

Discover Vietnam & Cambodia

17 days - 16 nights

TIME	PLACE	ACTIVITY	MEAL
 Day 1	Hanoi	Arrival in Noi Bai airport in Hanoi. Transfer to hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.	-
 Day 2	Hanoi	Hanoi city tour. Visit some famous places in Hanoi includeing Ho Chi Minh Complex, Temple of Literature, Hoan Kiem lake, Ngoc Son Temple, Vietnam Museum of Ethnology and enjoy 1 hour of cyclo tour around the Old Quarter of Hanoi. Overnight in Hanoi.	B,L
 Day 5	Halong bay	Breakfast at hotel then transfer to Halong bay. Cruise through thousand of islands and islets in Halong bay. Kayak through the karst and admire the breathtaking nature of Halong bay. Overnight on boat.	B,L,D
 Day 6	Halong bay	Early morning, Tai Chi demonstration on sundeck. Enjoy the breakfast onboard. After that, we visit a famous cave. Go back the boat for relax before it cruises back to pier. After the lunch is finished, disembark and leave the pier. Transfer straight to Noi Bai airport for <u>flight to Hue</u> . Overnight in Hue.	B,L
 Day 7	Hue	Hue city tour. A boat trip to Thien Mu pagoda. Visit famous historic places: Imperial Citadel, Hue Royal Antiques Museum, Khai Dinh King's Tomb, Minh Mang King's Tomb. Shopping at Dong Ba Market and visit a nearby village. After the tour, transfer to Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.	B,L
 Day 8	Hoi An	Morning, visit My Son Sanctuary, a cluster of abandoned and partially ruined Hindu temples constructed between the 4th and the 14th century AD by the kings of Champa. Afternoon, visit the most famous place of the ancient town. Overnight in Hoi An.	B,L
 Day 9	Hoi An	Spend your leisure day in Hoi An. You can biking to beach and to countryside. Go around the ancient town for shopping. Overnight in Hoi An.	B,L

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	Day 10	Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast at hotel. Spend a little leisure time then our driver transfers you to airport for <u>flight to Ho Chi Minh</u> . Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhat airport in Ho Chi Minh, you will be taken to hotel for check-in. Rest of the day is your own time to explore the city yourselves. Evening, enjoy your dinner on a Restaurant boat. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.	B,L,D
	Day 11	Ho Chi Minh	Morning, take a city tour. Visit the Re-Unification Palace, the Notre Dame Cathedral, the War Remains Museum, Jade Emperor Temple, Binh Tay market and Ben Thanh market. Afternoon, leave Ho Chi Minh for Cu Chi. Explore Cu Chi tunnel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh.	B,L
	Day 12	Mekong Delta	Leave Ho Chi Minh for My Tho and Ben Tre. Take a boat trip on mekong river to a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, walking through the fruit plantation village. Overnight in Can Tho.	B,L
	Day 13	Mekong Delta	Take a leisurely boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong river. Proceed to Chau Doc, continue the tour to visit Tra Su, getting to the wild birds Sanctuary. Overnight in Chau Doc.	B,L
CAMBODIA				
	Day 14	Phnom Penh	Speed boat from Vietnam to Phnom Penh, Cambodia. After a refrestment, enjoy a lunch at a nice restaurant in Phnom Penh. Overnight in Phnom Penh.	B,L
	Day 15	Siem Reap	Morning, start the tour by visitng Visit Royal Palace and its Silver Pagoda. After that, you will be taken to the Killing Field and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (or Wat Phnom instead, according to your preference). Afternoon, transfer to Siem Reap. Overnight in Siem Reap.	B,L
	Day 16	Siem Reap	Morning, visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom. Afternoon, visit Angkor Wat the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor. Evening, enjoy buffet dinner and watch Khmer Traditional Dance Show at a local restaurant. Overnight in Siem Reap.	B,L,D
	Day 17	Siem Reap	Morning, visit the Angkor National Museum at 7.30am. After that, you will have a boat trip on Tonle Sap Lake for sightseeing. Enjoy lunch and spend your leisure time in Siem Reap until we transfer you to airport for your departure flight home.	B,L

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi Arrival.

