

5D4N Trail of the Black Dragon

SJourney

Embark on a journey of sophistication to discover the endless beauty of Vietnam. Travel from the majestic mountains of the Northwest to the breathtaking seascape of Ha Long Bay & Lan Ha Bay – where sea and limestone peaks intertwine in a grand symphony of nature. Every landscape, every destination holds a vibrant legacy, reflecting the depth of history, cultural identity, and the indomitable spirit of the Vietnamese people.

Experience an exquisite train journey through the soul. Savor regional flavors, meticulously presented in a gourmet menu. The ever-changing landscape, from rolling mountains to vast rice paddies. Every moment on board is a time for reflection and wonder. It's more than just travel – it's an emotional immersion in the country's elegant natural beauty.

ITINERARY IN SUMMARY

D1	Arrive Hanoi
D2	Hanoi / Embarkation SJourney
D3	Sapa
D4	Ha Long Bay & Lan Ha Bay
D5	Departure Hanoi



DAY 1

ARRIVE HANOI

Arrive **Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport** where you will be met and warmly-greeted as we explore the beating heart and capital of Vietnam. Our drive takes us past the snaking Red River and eventually the West Lake, Hanoi's largest freshwater lake where we make a stop to admire the stunning 11-storey stupa of the **Tran Quoc Pagoda**, the oldest in the city first built in 541 AD in the Early Ly Dynasty and later became a symbol of Buddhism in Hanoi.

Thereafter, continue to the historic **Old Quarter**, home to a mix of Vietnamese architecture, green spaces, ancient shops and intriguing street food. We enjoy a stroll through the renowned **"36 Streets"** witnessing crafts, vanishing trades and admiring the heritage buildings that were once settled by Chinese immigrants. On a flexible basis, we may explore fascinating sites including the nostalgic charm of the **Ma May House**, the stunning **Ngoc Son Temple** on **Hoan Kiem Lake**, erected in the 19th century in commemoration of Tran Hung Dao, the greatest military commander of the Tran Dynasty or just enjoying a leisurely time wandering through the alleys and streets at your own pace.











DAY 1

ARRIVE HANOI

We then arrive at the **Capella Hanoi**, nestled on a peaceful boulevard along Hoan Kiem Lake, an art nouveau masterpiece and an ode to opera artists, designers and composers. Uncover unexpected moments of delightful retrospection in this palace of artistry highlighted by resplendent suites, enthralling dining experiences and the award-winning Auriga Spa. Conceived by renowned architect **Bill Bensley**, Capella Hanoi was envisioned as an intimate tribute to the golden age of opera in the 1920s. Every suite, artefact, and curated corner reflects a celebration of artistry and history, inspired by legendary performers, composers, and the rich cultural spirit of Hanoi itself. The hotel's design narrative seamlessly blends European grandeur with Vietnamese heritage, creating a living stage where guests are invited to step into a world of romance, nostalgia, and imagination.

This evening, you are invited to an opulent world of fine Vietnamese gastronomy at the **Michelin-starred Gia** led by **Chef Sam Tran**, as we savor to authentic and elevated Vietnamese dishes with ingredients sourced from provinces across the country.







ACCOMMODATION



CAPELLA HANOI

CAPELLA
HOTELS AND RESORTS

DATES:	TO BE ADVISED
ROOM CATEGORY:	Premier Room - 35sqm
CONFIRMATION:	TO BE ADVISED
NUMBER OF NIGHTS:	1
MEALS:	Breakfast
ADDRESS:	11 P. Lê Phụng Hiểu, French Quarter, Hoàn Kiếm, Hà Nội 100000, Vietnam
TEL:	+84 24 3987 8888
WEBSITE:	https://capellahotels.com/en/capella-hanoi



DAY 2

HANOI / EMBARKATION SJOURNEY

After a rejuvenated rest, you will be met by your private chauffeur this morning at **1030hrs** as we transfer to **Gia Lam Railway Station** and escorted into your exclusive lounge where we take a few moments to soak in the elegant surroundings, sip a refreshing juice or coffee, and enjoy the soft melodies of traditional Vietnamese music drifting through the lounge. Let your mind unwind, ready to embrace an extraordinary day of travel and discovery. Soon, we embark onto the incredible **SJourney luxury train** where we will immediately take a peek at tranquil landscapes passing gently by, lush vegetable fields, quiet villages, and the slow rhythm of Northern life. In the warmth of the train cabin, guests enjoy a refined lunch, harmoniously blending traditional Vietnamese flavors with international cuisine. It's a gentle yet profound experience, where culinary delights, scenery, and emotion blend into an unforgettable journey.

