ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS: Bali, Indonesia / Ubud / Benoa / Probolinggo / Surabaya / Semarang / Parai Beach / Singapore / Malacca / Penang / Langkawi / Ko Rok Nok Island / Phang Nga / Phucket

- Comprehensive 15-night cruise aboard the deluxe Le Lapérouse. All accommodations are outside staterooms and suites, and all feature a private balcony.
- Two nights at a deluxe hotel with breakfast daily; evening welcome cocktail reception and dinner on Day 2. Lunch on Days 2 and 3.
- Shore excursions as described in the itinerary.
- All meals aboard ship include early riser’s coffee & pastry, breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner, and special sweets from Laduree. French-inspired gourmet cuisine, with menu creation and chef training by Ducasse Conseil.
- Complimentary open bar aboard ship including select wines served with lunch and dinner.
- Welcome and farewell cocktail receptions aboard ship.
- Complimentary Wi-Fi (as available via satellite)
- Airport/hotel/pier transfers on start and end days of the program and handling of luggage
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, porters, guides, and drivers
- Port taxes and charged, pre-departure materials.

SCHEDULE BY DAY
*B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7
DEPART FROM HOME CITY
The program begins on Saturday, February 8 in Bali.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
ARRIVE BALI, INDONESIA
Arrive at the airport in Denpasar, Bali, where you will be met and transferred to the Maya Ubud Resort and Spa (or similar), your home for the next two nights.

The balance of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: *Maya Ubud Resort and Spa*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
BALI
After breakfast at the hotel and a lecture from your Harvard Study Leader, travel to the village of Blayu, where you are welcomed by traditional music and a procession leading to the former royal palace of Puri Taman Sari.

Surrounded by landscaped gardens, the palace invites you to explore the grounds, where villagers demonstrate traditional arts and crafts, before you enjoy a buffet lunch of Indonesian cuisine.

After lunch, explore the nearby Hindu Taman Ayun Temple complex, once the private temple of the royal family of the Mengwi Dynasty.

Return to your hotel for a welcome reception and dinner.

Overnight at *Maya Ubud Resort and Spa* (B, L, D)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
BALI / EMBARKATION
This morning, drive to Cangi Village to visit an elementary school, a community bank, and the village health center, allowing for interactions with students, teachers, and residents of this communally governed village.

After lunch at a local restaurant in Ubud, travel to the small village of Batuan to explore a compound of traditional Bali houses, before transferring to Benoa Harbor to embark Le Lapérouse in the late afternoon.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
AT SEA
Today is devoted to relaxing, attending lectures, and sampling the many amenities available aboard the ship, as Le Lapérouse cruises toward Java.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
PROBOLINGGO, JAVA
The port city of Probolinggo on the southern shore of the Java Sea, about 50 miles south of Surabaya, is your gateway to Mount Bromo, an active volcano in the middle of a protected nature reserve on a vast plain called the “Sea of Sand”.

Drive to a staging area near the volcano, from where 4-wheel-drive vehicles transport you to Seruni Point for panoramic views of Mount Bromo and the surrounding landscape.

Then, crossing the sea of sand on ponies, climb to the edge of the massive crater that surrounds the volcano for even more stunning views.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
SURABAYA
From Surabaya, a dynamic modern city proud of its role in launching the fight for Indonesian independence in 1945, travel to the interior to explore the archaeological site of Trowulan.

The capital city of the Majapahit kingdom from the 13th to the 15th centuries CE, Trowulan is a sprawling site with temples and administrative buildings scattered among the rice paddies.

The nearby museum, opened in 1987, provides an excellent introduction to the art and culture of this hybrid Hindu-Buddhist civilization.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

FRI, FEB 14–SAT, FEB 15
SEMARANG
Semarang enjoys a strategic location on the northern coast of Java, making it a cosmopolitan port town and a melting pot of Chinese, Indo-Arabic and European cultures.

Before setting off to explore the region’s treasures, take a tour of the old town and its smattering of old colonial buildings.

Here in Indonesia’s most Chinese town, don’t miss a trip to the Chinatown district. If it’s culture you’re after, journey deeper into the green, rolling inland region, passing by volcanoes and rice paddies until you reach the royal town of Yogyakarta and one of its ancient kingdoms, the Borobudur: this Buddhist temple is a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world’s largest temples.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
AT SEA

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
PARAI BEACH
The Indonesian Bangka Belitung archipelago, off the eastern coast of Sumatra, is renowned for its beautiful, unspoiled beaches and superb diving. Protected by immense granite rocks, Parai Beach, north-east of Bangka Island, is a tropical Eden.
Once you’re comfortably installed in the shade of palm trees at the water’s edge, you’ll succumb to the ease and tranquility of this picture-postcard setting.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

TUE, FEB 18–WED, FEB 19
SINGAPORE

Nicknamed the Garden City, Singapore stretches across Malaysia’s southern-most region. Experience the vibrant hustle and bustle of this city-state for yourself at the Marina Bay.

