

**Payable before you leave**

Item	Considerations	Estimate
International Airfare - Canada to/from Asia	<p>The cost of our private journeys are quoted without international air between Canada and Asia. We do this because some guests may wish to use frequent flyer points to obtain their airline ticket or they may wish to use a different airline or a different routing from the rest of the group. The cost of this air ticket can vary depending on the actual dates of travel and your choice of airline. The least expensive fares are generally available to those who book early.</p> <p>TrailFinders' staff are experts in international air selection and would be pleased to offer you assistance with your international travel arrangements.</p>	<p>Cost depends on your departure city, airline, travel dates and seat availability.</p> <p>Please call us for assistance.</p>
Travel Insurance	<p>Travel Insurance medical coverage is mandatory for all guests on our Southeast Asia Private Journeys. If you already have your own insurance, you will be required to show proof of coverage.</p> <p>As well, we continue to highly recommend that each guest have adequate <b>Trip Cancellation and Interruption insurance</b>. Guests who choose not to purchase this coverage will be required to sign a waiver to that effect.</p> <p>In line with insurance company rules, <b>all trip cancellation and interruption insurance premiums</b> are payable <u>at time of deposit and booking</u>. <b>Medical insurance premiums</b> (if required) may be paid at the same time (in the case of a packaged insurance policy) or anytime prior to departure if done as a separate policy. Premiums vary with the age of the insured and the duration of the trip. We can provide you with insurance recommendations and premiums to suit your individual situation.</p> <p>Since foreign ground handlers, transport providers and hotel companies may or may not have adequate insurance coverage for serious injury or death of foreign travellers in case of accidents or local events, we highly recommend that you cover yourself for these eventualities by having a reputable Canadian insurance policy. Please read the TrailFinders terms and conditions since they contain clauses that limits our liability during the tour.</p>	<p>Cost of insurance premiums vary with age of passenger and amount of coverage.</p> <p>Call us for details</p>
Tropical Medicine Considerations	<p>We highly recommend that all guests on our journeys visit a reputable <b>travel medicine clinic</b> at least three months before departure. We will be pleased to give you advice about the elements of your itinerary which might influence the choice of required medications.</p>	<p>Cost can vary depending on actual vaccines required.</p>
Visa Photos	<p>Those guests visiting Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia and potentially Burma will require visas. We will process the visas for you, but you will need to provide us with visa pictures. If you are sending these to us electronically (full instructions will be in the Planning Guide) then only one picture is required and we will print the actual physical pictures that we need. If you are sending actual photographs we will need two pictures for the Lao visa, one for the Vietnam visa, two for the optional trip into Burma and one spare. <u>We prefer pictures in electronic format</u> if possible since the picture for your Cambodia visa must be digital. However, if you send actual photographs we will scan one of them. It is <u>not</u> necessary to have high quality visa pictures. "Mall photo machine" quality is fine. In Ottawa there are machines at Billings Bridge, Carlingwood and St. Laurent.</p>	<p>About \$ 4-8</p>

**Collected at time of Booking**

Tip kitty & visas	<p>All tips for the local guides, drivers, drivers assistants, boat captains, boat crews, hotel staff, waiters at group meals and any bulk luggage handlers are covered by the tip kitty which is collected at time of booking and is dispensed by the tour leader during the trip. The Vietnam visa and Cambodian visa will be obtained on your behalf by TrailFinders prior to departure. The Lao visa will be obtained on your behalf upon arrival in Laos. Tips \$192, Visas \$161</p>	<p>US\$ 353</p>
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**Payable during the trip**

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Water, drinks, laundry, internet e-mail, local transportation	<p>Most hotels provide one or two bottles of drinking water in the room, but we find that we generally buy another large bottle of water every few days as well.</p> <p>Other drinks – Beer, fruit juice and soft drinks are about the same price as in Canada depending on where you are drinking them. In captive places such as on a boat or in a deluxe hotel prices will be slightly higher. Wine can be very expensive and quality can vary.</p> <p>Laundry - We travel light and we usually have the hotel do laundry about every four days. Quality is relatively good, but we suggest you may not want to bring your best clothes and entrust them to some of the laundries along the way. Typical hotel rates generally apply. In some places it is possible to take your clothes out of the hotel to be cleaned and therefore save quite a bit. Also, you may be able to wash things yourself in places where you'll have two days or more at the same hotel.</p> <p>Internet e-mail – relatively cheap on the street. A bit more in the hotels.</p> <p>During periods of free time you may wish to use local transportation. Generally a short motorcycle or rickshaw ride will only be the equivalent of one or two dollars.</p>	<p>C\$ 50</p> <p>Varies according to personal taste</p> <p>Varies according to personal needs</p> <p>C\$ 20</p> <p>C\$ 30</p>
Personal Tips	TrailFinders handles the tips for the group as described above. But there will be times when you will be expected to tip someone who performs a personal service for you. This may include bellhops who bring your personal luggage to your room, restaurant waiters, masseuses and so on. We estimate about C\$3 per day should cover it.	C\$ 75
Meals	All breakfasts, 11 lunches and 8 dinners are included in the price. The remaining meals will be relatively inexpensive if you stick to local food, especially in Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia where a substantial dinner can often be had for only a few dollars. Also, our guests tell us that they often skip lunch on some days due to the size of the breakfasts.	C\$ 400
Other Personal Expenses	There will be opportunities along the way for spending some of your hard-earned cash on extras, as with any trip. Costs will vary depending on your personal likes and dislikes, but for example you may be interested in massages, music, shopping or whatever.	Varies according to personal taste

Note:  
 Your **Trip Planning Guide** and your **Pre-departure Package** (both issued at a later date) will contain recommendations on what forms of money to bring with you in Asia.