Arrival at airport in Hanoi. We pick you up at the airport then transfer to hotel in Old Quarter of Hanoi for your accommodation. Rest of the day is your leisure time.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

Day 2: Hanoi City Tour (B,L)

After having breakfast the tour guide and shuttle bus will arrive to pick up you to join Hanoi city tour at 8.30am. You will start the tour by visiting Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Ho Chi Minh Museum. Enjoy the architectural and historical aspects of Uncle Ho's final resting-palace. Just next door is Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts where he used to live in the past. Lying to one side of the Mausoleum is the One Pillar Pagoda, built by King Ly Thai To in 1049 the structure has become an important symbol for the people of Hanoi.

Continue to visit the Temple of Literature (Quoc Tu Giam) – Vietnam's first University constructed in 1070. Its gardens and well-preserved architecture offer a relaxing glimpse into Vietnam's past. Have lunch at local restaurants. Proceed to visit the Ethnology Museum. After that we will take you to Hoan Kiem Lake, see the peaceful water, and visit Ngoc Son Temple.

An hours cyclo tour around the bustling old quarter to experience ordinary life in Hanoi. At 18.00, back to your hotel. It's your free time now to have dinner and a short while to explore the streets of Hanoi.

Overnight at hotel in Hanoi.

Day 3: Hanoi - Halong Bay (B,L,D)

Around 8.00, Your transfer vehicle will pick you up from your hotel and start departure to Halong Bay. Arrive at Tuan Chau Pier at 12.30. Transferred by a tender (kind of a small motor boat) to the Boat. Welcome onboard – enjoy welcome drink and follow Manager briefing safety on board.

Check-in and have a delicious lunch with fresh seafood and Vietnamese cuisines while leisurely cruising to the core of Halong Bay.

At 15.30, Arrive kayaking area called "Luon Cave". Enjoy kayaking through the karst and breathtaking nature. Swimming at the Titov island. After that, get back to the Boat and join the Sunset party onboard.

At 19.00, an impressive dinner will be served with set menu. After the dinner, relax and spend romantic night on board.

Overnight on board.

Day 4 : Halong Bay - Hue (B,L)

Morning, breakfast with coffee or tea and photo hunting. After breakfast, our bus takes you to Cai Beo harbor, get on "Day Boat", back boat. Then visit Ba Hang Fishing Village by tender to experience the lifestyle of local people. Back to boat restaurant to join cooking class and enjoy lunch.

At 11.45, Disembark and transfer back to Hanoi. Transfer straight to airport for flight to Hue.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hue.

Day 5: Hue - City tour (B,L)

Around 8.15, you will start the tour by visiting Thien Mu Pagoda. To visit this pagoda, you will get a boat trip on Perfume River (called “Huong” River in Vietnamese). After the boat trip which takes around 45 minute, you arrive the Pagoda. Thien Mu Pagoda was built on a hillock overlooking the Perfume river. This pagoda is an icon of Vietnam and the symbol of Hue city.

9.30, finish your visit at Thien Mu Pagoda, get on the car waiting outside to visit the Citadel (also called “The Imperial City”). It is a walled palace within the citadel of the city of Huế, the former imperial capital of Vietnam. The building was built in 1362, and took 203 years to complete.

10.45, your next visit will be at Hue Royal Antiques museum. The Royal Antiquities Museum displays a huge collection of ornaments, furniture, jewelry, clothing, and other items relating to royal life during the Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945). It is housed in the former Long An Palace, which is widely considered to be one of Vietnam’s most beautiful palaces.

You have 20 minute for exploring the Museum before visit Dong Ba Market. This is Hue’s largest market, selling anything and everything.

12.45, arrival at a nice local restaurant. Enjoy your lunch and take a rest.

13.45, we leave the restaurant for the tomb of King “Minh Mang”. King “Minh Mang” was the second emperor of the Nguyen dynasty of Vietnam, reigning from 14 February 1820 until his death, on 20 January 1841.

15.00, Continue your visit at the Tomb of King “Khai Dinh”. King “Khai Dinh” was the 12th Emperor of the Nguyễn Dynasty in Vietnam, reigning from 1916 to 1925.

