



Highlights of Vietnam and Cambodia

14 Days 13 Nights

DETAILED ITINERARY:

DAY 1: ARRIVAL HANOI

Pick you up on arrival and transfer to the hotel, check in and free time at leisure on your own of exploration the city. Overnight in Hanoi

DAY 2: HANOI CULTURE TOUR

At 9.00 AM, pick you up the hotel, our city tour including visit Hochiminh President Complex (Hochiminh Mausoleum, the house on stilts, presidential palace, the One Pillar Pagoda). Our next stop is the Temple of literature, which is built in 1070 and it is the first university of Vietnam. Before having lunch, we visit the Museum of National Fine Arts. It has received many high ranking delegations of different countries, the Museum has sent many traveling thematic exhibitions to other nations to introduce to international friends the typical culture, heroic history of Vietnam. Your lunch will be served at one of the best local restaurants with special of Hanoi cuisine.

After lunch, continue our visit to Hoa Lo or Hanoi Hilton prison where all US pilots were captured during the bombing years to the north Vietnam from 1964-1972. Next, you will enjoy one hour of cycling trip for sightseeing Hanoi old quarters. Taking this mean of transportation is the best way to have a close look at the 36 streets in Hanoi.

At late afternoon, we will see the water puppet show. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

DAY 3: HANOI COOKING CLASS

Have breakfast at Hotel and at 08.30 AM, we will depart for a special Hanoi cooking class trip, transfer to Anh Tuyet Restaurant in old quarter of Hanoi where to join a special cooking class at the well-known Anh Tuyet restaurant. This restaurant still keeps original characteristics of traditional dishes, including Pho (rice noodle) and Nem (rolls), the morning course starts with a walk, accompanied by the chef Madame Anh Tuyet to the local market where participants get a chance to learn all about Vietnamese ingredients. A cooking demonstration follows in the kitchen and everyone has the opportunity to play an active part. Apart from introducing Hanoi's dishes, over the past years, Madame Tuyet has taught foreigners how to cook traditional dishes. Profits are not all the things that count to her. What she likes is to help foreigners have comprehensive understanding of a close, noble but luxury Hanoi.

After the class, lunch is served in the restaurant to sample all the different dishes prepared during the demonstration. Next is our walking tour to visit the 36 streets of Hanoi's famous old quarter and temples, pagodas before transfer back the hotel. Overnight Hanoi (B/L)

DAY 4: HANOI-HALONG BAY CRUISES/ SEAPLANE

Pick up at your hotel at 7.00 Am this morning and transfer to Noi Bai airport for flying to Halong bay, the flight with Seaplane takes some 30 minutes and a great opportunity to take best pictures of Red River Delta on way down to Halong Bay, landing to Halong water on arrival, next will transfer to the boat dock for 2days cruise Halong bay. Whilst cruising the exquisite waters sample the regions fresh seafood.

Visit the recently discovered Surprise Grotto with its great views, and on the next island see the yawning mouth of Bo Nau Cave. Alternatively journey to Dau Go Cave and nearby see the famous stalagmites and stalactites of Thien Cung Cave. Enjoy a swim in the emerald waters of Halong Bay at any spot that you wish to visit.

Watch the sunset over the bay whilst enjoying a delicious dinner. Overnight on board junk (B/L/D)

DAY 5: HALONG BAY CRUISES- HANOI- HUE/ FLIGHT

Wake up to fresh coffee and a wholesome breakfast before cruising back to Halong City. En route, the junk weaves through strange-shaped rock formations that invite comparisons from fighting cocks to dragons and even General de Gaulle's nose!

The Boat cruise back Halong dock and meet back our driver to transfer back Hanoi, some 3hours driving along the second largest delta of Vietnam (The Red River Delta), a great opportunity for photography or seeing the daily life of local people.

On arrival Noi Bai airport, there will be next connecting flights for Hue city, some 1 and half hours from Hanoi, pick up and transfer to your hotel. Overnight Hue (B)

DAY 6: HUE CITY TOUR 1DAY

Depart from your hotel in Hue at 8.30 AM and start with our sightseeing tour of Hue ancient, Being the ancient capital, Hue is surrounded with ancient tombs of emperors past, and a visit to the most beautiful tombs will be in the itinerary for today.

