aft.</b> (limited availability)  | <b>\$18,565</b>                                | \$20,630                        |
| <b>Grand Deluxe Suite</b> | Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace,</b> full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <b>Deck 6, aft.</b> (limited availability)                      | <b>\$19,665</b>                                | \$21,850                        |
| <b>Owner's Suite</b>      | Extra-large, one-bedroom suite and separate sitting room with sofa, expansive sliding glass door, <b>spacious private terrace</b> with outdoor Jacuzzi, full bathroom with tub and separate shower, additional half bath. <b>Deck 5, aft.</b> (limited availability) | <b>\$26,155</b>                                | \$29,060                        |

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## PRE-PROGRAM OPTION

### Siem Reap

**October 14 to 19, 2024** (Tour Begins: October 16)

This 3-night pre-tour extension in Siem Reap immerses you in the rich culture and traditions of Cambodia and the Siem Reap province. Visit the royal walled city of Angkor Thom, the last capital of the Khmer Empire; the UNESCO-inscribed Ta Prohm, a 12th-century Buddhist temple that remains largely untouched by man; and the UNESCO World Heritage-designated, 12th-century Angkor Wat. Savor an exclusive, private dinner at Kravan Temple. Accommodations are in the luxurious, SOFITEL ANGKOR WAT.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy:*     **\$2,000**

*Price per person, based on single occupancy:*     **\$2,600**



## POST-PROGRAM OPTION

### Bali

**October 31 to November 4, 2024** (Tour Ends: November 3)

Explore Bali's stunning scenery, from volcanic calderas to bamboo forests, on this 3-night post-tour extension. Experience life in the rural villages of Kintamani and Batuan Village. See the active volcano, Mount Batur, with lunch overlooking Lake Batur and the valley. Be awed by a sunset tour to visit Uluwatu Temple, perched on cliffs above the sea at the southern tip of Bali, and gaze at the sunset over the Indian Ocean. Delight in a traditional Kecak dance performance and enjoy a day at leisure in Jimbaran Bay. Accommodations are in the luxurious, FOUR SEASONS JIMBARAN.

*Price per person, based on double occupancy:*     **\$1,500**

*Price per person, based on single occupancy:*     **\$1,950**

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