Not too far away is the historic center, offering a unique smorgasbord of neoclassical buildings and contemporary towers. Decked out in topiary, the pavements of Orchard Road are also home to countless shopping centers.

The colorful markets in Chinatown and Little India present the perfect opportunity to quell hunger pangs in a hawker center, one of the city’s traditional snack bars. The Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum in a Peranakan house in Chinatown, which reproduces the interior of a traditional 19th-century home. The Baba Nyonya were wealthy traders who liked to indulge their taste for sumptuous furniture made from teak and mother-of-pearl, rare jewels, and silk brocade.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
MALACCA, MALAYSIA

Lying along the shores of the eponymous Strait, Malacca City has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. A witness to the maritime traffic between Asia and the West, the city is inextricably linked to the trade of spices and silk. This cultural oasis shows the history of a fascinating ancient civilization—the Baba Nyonya, descendants of Chinese immigrants who married Malay women.

Visit the Baba Nyonya Heritage Museum in a Peranakan house in Chinatown, which reproduces the interior of a traditional 19th-century home. The Baba Nyonya were wealthy traders who liked to indulge their taste for sumptuous furniture made from teak and mother-of-pearl, rare jewels, and silk brocade.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
PENANG (GEORGETOWN)

The leading British trading post of the Far East in the 19th century, this tiny island has a unique atmosphere of both East and West. Known as the “Pearl of the East” in the past, for its many trades of spice, fabrics, and tin, Penang has become one of the most sought-after destinations in Malaysia. George Town, its capital, is home to an extremely rich historical heritage, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Be sure to visit the Blue Mansion, a real architectural marvel that blends traditional Chinese style with eastern elements.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
LANGKAWI ISLAND

Langkawi Island or Pulau Langkawi, also known as the “Malaysian paradise”, is the largest island in the eponymous archipelago. Composed of a group of 104 mostly uninhabited islands sitting atop the Andaman Sea, the archipelago, listed as a UNESCO Global Geopark, is brimming with natural wonders.

Vast beaches of white sand line the contours of this island. Inland, it features jungle-covered hills, picturesque rice fields, ancient rock formations, and spectacular mountain peaks. The island is also home to several factories processing gamat, a sea cucumber used to produce a cream sought after for its medicinal and cosmetic virtues.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
KO ROK NOK ISLAND

In the district of Ko Lanta in southern Thailand, Koh Rok Island is comprised of two uninhabited twin islands: Koh Rok Nok and Koh Rok Nai. In the heart of a protected national park, Koh Rok Nok presents authentic scenery with lush vegetation, unusual coral reefs, and surprising cliffs.
Today presents an opportunity for swimming or snorkeling at the island’s magnificent, crystal-clear beaches in the east, with an underwater world brimming with myriad, colorful fish.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
PHANG NGA

North of the island of Phuket, the Phang Nga province in southern Thailand is a protected national park since 1981. It is one of the wildest regions in Thailand, with vast stretches of lush old-growth forest, stunning waterfalls, and sublime fine-sand beaches.

Phang Nga is a province that is rich in traditions and natural beauty. Its bay offers a landscape of limestone karsts that seem to be balancing on the water. It is also home to the island nicknamed “James Bond Island”, as an homage to the film _Man with the Golden Gun_, and to the island of Panyi, an unusual floating village with over 200 houses built on stilts and connected by wooden walkways.

Overnight on Le Lapérouse (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
PHUKET / DISEMBARKATION / DEPART FOR U.S.

Phuket, the largest island in Thailand, also known as the pearl of the Andaman, has majestic landscapes enhanced by a magnificent color palette. Its lively, eponymous capital abounds with beautiful 19th-century houses, with embellished façades, and with markets where fruits and vegetables rival each other for flavors amidst street food stalls emanating appetizing aromas.

Although Phuket is an appreciated tourist destination, it has still managed to preserve a few pieces of paradise off the beaten track. The charming shores, surrounded by hills with a thick covering of tropical vegetation, and the white sandy beaches make for an idyllic setting, while the underwater life provides a permanent show.

After breakfast aboard, transfer to the airport for flights homeward. (B)