Afternoon on the train is the perfect time for travelers to relax and take in the rustic yet captivating beauty of Northern Vietnam. The train glides past vast rice fields meticulously cared for by hardworking farmers, and distant, undulating mountain ranges that resemble brushstrokes in a watercolor painting. The serene, silt-rich Red River gently reveals itself, like a crimson thread weaving through this fertile land. Further on, palm forests and tea hills briefly emerge in the soft afternoon light, evoking a tranquil and romantic image of Vietnam's midlands.







DAY 2

HANOI / EMBARKATION SJOURNEY

At Evening, savor an authentic and unique cultural performance presented by local artisans. As the gentle glow of sunset settles over distant mountain ranges, the train quietly comes to a stop at a small local station – a place where time seems to slow down. Here, you'll be immersed in the soulful sounds of local culture through heartfelt traditional performances by native artists. Each dance, each melody carries the essence of the region, offering you a deeper understanding of Vietnam's rich artistic heritage.
After an emotionally rich performance, you return to the train, where a sumptuous dinner awaits. Each dish is thoughtfully crafted to awaken your senses – from its enticing aroma to its exquisite flavors. Every plate is a culinary work of art, perfectly paired with fine wine or professionally mixed cocktails, offering a dining experience to remember amid your journey of discovery.



ACCOMMODATION



SJOURNEY LUXURY TRAIN

DATES:	TO BE ADVISED
ROOM CATEGORY:	Various Cabins
CONFIRMATION:	TO BE ADVISED
NUMBER OF NIGHTS:	3
MEALS:	ALL-INCLUSIVE
ADDRESS:	NOT APPLICABLE
TEL:	NOT APPLICABLE
WEBSITE:	https://thesjourney.com/

ACCOMMODATION



SJOURNEY LUXURY TRAIN

SJourney

Deluxe Cabin (Double/Twin)



Room size: 10sqm

Double Bed: 1 Double (1.9m x 1.5m)
OR
Twin Beds: 2 Singles (1.9m x 0.7m)

Furniture: Multi-functional table, chairs, console cabinet

Storage: Wardrobe with shoe rack
Amenities: Minibar, premium-equipped bathroom

Signature Suite



Room Size: 17sqm

Beds: 1 King (2m x 2.2m)

Furniture: Multi-functional table and chair set, daybed, massage chair, console cabinet

