



Classic International Cruises

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Rarely Visited Ports in Myanmar and Andaman Islands Feature in Exotic Far East Cruise

New Discounts for Pension Card Holders

The rarely visited cruise ports of Yangon in Myanmar (Burma) and Port Blair in India's Andaman Islands will feature in a special Bay of Bengal voyage aboard Classic International Cruises' traditional liner, Princess Daphne, next January.

Fares for pensioners on this exotic cruise have been cut by up to 36 per cent and pensioners travelling alone can enjoy sole use of a cabin for less than the standard twin-share fare, saving hundreds of dollars.

Tailored to Australians, the 13-night round cruise from Singapore on January 24, 2011, will feature six ports including Yangon (formerly Rangoon) in Myanmar and Port Blair in India's beautiful Andaman Islands – both rarely visited by cruise ships and suited to smaller liners like the 500-passenger, 16,000-ton Princess Daphne, which will her first-ever season of Far East cruises this summer.

The mysterious city of Yangon boasts the largest collection of colonial buildings in south-east Asia, with the main drawcard the golden Shwedagon Pagoda. Built more than 1400 years ago, the 100-metre bell-shaped temple is wreathed by 8000 gold plates and 5000 diamonds and is the most sacred Buddhist pagoda in Myanmar, with former British author Rudyard Kipling describing it in 1889 as “a beautiful winking wonder that blazed in the sun in Burma – quite unlike any land you know about”.

A fleet mate of Australia's summer liner, Athena, the classic-styled Princess Daphne will dock in Yangon for two days, allowing passengers ample time to explore the former British colonial outpost and visit the charming tea houses found on every corner of the old Burmese capital. The cruise will also take passengers to Port Blair in the remote, sun-drenched Andaman Islands, midway between Thailand and India. Awaiting passengers here are tropical, palm-lined beaches, popular with elephant keepers who swim their hefty charges in the crystal-clear, coral-filled waters.

The 13-night return cruise from Singapore will also visit Phuket, Langkawi, Penang and Kuala Lumpur.

Featuring an onboard currency of Australian dollars, the intimate Princess Daphne offers five lounges and bars, elegant restaurant, gym/spa, library, showlounge, spacious decks and 241 cabins including 73 suites – six of which offer private balconies. A high 86 per cent of all cabins offer ocean views, mostly through traditional portholes. And almost all cabins boast a shower and a bathtub – a luxury only found in suites on the latest superliners around the world. The stylish ship will offer nine Far East cruises from Singapore and Hong Kong between December 2010 and March 2011.

General fares for the Bay of Bengal voyage from Singapore on January 24, 2011, start from \$1940 per person, twin-share. Classic International Cruises has special discounts for Australian Pensioner Concession Card holders, starting from \$1495 per person, twin-share, while Pensioner Card holders travelling alone can sail from only \$1945 per person – just \$5 more than the standard twin-share fare. *

New Pensioner Card discounts for twin-share and solo passengers are also available on two other Princess Daphne Far East cruises in February 2011.

Full details and bookings are available via travel agents or visit www.classicintcruises.com.

* Pensioner offer valid only for holders of Australian Pensioner Concession Card. Conditions apply. Subject to availability. Fares are cruise only.

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