16.00, we leave the the Tomb of King “Khai Dinh” to visit a nearby village where people making incense stick and conical hat.

16.30, we go back to Hue city and drop you off at your hotel. Check-out at hotel, our driver transfers you to Hoi An.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hoi An.

Day 6: Hoi An - City tour and visit My Son Sanctuary (B,L)

Morning, at 8.00, Our guide picks you up at hotel and leave Hoi An for visiting My Son Sanctuary – the ruins of Cham people and was an imperial city during Cham dynasty. Here you can have more chance to explore and understand of technique of Old Cham people in making red bricks to build Tower which still now a secret to everyone, you can see a large complex of religious relics that comprises more than 65 architectural works. It also surprises for those who are curious with architectural art. In 1999, UNESCO labeled the Cham architecture in My Son as a World Cultural Heritage Site. Moreover, you have chance to enjoy traditional music performed by Cham girls in their colorful uniforms.

Afternoon, we will discover the city of Hoi An by foot. The historic town which used to be a prosperous seaport city from the 16th to 18th centuries is now a beautiful city that can’t be missed while touring the South East Asian region. While walking through the city, we will visit Hoi An’s Colorful Local Market, Tan Ky Old House, Fu Jian Assembly Hall, and the 400-year-old Japanese Covered Bridge. Travelers can also see local residents raise silkworms and produce silk for Hoi An’s burgeoning textile industry.

Stay overnight at hotel in Hoi An.

Day 7: Hoi An - Leisure time in the ancient town (B,L)

Enjoy breakfast at hotel. Spend your leisure day in Hoi An. You can biking to beach and to countryside. Go around the ancient town for shopping and sightseeing.

Overnight in Hoi An.

Day 8: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Morning, your leisure time to go around Hoi An for sight-seeing and shopping.

Afternoon, transfer to Danang Airport for the flight to Ho Chi Minh city. Transfer to hotel. Checkin the room and take a rest before go out for street exploring and shopping in Ho Chi Minh city.

Evening, enjoy your dinner on a restaurant boat and watch a Vietnamese traditional music show while dining.

Stay overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 9: Ho Chi Minh - City Tour & explore Cu Chi Tunnel (B,L)

Morning, Ho Chi Minh City tour. We start the trip by visiting Notre Dame Cathedral, the historic Central Post Office, followed by exploring the Reunification Palace, and the remarkable site of the War Remnants Museum.

Afternoon, visit Cu Chi Tunnels. Located 60km from Ho Chi Minh city, Cu Chi is now a popular spot for both Vietnamese & foreign tourists – the network of over 200km of tunnels became legendary when they played a vital role in the War. In their heyday, the tunnels were functioning underground cities including numerous trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centers & kitchens.

Stay overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh city.

Day 10: Ho Chi Minh - Mekong Delta (B,L)

At 8.00, leave Ho Chi Minh city, enjoy the scenic journey along the National Highway bordered by green rice fields. On arrival at My Tho, visit Vinh Trang pagoda, take a leisurely boat ride along the river, view stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank.

Proceed to Tortoise islet, have lunch in the orchard garden. Then a boat ride to An Khanh – a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre, enjoy cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shade of water coconut trees along natural canals. Have a short cycling tour then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea to the sound of “Southern Vietnamese folk music”, performed by the locals. Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste delicious coconut candy & observe the pastoral life as you roam through the fruit plantations and villages.

Continue to Can Tho. Free time to visit the bustling Can Tho market.

Overnight at hotel in Can Tho.

Day 11: Mekong Delta - visit Chau Doc (B,L)

Take a leisurely boat trip to explore the picturesque tributaries of the Lower Mekong river (Bassac River), then proceed to Cai Rang floating markets (Alt: Visit Phong Dien floating market) which are the liveliest in the whole region.

Have you ever tasted Vietnamese vermicelli soup? Well, now go and see how it is made. Then wander around the village and meet the friendly local people and experience how to pass a “Monkey bridge” which is built by

only one stem of bamboo. Visit the orchard garden. Stop for lunch.

Proceed to Chau Doc, continue the tour to visit Tra Su, getting to the wild birds Sanctuary, cruising smoothly with small boats to discover the arrays of splendid canals deep into the forest, watching storks, cranes and other tropical birds. Back to the Town, hotel check in.