Storage: Wardrobe with shoe rack

Amenities: Minibar, refrigerator, 4sqm bathroom with bathtub, premium amenities

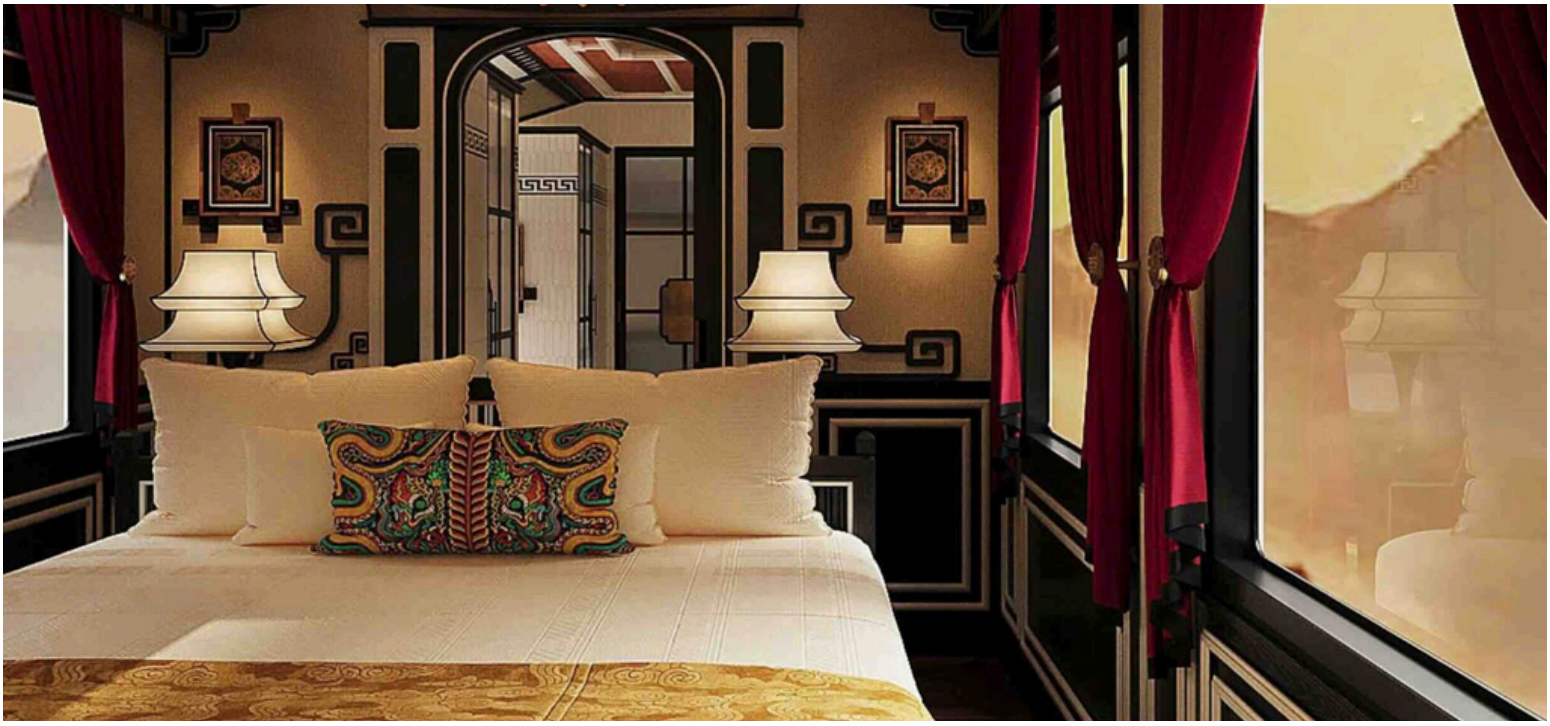
ACCOMMODATION



SJOURNEY LUXURY TRAIN

SJourney

Imperial Suite



Room size: Up to 51sqm, occupying an entire private carriage

Beds: 1 King

Furniture: Private lounge area with tea sofa, finely-crafted interior

Storage: Built-in storage space

Amenities: Premium bathroom with bathtub, personalized high-end comforts



DAY 3

SAPA

You wake up to a peaceful morning in the remote Northwest region, greeted with a lavish breakfast served in the luxurious atmosphere of the train. The journey to explore **Sapa** begins with a visit to **Fansipan** — a land often hailed as "the Roof of Indochina." Begin your journey to conquer the peak of Fansipan aboard the one-of-a-kind **Muong Hoa Mountain train** — a stunning ride that reveals the natural beauty of Northwest Vietnam. As the train glides along the mountainside, you'll pass layered terraced rice fields, mist-veiled villages, and seasonal wildflowers blooming in vibrant clusters. The cabin's luxurious interior, paired with expansive glass windows, offers unobstructed views of the region's majestic landscapes. Though the ride lasts just six minutes, each moment on board is a feast for the senses — soothing yet awe-inspiring. More than just a means of transport, the Muong Hoa train is an emotional gateway into the heart of Sapa's wonders.

Fansipan Cable Car – A Journey Through the Northwestern Wilderness. This isn't just any cable car ride — it's a rare and unforgettable adventure through the clouds. Suspended between earth and sky, the feeling is an exhilarating blend of suspense and awe-inspiring wonder. Departing from Hoàng Liên Station, the Fansipan cable car carries you to the summit station, leading the way to conquer the legendary Roof of Indochina.

