

NEW TOURS TO ASIA WITH INSIDER JOURNEYS!

Asia specialist unveils 2016 brochure with more journeys and insider experiences



5th October 2015 – Asia specialist tour operator, <u>Insider Journeys</u>, has released its new Small Group Journeys brochure for 2016-17, featuring a range of exciting new tours across Asia; superb new experiences added to some of its top-selling trips; and the inclusion of river cruising from 1 to 7 days in length on several itineraries.

To mark the brochure launch, Insider Journeys is offering great earlybird discounts for travellers to enjoy savings of up to £350pp on all Small Group Journeys departing in 2016. These discounts are valid on all new bookings made before 31st October 2015*.

The Small Group Journeys brochure covers 11 countries in Asia, including five brand new itineraries and even more unique insider experiences to bring travellers closer to local life and culture. New itineraries for 2016 include:

NEW – JAPAN DISCOVERY (14 days)

First departure 31st January 2016 ('Snow Festival')

The brand new 'Japan Discovery' travels from Tokyo to Kyoto via the snow-capped Japanese Alps. Special insider experiences include opportunities to spot wild 'snow monkeys' soaking in hot springs; a visit to a local wasabi farm; and the chance to experience Japan's stunning natural beauty with incredible views of the alpine route. There are two additional departures - a 'Japan Winter

Discovery' and a 'Japan Winter Discovery with Snow Festival' taking in the famous Sapporo Snow Festival in February. Tour prices start from £3,995pp excluding international flights. Book early and save up to £280pp with earlybird discount.

NEW – Mekong & Beyond (16 days)

First departure 28th January 2016

This new multi-country tour travels from Siem Reap, home to the temples of Angkor in Cambodia, to the Mekong Delta in Vietnam. The journey includes an immersive 8-day Mekong River cruise, travelling in style on board The Jayavarman luxury boutique boat, and a memorable sunrise experience at the majestic Angkor Wat temple - with Insider Journeys' customers entering via the little-used eastern entrance for an intimate experience away from the crowds. Tour prices start from £2,720pp excluding international flights. Book early and save up to £280pp with earlybird discount.

NEW – Laos & Cambodia Mekong Discovery (16 days)

First departure 3rd January 2016

This carefully-created itinerary follows the course of the Mekong, travelling by slow boat from northern Thailand, through the highlights of Laos and culminating at the temples of Angkor in Cambodia. Unique insider experiences include a very special dinner in a local family home with an opportunity to taste traditional Lao dishes and an incredible wildlife-watching boat trip to spot the endangered Irrawaddy river dolphin. Tour prices start from £2,440pp excluding international flights. Book early and save up to £166pp with earlybird discount!

Bursting with travel inspiration, the new brochure has a fresh design layout and helpful insider experiences section on every small group journey page to draw focus to what makes Insider Journeys stand out from its competitors. There are over 1,000 guaranteed departures for travellers to choose from and, to cater to customer demand, many enhanced itineraries now feature river cruising, such as the enhanced 14-day 'Vietnam Discovery' which boasts a relaxing 1-night cruise on the Mekong delta.

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*Earlybird saving is inclusive of up to £350pp discount on the touring element of all Small Group Journeys. Valid for new bookings made on or between 1st September - 31st October 2015. Based on departures on or between 1st January - 31st December 2016. Subject to availability and not combinable with other offers. Refer to insiderjourneys.co.uk for full booking conditions.

Editor's notes

Insider Journeys has been operating small group journeys, tailor-made travel and river cruises to the 'real' Asia for 22 years, formerly under the name Travel Indochina. Today, the company features the widest range of itineraries and departures to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos than any other tour operator in the UK, as well as a large variety of journeys to Thailand, Burma, China and Tibet, India, Japan, Bhutan, Mongolia and Sri Lanka. Unlike many other travel companies, Insider Journeys limits its group size to a maximum of 16 people. These smaller groups enable travellers to gain the best from both worlds — greater access to the local culture and Insider Experiences, and plenty of opportunity for independent exploration.

For more information on Insider Journeys, please visit www.insiderjourneys.co.uk or telephone 01865 268 940. The operator's continually-updated blog also features a range of travel resources, see www.insiderjourneys.co.uk/blog.

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