



Top Asia holiday destinations

If world-class beaches and relaxation are what you look for in a holiday, then you need look no further than Asia. The island of [Koh Samui](#) is one of Thailand's most popular destinations due to its powder-soft beaches, busy nightlife and fantastic diving.

The eastern coast of [Malaysia](#) teams a wonderful coastline with fantastic food and some of the country's best hotels, while the clear blue seas of [Bali](#) provide the perfect backdrop for this Indonesian island's stunning scenery and spirituality.

[Sri Lanka](#) has lovely hotels, charming people, great food and many cultural treasures. India is quite simply amazing but don't try to see too much of it in one attempt. We recommend a [private tour](#) in a chauffeur-driven car. Or bite off a small chunk such as the laid-back southern state of [Kerala](#).

Also in Asia, [Burma](#) is slowly opening its doors to tourism – a beautiful, fragile country that will fascinate and beguile you. You could also take a tour of [Borneo](#) which is renowned for its stunning wildlife.

There are few holiday destinations more exciting and fascinating than [Cambodia](#). The beautiful jungle-clad temple complex of Angkor should be on everybody's "must see" list, but the country's food, friendly people, great hotels and beaches are all worth writing home about.

Asia is home to three of the most distinctive cities in the world which are perfect holiday destinations. [Tokyo](#) combines the world's most advanced technology with some of its oldest cultural rituals. Join a tour and see the rest of this fascinating country.

[Beijing](#) is also a wonderful mix of the old and the new, and as China slowly opens itself up to the West, there has never been a better time to visit. Meanwhile, [Moscow](#) offers unrivalled cultural pomp and grandeur as well as the political intrigues of the Kremlin. It can be combined with a visit to [St Petersburg](#).



Touring holidays

Rail is a great way to travel, particularly in Spain where you'll find superb state-owned [luxury trains](#) including the [Transcantábrico](#) and the [La Robla](#). Or explore the Canadian Rockies by rail one of these classic [Rocky Mountaineer holidays](#).

In Portugal, take a river cruise along the beautiful [Douro Valley](#) then spend a few days in the fascinating coastal city of [Porto](#) where you can tour the famous Port lodges.

You can also do Canada on a self-drive [Mountain Express](#) holiday from Calgary to Vancouver taking in the Rockies, Banff and Jasper National Park. Or drive through the beautiful scenery of [Ontario and Québec](#).

If you want to see the countryside at a slower pace, how about joining a [cultural walking tour](#) – perhaps in [Oman](#), [Namibia](#) or [Italy](#). If you prefer to travel independently, we have found some fabulous [hotel-to-hotel walking](#) itineraries that explore some of the most beautiful regions of Europe.

[Oman](#) is also a great destination for a private driving tour – you'll see a stunning coastline, vast sand dunes, ancient forts, villages and souks. It can easily be combined with the glitz of [Dubai](#) or intriguing [Abu Dhabi](#).

You can just about see all the best bits of [Australia](#) in two weeks. Try this [golden triangle](#) which combines Sydney, Ayers Rock and the Great Barrier Reef.

In North America, we recommend a [fly-drive California](#) holiday, or a tour of [Cape Cod](#). For something different, how about a [location tour](#) that visits the settings of classic TV shows and movies including [Sex and the City](#) and [The Sopranos](#).

If you're on a budget, choose from thousands of [hostels](#) in cities including [London](#), [Paris](#) and [New York City](#). Many of the properties have private rooms with ensuite bathrooms. Or you could rent from a local.

Adventure holiday destinations

South America is one of the great destinations for adventurers. [Argentina](#) is great country, from the historic capital of Buenos Aires to the glacier fields of Patagonia and the wild pampas regions.

We rate [Chile](#) as an amazing holiday destination – a combination of outdoor adventures, extreme natural beauty (volcanoes, glaciers, salt lakes, long beaches), good food and charming [boutique hotels](#).

If you love nature, the [Galapagos Islands](#) should be high on your places to visit before you die. The islands are pristine and dramatically beautiful, but it is the close-up encounters with seals, giant tortoises, marine turtles and exotic birds that make this such an amazing experience.

Closer to home, [Iceland](#) is a fascinating country of mountains, glaciers, volcanoes and geysers – like a geography lesson come to life.

Trip of a lifetime? Top contenders include an exciting [polar expedition to the Arctic or Antarctic](#). This is an amazing way to see the Earth's most pristine wildernesses – not on a big cruise ship, but on a small expedition craft that will get you up close to whales, penguins and icebergs.

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