Upon reaching the **summit of Fansipan**, you can take in a panoramic view of Sapa — from the villages hidden in the early morning mist, to the golden terraced rice fields and winding streams. The overlapping mountain ranges, lush green forests, and drifting white clouds paint a stunning natural masterpiece.







DAY 3

SAPA

Afternoon: Explore the beautiful villages in Sapa

After a peaceful lunch surrounded by nature and local cuisine, you'll continue along the poetic **Mường Hoa valley** towards **Lao Chải village**. Nestled beneath the valley, Lao Chải lies between the majestic Hoàng Liên Sơn range and Hàm Rồng Mountain. From here, you'll marvel at the traditional houses scattered across vast, terraced rice fields that ripple and wind along the mountain slopes like golden waves.

Evening: As twilight gently descends over the mountain ranges, you return to the train and enjoy a luxurious dinner in the dining carriage. In the cozy atmosphere, each dish served is a harmonious blend of Vietnamese and international flavors — like a sweet conclusion to a day rich in cultural experiences. The train continues its overnight journey to Hanoi through the night, returning you to your private cabin — a serene haven where you can relax and unwind in complete comfort and tranquility.





DAY 4

HA LONG BAY & LAN HA BAY

Morning: Ha Long Bay - Lan Ha Bay discover hidden wonders

The train quietly departs from the awakening rhythm of Hanoi. In the soft glow of dawn, passengers stir — still drowsy, yet filled with anticipation. As the train glides through the outskirts, the rural landscape of Northern Vietnam unfolds like an ink-wash painting: red-tiled roofs peeking through rows of areca palms, lush green rice fields glistening with morning dew, and winding dirt paths weaving through the countryside. During this serene journey, guests enjoy a traditional Tonkin-style breakfast.

At **0930hrs**, the train arrives at **Hai Phong Station** — a vibrant port city that still retains its old-world charm. From here, you will board a vehicle arranged by SJourney to transfer to **Tuan Chau Marina** in **Ha Long**, where your journey to explore the majestic beauty of **Ha Long Bay** and **Lan Ha Bay** begins.

At **1030hrs**, our cruise sets sail from Tuan Chau Pier, officially ushering guests into a captivating journey to explore the majestic and enchanting beauty of Ha Long Bay. The professional and welcoming crew on board cordially greet passengers with a refined welcome drink, marking the beginning of an unforgettable experience. Throughout the journey, you will have the opportunity to admire the panoramic view of Ha Long Bay - a natural wonder of the world recognized by UNESCO - where thousands of large and small limestone islands with interesting shapes converge.





DAY 4

HA LONG BAY & LAN HA BAY

The Afternoon: Immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of Lan Ha Bay – the paradise pearl island.

You will have the opportunity to explore **Sang Cave** either by paddling a kayak or relaxing on a traditional bamboo boat rowed by local residents. **Sang - Toi Cave** is often likened to a mystical gateway between the sea and sky of Lan Ha Bay, stretching approximately 100 meters through the heart of a limestone mountain. The cave floor is submerged in crystal-clear seawater, while its ceiling hovers just above the surface, creating a scene both enchanting and surreal. Inside, visitors will discover a secluded haven surrounded by towering limestone cliffs, evoking the feeling of stepping into a pristine, untouched world.

At Ao Ech - Lan Ha Bay, you can enjoy a variety of water activities such as floating on inflatables, sliding, swimming in the clear blue waters, or simply relaxing on the cruise while admiring the breathtaking scenery of Lan Ha Bay. It's a perfect chance to immerse yourself in nature and marvel at the majestic beauty of this world-renowned natural wonder.





DAY 4

HA LONG BAY & LAN HA BAY

Return to the cruise for two delightful experiences: **the Sunset Party and a rejuvenating soak in the all - season jacuzzi.** Here, you can unwind on the sundeck while sipping traditional Vietnamese tea or coffee, accompanied by fresh tropical fruits and savory snacks. As nature gently transforms, you gazing toward the horizon as the sun sets in soft hues - offering a tranquil, soulful moment amid Ha Long Bay's enchanting serenity.