Overnight at hotel in Chau Doc.

Day 12: Chau Doc, Vietnam - Phnom Penh, Cambodia (B,L)

After breakfast, take a rowing boat trip through the floating village and visit the fish farm to see how the Mekong Delta people raise fish from their floating houses. Visit the Cham minority in their traditional weaving village. Transfer to a speed boat for the final part of the journey to Phnom Penh. Arrive at Sisowath tourist dock in Phnom Penh around 02.00pm.

Our car is waiting to pick you up and transfer you to a local restaurant in Phnom Penh for your lunch.

After lunch, reach your hotel and check-in. Rest of the day is your leisure time in Phnom Penh.

Stay overnight in Phnom Penh.

Day 13: Phnom Penh city tour & transfer to Siem Reap (B,L)

Morning, visit to the Royal Palace, built by King Norodom in 1866 on the site of the old town. Visit the Silver Pagoda, located within the grounds of the Royal Palace, the Silver Pagoda is so named because of its floor, which is made up of 5000 silver tiles.

You then continue your visit at The notorious Choeung Ek Killing Field and Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum afterward.

Choeung Ek Killing Fields, 15km southwest of Phnom Penh, is the site of brutal executions of more than 17,000 individuals, most of whom first suffered through interrogations, torture and deprivation in Toul Sleng Prison during Pol Pot regime (From 1975–1979).

Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S21 prison). This prison was a high school, and used as a prison by Pol Pot's security forces and became the largest center for detention and torture during the rule of the Khmer Rouge.

*You can visit **Wat Phnom**, the most famous buddhist temple in Phnom Penh, instead of **Choeung Ek Killing Field** and **Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum**, if you feel they are not suitable to you. Wat Phnom was built in 1373, and stands 27 metres above the ground. It is the tallest religious structure in the city. The pagoda was given the name of Wat Preah Chedey Borapaut.*

Afternoon, get a transfer from Phnom Penh to **Siem Reap**. The transfer takes approximately 6 hours.

Stay overnight in Siem Reap.

Day 14: Siem Reap - Angkor Wat - Angkor Thom (B,L,D)

In the morning, visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom (literally: "Great City"), located in present day Cambodia, was the last and most enduring capital city of the Khmer empire. Continue your visit at 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.

Continue your visit to Ta Prohm, one of the most beautiful temples in Angkor. 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), Ta Som, built in late 12th century C.E. the most distant temple on the grand circuit, small but classic.

In the afternoon, visit Angkor Wat the most famous of all the temples on the plain of Angkor. 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.

Before ending the tour today, enjoy a wonderful sunset scenery from the Top of Phnom Bakhen Hill.

In the evening, enjoy a delicious dinner at a nice local restaurant in Seam Reap. Watch a Apsara dance show while dining.

Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 15: Siem Reap - Tonle Sap Lake - Departure(B,L)

Morning, enjoy breakfast at hotel. Visit **Angkor National Museum** at 7.30am.

Angkor National Museum is an archaeological museum dedicated to the collection, preservation and presentation of Angkorian artifacts, also to provides information and education about art and culture of Khmer civilization, with collections mainly dated from Khmer Empire's Angkor period circa 9th to 14th-century. Most of the artifacts are discovered in and around the Angkor archaeological sites nearby. The museum is located in Vithei Charles de Gaulle No. 968, Siem Reap, Cambodia, on the way between downtown Siem Reap to northern road leading to Angkor ancient city.

After that, take a **boat trip** for sight-seeing on **Tonle Sap Lake**, the Great Lake of Cambodia. It is one of the largest lakes in Asia. Here, enjoy a brief cruise past floating villages complete with schools, restaurants, and hospitals.

Leave the lake and head to downtown to visit **Artisan's D'angkor**, the carving art school. Continue your visit to **Wat Thmei**. Wat Thmei near Charles de Gaulle Boulevard in Siem Reap where you will find a small memorial stupa which contains the skulls and bones of victims killed during the regime of the Khmer Rouge during 1975 – 1979.

Your leisure until we transfer you to Siem Reap airport for your departure flight.

End of the tour!