Our first stop at the charming Lady Pagoda (Thien Mu Pagoda), enjoy a great view on the Perfume River and surrounding area. Thien Mu Pagoda is considered the symbol of Hue, and of Buddhism in Vietnam. Next will drive for the City Centre to visit the Citadel and the Forbidden Purple City before going for lunch at finest local restaurant in town, this PM will visit the tombs of Khai Dinh and Minh Mang Kings, return back the town at around 4 p.m. Overnight Hue (B/L)

DAY 7: HUE- HOIAN ANCIENT TOWN WALKING TOURS

Have breakfast in hotel before checking out and heading for Hoi an ancient town, Hoi an is some 140km away and the town is just 35km from biggest city of central part of Vietnam named Danang. We will pass the fishing village of Lang co, upon arrival in Da Nang visit Cham museum, one of the 5 oldest museums in The ASIA, containing the finest collection of Cham sculptures and visit marble mountains before continuing to hoi an ancient town. Check in the hotel on arrival for fresh up and next will transfer for lunch at finest local restaurant in town.

This Pm, we will continue our walking tour to sightseeing the Hoi an ancient town, From the 16th to 18th centuries, Hoi An was a thriving international commercial port for Chinese, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese and Arab traders. These people came primarily to trade in the high grade silk, which is still produced in the area, as well as ceramics. Today, Hoi An is a quaint riverside town, popular with tourists for its eclectic architecture, tailors shops, and numerous cafes. Some of the buildings in the narrow streets have remained unchanged for more than a century. Some places that not to be missed in town are the former merchant homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colorful market. Tour ends, transfer back your hotel and Overnight Hoian an (B/L)

DAY 8: HOIAN BEACH SWIMMING- FREE DAY

Have breakfast at hotel and next will be free your own relaxing on beach or shopping at Hoian Ancient Town. Overnight Hoian (B)

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DAY 10: HOIAN- DANANG- SAIGON/ FLIGHT

Have breakfast at hotel and next will transfer back Danang airport for flying to Hochiminh city (former name: Saigon), pick up at Tan Son Nhat airport on arrival and transfer to your hotel.

This Pm will start the sightseeing the city, included of Reunification Palace, the former palace of President Thieu and his predecessors. Today this building is a museum and venue for official receptions. This guided tour to present you the

history of entire the building from the living quarter of the president's family, the "War Room" from where the South Vietnamese forces were controlled, under-ground head quarter. Our next stop will be the Post Office and the Saigon Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Neo-Romanesque in form, Notre Dame is the major seat of the Catholic religion in modern Vietnam, Next, will visit the biggest local market of Ben Thanh, a great place for shopping before transfer back hotel. Overnight Saigon (B)

DAY 11: MEKONG DELTA 1DAY

Pick up at your hotel/ home in Saigon at 8.00 am and heading out of the town, we travel by roads to the Mekong Delta, Vietnam's largest rice bowl. On arrival in My Tho we embark on a boat navigating around the intricate small canals in the delta region, which is a great way to observe the local lifestyle close-up. The most interesting excursion will pass the lush green vegetation before arriving at the most beautiful Unicorn Island. Here we have opportunities to visit some fascinating local industries, stroll around an orchard and taste many seasonal fruits. And then we continue our trip to see fascinating local industries in Ben Tre Province.

Lunch will be served at local restaurant before return trip back Saigon. Overnight Saigon (B/L)

DAY 12: SAIGON - SIEMREAP (CAMBODIA)- CITY TOUR / FLIGHT

Have breakfast at hotel and next will be free at leisure until our car and driver will come to transfer back Tan Son Nhat airport for flight to Siemreap city of Cambodia.

Upon arrival at Siem Reap airport, meets and transfers to hotel for check in.

If there time permits, we will start our trip to visit to the unique interior brick sculptures of Prasat Kravan, Srah Srang ("The Royal Baths" was once used or ritual bathing), Banteay Kdei (surrounded by 4 concentric walls), Ta Prohm, one of the area's most beautiful temples. Ta Prohm has been relatively untouched since it was discovered and retains much of its mystery. Neak Pean, a fountain built in the middle of a pool (representing the paradisiacal Himalayan mountain-lake) and Preah Khan temple, Built by the King Jayavarman VII. Preah Khan is, like Ta Prohm, a place of towered enclosures and shoulder hugging corridors. Unlike Ta Prohm, however, the temple of Preah Khan is in a reasonable state of preservation and ongoing restoration efforts should maintain and even improve this situation.