Evening: Bidding farewell to unforgettable legacies to return to tranquility. As night gently falls over Ha Long Bay, you conclude a day filled with excitement and board the vehicle returning you to the luxurious train. In your elegant cabin, you can recline in comfort, letting your mind drift along with the ever-changing scenery outside the window.

Each turn of the wheels on the track is like a soft melody, inviting complete relaxation and allowing you to fully embrace the harmony between modern comfort and the pristine beauty of Vietnam as night descends.



DAY 5

DEPARTURE HANOI

Today, the train returns back to **Hanoi's Gia Lam station**. Enjoy breakfast until **0830hrs** and later at **0900hrs**, check-out procedures commence.

Today, based on your flight timings, you will be transferred to your hotel in Hanoi or **Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport** for your return flight home.

End of Journey



A 4D3N Ninh Binh Escape

After disembarking SJourney, continue on an escape to Ninh Binh, slipping into a living watercolor where time seems to slow to the rhythm of a wooden oar. Here, emerald-green rice paddies unroll like plush carpets between towering, mist-shrouded limestone karsts that shoot straight up from the earth like ancient guardians. Navigating the quiet, mirror-like rivers of Trang An or Tam Coc by sampan boat, you are enveloped in a profound silence, punctuated only by the occasional splash of water or the distant call of a hidden bird. It is a destination that doesn't demand a frantic itinerary; instead, it invites you to breathe deeply, pedal a bicycle down quiet dirt paths flanked by lotus ponds, and immerse yourself in an ethereal, rural Vietnam that feels entirely untouched by the modern world.

ITINERARY IN SUMMARY

D5	Hanoi / SJourney Disembarkation / Ninh Binh
D6	Ninh Binh
D7	Ninh Binh
D8	Ninh Binh / Departure Hanoi



DAY 5

HANOI / SJOURNEY DISEMBARKATION / NINH BINH

After breakfast followed by disembarkation procedures from SJourney, you will be met by your private chauffeur and car as we begin a 2.5hrs drive to **Ninh Binh**, a place steeped in history and culture, evidenced today by the tapestry of experiences that pay homage to ancient traditions in the region. Dive into these natural landscapes, valleys, and caves and listen to the stories held within. We will arrive at the **Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat**, hidden in a forested valley in **Trang An's UNESCO World Heritage site** and occupying a place steeped in ancient lore and natural beauty. Rice paddies, rivers and towering limestone karsts converge, creating a hideaway that feels like a step back in time – while firmly possessed of every modern luxury and comfort.

Enjoy the day immersing in the retreat's incredible environments. Discover the impeccable **Hat Gao Specialty Restaurant**, set within a restored 125-year-old wooden church, Hạt Gạo hosts an exclusive dining series featuring guest chefs. Available by private appointment only, each presents a seasonal tasting menu in their own signature style, crafted with the most local Vietnamese ingredients. In the mood for wine, pay a visit to **The Cellar Door**, a curated wine lounge offering fine vintages and rare finds from around the world. Intimate and elegant, The Cellar Door invites connoisseurs and curious palates alike to unwind, explore, and indulge in quiet sophistication.

Alternatively, dedicate time for a spa journey at **Chi Quan** to release tension, and restore inner balance.





ACCOMMODATION



JIVA HOA LU RETREAT

SMALL LUXURY HOTELS OF THE WORLD
Independently minded

DATES:	TO BE ADVISED
ROOM CATEGORY:	Tam Coc Villa - 52sqm
CONFIRMATION:	TO BE ADVISED
NUMBER OF NIGHTS:	3
MEALS:	Breakfast
ADDRESS:	Thung lũng Đền Thái Vi, Nam Hoa Lu, Ninh Binh, Vietnam
TEL:	+84 229 3686 288
WEBSITE:	https://jivahoaluretreat.com/



DAY 6

NINH BINH

Begin the day in the company of towering limestone mountains and nearby Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat is the **Bich Dong Pagoda**, built in ironwood and intricately tiled roofs reminiscent of the late Le and early Nguyen dynasties, contrasting against the serene landscapes. Nearby, we venture to the stunning **Mua Cave**, where we climb the iconic 500 steps to the most spectacular viewpoint of the Tam Coc Valley and the winding Song Sao Khe River.





