



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of SMITH COLLEGE

Coastal Life Cruising Thailand and the Malay Peninsula February 18 to 28, 2009

Preliminary Itinerary (subject to amendment)

Day 1 – Wednesday, February 18, 2009

- Depart your gateway city for your trans-Pacific flight to Bangkok, Thailand.

(Appropriate in-flight meals)

Day 2 – Thursday, February 19, 2009

- Cross the International Dateline on your way to Bangkok.

(Appropriate in-flight meals)

Day 3 – Friday, February 20, 2009

- Arrive in Bangkok and take a connecting flight in Singapore.
- Lunch will be on your own.
- After lunch, meet the group for a transfer to the *SY Star Clipper*.
- The ship departs Singapore on its way to Malacca, Malaysia while you enjoy dinner.

(Appropriate in-flight meals, D)

Day 4 – Saturday, February 21, 2009

- Enjoy breakfast and lunch onboard as the *Star Clipper* arrives and docks in Malacca.
- **Excursion: Malacca.** Malacca and the Spice Trader are inseparably associated. From the time of the early Renaissance explorers onward, it was the control of the Malaccan Straits that dictated who would own the most precious treasures of the Orient, its spices. The Portuguese, the Dutch, and the British ruled Malacca at one time or another. Explore opulent private mansions built in the distinctive Peranakan colonial style filled with priceless Chinese antiques.
- You will begin the tour of Malacca's historic highlights on St. Paul's Hill with its spectacular view of the city and the Malacca River. Also on the hill are the remains of St. Paul Church, originally built in 1571. One of the most interested aspects of the church are the Dutch tombstones around the interior.
- You will continue on to the Heritage Museum and intriguing display of the Chinese/Malay, "Baba Nyonya", culture and history. At the temple, you will learn of the Chinese ways of

worship and their methods of honoring their ancestors. In town, you will also have the opportunity of shopping on Jonkers Street, the “antique row of Malaysia”.

- Enjoy dinner aboard ship as you leave Malacca.

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Day 5 – Sunday, February 22, 2009

- Today, explore the *SY Star Clipper* as you cruise toward Langkawi.
- In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception.

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Day 6 – Monday, February 23, 2009

- After breakfast, the ship will dock in Langkawi.
- **Excursion: Langkawi.** The breathtaking Malaysian island of Langkawi is one of a group of 104 islands scattered in the calm seas off the northern most tip of Peninsular Malaysia.
- You will visit first the **Makam Mahsuri**, the birthplace and tomb of the princess who, falsely accused of adultery, placed a curse on the island for seven generations.
- You will also stop at **Kuoh town**, the island’s capital, with its famous giant eagle monument. You will have some time to discover this fascinating multicultural town.
- From there, return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.
- Tonight the ship will leave Langkawi for Ko Lipe, Thailand.

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Day 7 – Tuesday, February 24, 2009

- After lunch on board, disembark in Ko Lipe.
- **Excursion: Ko Lipe.** Lying south of the Batong Group, the island of Ko Lipe offers a beautiful $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile long white sand beach. The crystal clear waters are a perfect site for snorkeling, diving and water sports. A ten-minute walk across the island takes you through luxurious vegetation to the authentic fishing village of Chao Le, also situated on a white sand beaches with a stunning view of several small rock islands.
- Return to the ship for dinner and spend your evening at leisure.

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Day 8 – Wednesday, February 25, 2009

- After breakfast, the ship arrives this morning in Phang Nga, Thailand.
- **Excursion: Koh Ping-Gan and Koh Panyi Village Tour.** Departing the *Star Clipper*, you will cruise through the picturesque Phang Nga Bay with its dramatic limestone islands en route to Koh Ping-gan Island surrounded by its signature rocky pinnacle. You will make a brief stop on the island before continuing through the beautiful bay to **Koh Panyi village**, one of the typical Muslim villages of the region. The village is completely built on stilts over shallow water in the bay. You will tour the village and learn about daily life in Koh Panyi.
- After the tour, return to the ship for lunch. The ship will then leave Phang Nga for Ko Khai Nok.
- **Excursion: Ko Khai Nok.** Situated off the coast of Phuket, the island of Khai Nok or Ko Khai Nok (Ko means island in Thai) is an idyllic tropical paradise. She offers spectacular views of Phuket's coastline which can be seen on the horizon, and her white sandy beaches are lapped by a crystal clear sea, perfect for watersports and teeming with marine life.

- This evening, return to the ship for the Captain's Farewell Reception and dinner.

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Day 9 – Thursday, February 26, 2009

- This morning, the ship arrives in Ko Miang.
- **Excursion: Ko Miang.** Ko Miang is a tiny yet beautiful island set among the Similan Islands with contrasting scenery of limestone cliffs and sandy beaches, ideally suited to swimming and snorkeling.
- Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure as the ship leaves Ko Miang.

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Day 10 – Friday, February 27, 2009

- Enjoy breakfast this morning on board, as the ship docks in Phuket.
- Disembark the ship and transfer to the airport for your flight to Bangkok.
- Upon arriving in Bangkok, transfer to the Shangri La Hotel for an evening at leisure.

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Day 11 – Saturday, February 28, 2009

- After breakfast at the Shangri La, check out of the hotel for your final excursion.
- **Excursion: Grand Palace and Temple Tour.** Located close to the Chao Phraya, the Grand Palace occupies nearly one square mile. The former royal residence of the Chakri Kings, it is the perfect example of a Siamese Court. Within the Grand Palace compound is the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, (Wat Phra Kaeo), that houses Thailand's most precious image of the Lord Buddha, carved from a single piece of jade. Also visit the Temple of the Reclining Buddha, (Wat Pho) covered in gold leaf.
- After the tour, take the afternoon at leisure until you transfer to the airport for your return flight to the United States

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