

Asian Cruise Report

The love boat has returned with 10 Elgin R.T.O travelers cooling down.

The 10 travelers boarded the M.V Discovery {the original love boat of Captain Steubing} in Hong Kong on January 30th and set sail for Singapore .The ship was showing its age a little but the 600 passengers had a great voyage of discovery complete with educational lectures of countries to be visited, World War 2 battles involving the Japanese and global warming crisis.

We had sunny skies everyday with temperatures daily increasing from 70 F to 109 F in Singapore

We toured Hong Kong which has its own capitalist economic and political system separated from China's socialist system, a wonderful skyline and a thriving harbor.

Then 2 days of sailing the South China sea towards Manila in the Philippines an archipelago of 7,107 islands with the 5th longest coastline in the world .We were greeted with music and dancing as this was the maiden arrival of our ship at this port .Tours consisted of Corregidor island,a remnant of the war ,city. Hidden valley and Tagatay Ridge tours –a very pretty and friendly country.

The ship moved on to Sandakan , Borneo the site of the Japanese death marches of W.W.2 Borneo is the 3rd largest island in the world and is divided among Indonesia ,Malaysia and Brunei .Borneo is home of the orangutan rehabilitation center and the home of the Proboscis Monkeys with their show off attitude and long noses truly enjoyable excursion.

On to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia one of the fastest growing cites in Malaysia and a tourist destination with cultural highlights, river rapids and a wonderful Heritage centre. Next stop Muara Brunei a member of the commonwealth and a very wealthy country mainly due to Oil and gas revenues; about 400,000 people live in Brunei with no taxes, free education and health care and ruled by the Sultan who is well liked – the countries scroll bears the translational of “Always render service by Gods guidance and below it the City of Peace “

2 more days at sea on the way to Singapore an island city state. Still sunny weather but temperature increasing to 109 f {including humidity } A bustling modern city of high rises with a high standard of living being the 5th wealthiest country in terms of GDP.per capita but very expensive for the 5 million residents to live there.

The travelers exited the Love boat and flew from Singapore to Hong Kong and on to Toronto with their wonderful memories of the East Asian trip.

Thanks to Marion at Elgin Travel for organizing a exciting and educational excursion

Our next trip is to Ireland leaving May 26th and returns June 8th .We still have a few places available –if you are interested call Marion at Elgin travel @519-633-6300. We would like to have you join us.

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