Dinner not included and night at hotel (B)

DAY 13: SIEMREAP TEMPLE TOURS

Breakfast at hotel

Visit the antique capital of Angkor Thom (12 century): the South Gate with its huge statues depicting the churning of the ocean of milk, the Bayon Temple, unique for its 54 towers decorated with over 200 smiling faces of Avolokitesvara, the Phimeanakas, the Royal Enclosure, the Elephants Terrace and the Terrace of the Leper King. Lunch included in tour.

Visit to the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor: Angkor Wat. The temple complex covers 81 hectares and is comparable in size to the Imperial Palace in Beijing. Its distinctive five towers are emblazoned on the Cambodian flag and the 12th century masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture. Enjoy wonderful sunset from the top of Pre Rup Temple. Dinner not included and night at hotel (B/L)

DAY 14: SIEMREAP BOAT TRIP- DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel, in the morning, we will enjoy a boat ride on the Tonle Sap lake at KAMPONG PHLUK VILLAGE. This is the largest permanent fresh-water lake in South East Asia and flows into Tonle Sap River, joining the Mekong in Phnom Penh. We will see a fishermen's "floating village" with floating schools, floating police station, etc. It is same as a big village floating on the lake, and the "village" move from place to place following water levels and current. Lunch not included.

Transfer to Siem Reap airport for flight to next destination (B)

Hotel or Similar Standard:

Hotel	Level	Locations	Link
PALM GARDEN BEACH Resort	5	HOIAN	http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn
SAIGON MORIN Hotel	4	HUE	www.morinhotel.com.vn
INTERCONTINENTAL	5	HANOI	www.intercontinental.com
Ana Mandara Beach Resort and Spa Hue	5	HUE	www.anamandarahue-resort.com
Hoi An Beach Resort	4	HOIAN	www.hoianbeachresort.com.vn
REX SAIGON 5 STAR HOTEL	5	SAI GON	http://www.rexhotelvietnam.com/en/Default.aspx
Grand Silverland Hotel	4	SAI GON	http://www.tanhailonghotel.com.vn
BOSS Legend Hotel	4	HANOI	http://www.bosslegendhotel.com
Sofitel Phokeetra Angkor	5	SIEMREAP	Sofitel Phokeetra Angkor

INCLUSION:

All Private transportation and transfers (AC, New)
 Private Deluxe Cabin Halong Bay (with 2 seafood lunches, 1 dinner and breakfast)- Luxury Bhaya Boat (www.bhayacruises.com)
 Private boat in Mekong delta
 English speaking guide (Halong bay cruises, guide on boat only)
Seaplane tickets: Hanoi-Halong/ 1way (Ticket = 400\$/ 1way/ per pax)
 Meals as indicated in tour itinerary (**B=breakfast, L= Lunch, D= Dinner**)
 Cooking class in Hanoi
 Relevant permits and fees
 All accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast

EXCLUSION:

Domestic flights and Airfare:
 + **Hanoi- Hue= 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**
 +**DNN – Saigon = 120 USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**
 + **Saigon -Siemreap = 190 -220USD/ One way ticket (Eco Class)**

Vietnam visa approval letter = 25 USD/ per person (Just send us copy of your passport, we obtain in 4 days)
 Drinks on boat or in restaurants
 Early check in and late check out
 Travel insurance
 Personal expenses
 Tips and gratuities for local guides and drivers

Note

+ Check in time at 02.00 pm and check out at 12.00 am
 + **Remark: The tour cost is subject to additional fee of US\$ 22/person for the entrance fee to the Angkor Temple. This is planning to be effective from 1 Feb, 2017 (but it is still in discussion now)**

Destinations



Hoian ancient town



[Hanoi old Quarter](#)



Hanoi outskirts



Halong bay views from the Seaplane



Halong bay



Cabin on the Seaplane to Halong bay (Water landing)



Luxury Boat Cruises Halong Bay



Deluxe Cabin on boat in Halong bay



Angkor Temple of Cambodia

The Seaplane is landing to Halong Water