

# Journey East

After many months of detailed research and extensive visits to both old favourites and new and exciting destinations, we are delighted to announce the imminent release of our new North and Central Asia and Southeast Asia brochures. Programme Managers Tom Weston and Chris Orme introduce just a few of the highlights of their respective brochures.



## Thailand's hidden gems ▲

Hidden away in amongst the hill tribe villages and caves of the north are two wonderful eco-resorts each with a small pool and providing comfortable rooms with exquisite décor. In the south, normally the realm of large international resorts, we have discovered elegant yet rustic bungalows on a deserted island or, alternatively, a contemporary property on an as yet undeveloped stretch of coastline. Maybe it is time to revisit Thailand and discover why you fell in love with it the first time round?

## The Trans-Siberian Railway ▼

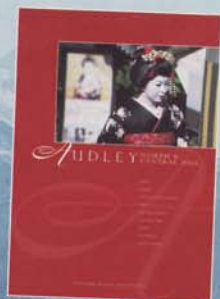
One of the world's great train journeys links Europe and Asia crossing the immense expanse of Siberia between Moscow and Beijing. The train passes through some fascinating and beautiful locations, offering the chance to break your journey and experience the local hospitality in Irkutsk by the shore of Lake Baikal, or in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia's laid-back capital.



## River travel in Southeast Asia ▲

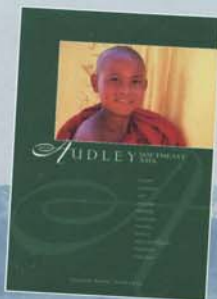
From the Irrawaddy in Myanmar and the Kwai Noi in Thailand to the Mekong flowing majestically through Indochina, Southeast Asia has some of the world's most beautiful rivers. Travelling on one of the stylish vessels now available in the region provides a rewarding way to explore these waterways and experience traditional ways of life in comfort. Itineraries can easily be combined with visits to the spectacular cultural sights of the region or with some relaxation at one of the many stunning beaches nearby.

# NEW brochures



## NORTH & CENTRAL ASIA

China  
Japan  
Tibet  
Hong Kong & Macau  
The Silk Route  
Central Asia  
South Korea  
Mongolia  
Russia



## SOUTHEAST ASIA

Vietnam  
Cambodia  
Laos  
Thailand  
Myanmar  
Malaysia  
Borneo  
Singapore  
Philippines  
Indonesia  
Papua New Guinea

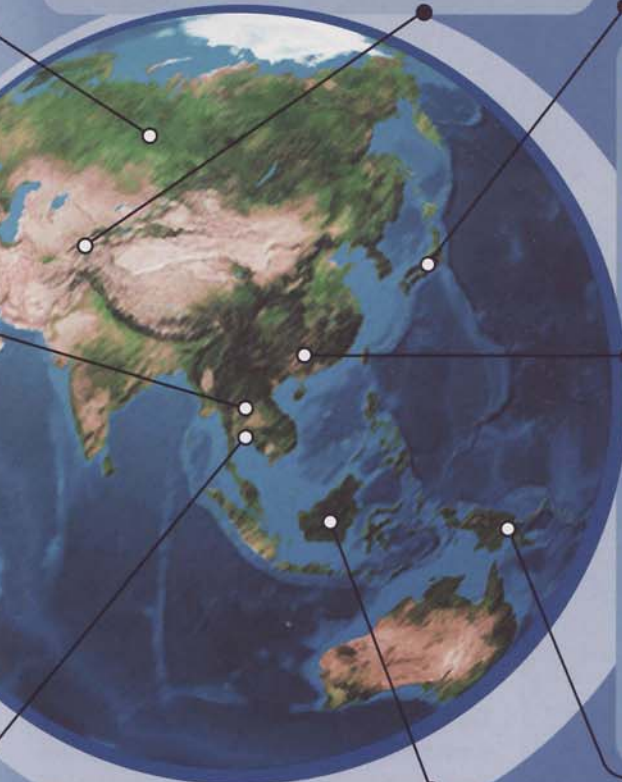


### Central Asia and the Silk Route ▲

After decades of political isolation and instability the cultural and scenic splendours of the ancient Silk Route are once again open for business. From the great cities of Khiva, Samarkand and Bukhara to the stunning peaks of the Tian Shan and Pamir Mountains and the bustling bazaars of Kashgar, this is a region of magnificent diversity and truly one of the world's greatest overland journeys.

### Off-the-beaten-track Japan ▼

In recent years the number of travellers visiting Japan has increased dramatically, making the most of reasonable prices, the excellent rail network and the general ease of travel in this modern, sophisticated nation. In addition to our favourites such as Kyoto, Takayama and Miyajima, we are delighted to introduce some new and unusual destinations. For those wishing to get out into Japan's glorious national parks we have introduced self-drive itineraries in Hokkaido and Kyushu Islands, as well as rarely-visited traditional destinations in North and West Honshu, including ancient castles and atmospheric samurai towns.



### Southwest China ▲

With great ethnic, cultural and scenic diversity Southwest China has become a true Audley favourite. Whether combined with classic China destinations, its neighbouring countries of Southeast Asia or even explored as a trip on its own, this fabulous region, stretching from the towering Himalayas to the deep rainforests, shows visitors an altogether different face of this ancient country.

### Diving in Borneo ▶

With some of the best dive sights in the world, Borneo is the ideal place for beginners and experts alike. Rare or endangered sea creatures such as green and Hawksbill turtles, Napoleon wrasse, giant clams and schools of thousands of barracuda are all a common sight. Accommodation on the renowned island of Sipadan is now to be removed for environmental reasons, but we have identified the best options nearby, allowing access to its amazing reefs. Less well known but equally spectacular is Pulau Lankayan – a tropical island paradise with white sandy beaches and its own turtle breeding centre.



### Papua New Guinea ▶

Papua New Guinea is a country of mountain and lowland rainforest featuring some of the most remarkable biological and cultural diversity in the world – a true last frontier where mass tourism has no role to play. You will stay at award winning eco-lodges, go in search of the spectacular birds of paradise, visit remote villages and travel along the jungle clad Sepik River by boat.