Thereafter, we proceed to the **Trang An Grottoes**, an exemplary natural beauty of majestic limestone massif at 20 square kilometers rising dramatically from the rice paddy fields. We enjoy a surreal exploration on our private sampan boat maneuvering ourselves through a series of cave complexes and beautiful temples. On a flexible basis, discover to your level of enjoyment before we return to **Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat**.







DAY 7

NINH BINH

We have another day in **Ninh Binh** and our agenda for the morning is a visit to the **Hoa Lu Ancient Capital**, Vietnam's first capital in the 10th Century where we devote time to learn and explore its ancient architectural wonders, majestic temples and its remarkable history.

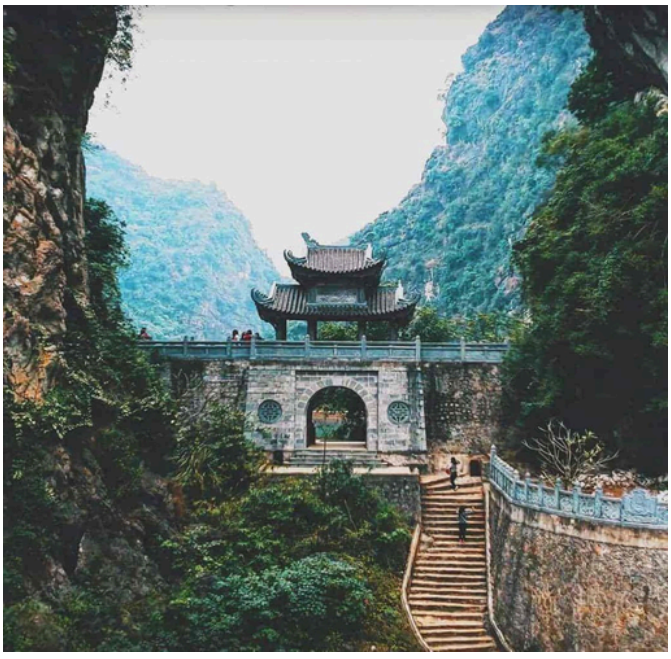




Nearby, we will also visit the **Am Tien Cave & Pagoda**, surrounded by towering karst mountains on the banks of the Ao Giai Lake, presenting itself as a fairy land for its serene atmosphere.









DAY 7

NINH BINH

Later, we travel to the **Bai Dinh Pagoda**, tracing its history for more than a millennium, with roots tracing back to the Dinh, Early Le, and Ly Dynasties. The site's spiritual importance has only grown over the centuries, evolving into the impressive complex we see today. The largest Buddhist temple complex in Vietnam is renowned for its incredible scale including hundreds of Arhat statues and its iconic octagon-shaped Bell Tower where we have ample opportunities to explore the religious complex in depth.









DAY 8

NINH BINH / DEPARTURE HANOI

We will depart for **Hanoi Noi Bai International Airport** today on a 2hrs drive as you embark on your international flight return.

Alternatively, continue your exploration in Vietnam.

End of Journey

COSTING

Items	Description	Cost Per Person (SGD $)
Land Tour	5D4N SJourney - Trail of the Black Dragon	fr $6,500 Per Person
Land Tour	4D3N Ninh Binh Escape	fr $3,800 Per Person
TOTAL COST		**TO BE ADVISED**
Infinitely Miles To Be Earned: TBA (approximate SGD $TBA valuation)		

5D4N SJOURNEY TRAIL OF THE BLACK DRAGON INCLUSIONS:

- 1N Capella Hanoi (Breakfast)
- 3N onboard SJourney (All-INCLUSIVE)
- All Excursions, Entrances, transfers, visits unless stated as OPTIONAL or At Leisure
- Meals as stated unless OPTIONAL or At Leisure

4D3N NINH BINH ESCAPE INCLUSIONS:

- 3N Jiva Hoa Lu Retreat, Ninh Binh (Breakfast)
- All Excursions, Entrances, visits unless stated as OPTIONAL or At Leisure

EXCLUSIONS:

- Meals, drinks and laundry not stated in the itinerary
- Gratuities
- International & domestic airfare
- Travel insurance
- VISA (if any required)
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in itinerary
- Single Supplement cabin & room cost

The BECAUSE Difference

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Your Journeys, Your Way

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Infinite Experiences

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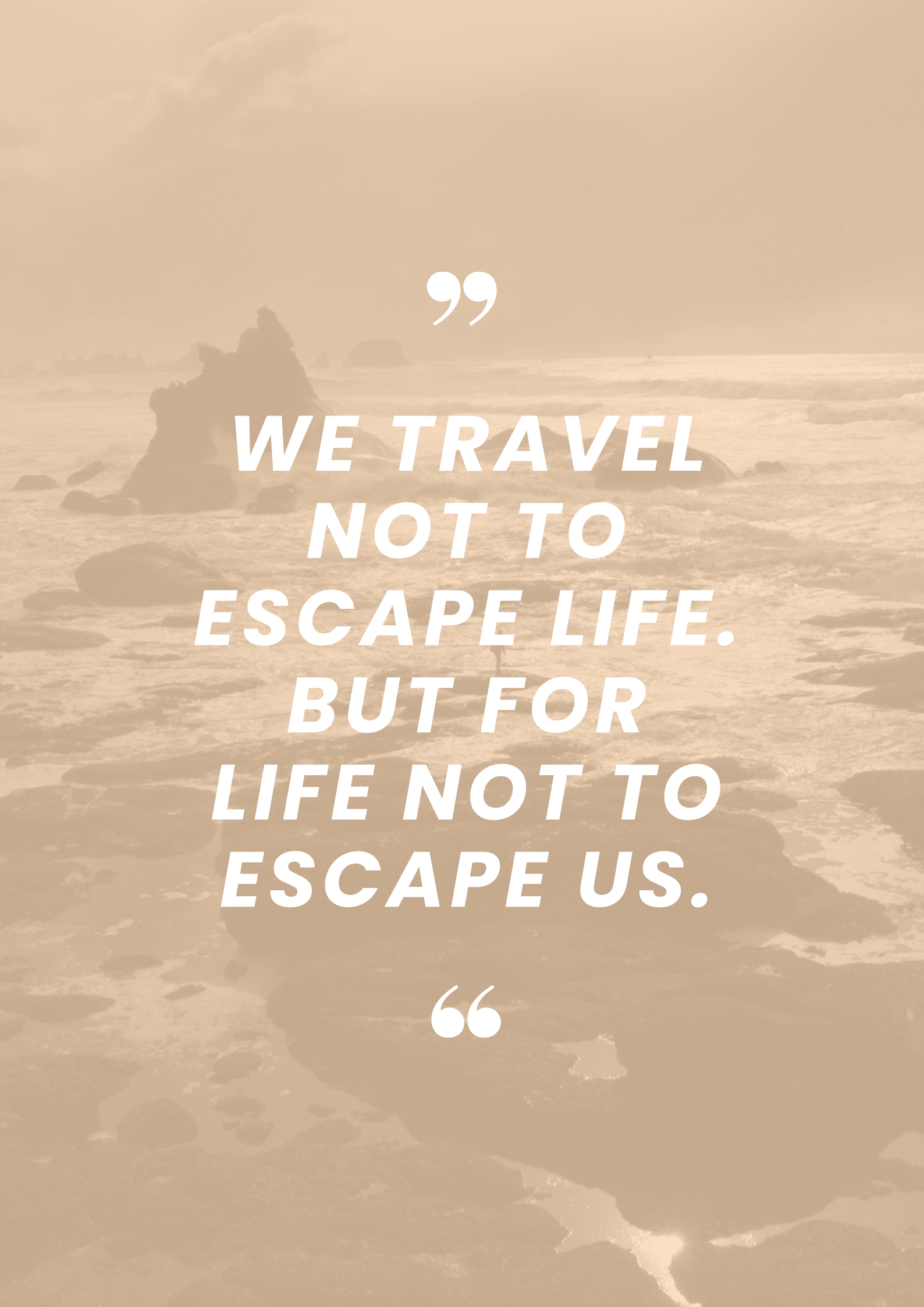


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