

THE WONDERS OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

9 Nights/ 10 Day

Vietnam is well-known for its Buddhist pagodas, rivers beaches, and bustling cities.

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam and the second largest city, is known for its centuries-old architecture and a rich culture with Southeast Asian, Chinese and French influences.

Cambodia is a Southeast Asian nation with low-lying plains, the Mekong Delta, mountains and Gulf of Thailand coastline. Phnom Penh, its capital, is home to the art deco Central Market, glittering Royal Palace and the National Museum's historical and archaeological exhibits. In the country's northwest are the ruins of Angkor Wat, a massive stone temple complex built during the Khmer Empire.



Day 1: HANOI ARRIVAL - HANOI CITY TOUR

Welcome to Hanoi – Vietnam!

The tour guide & driver will be welcoming you at Noi Bai airport; it takes us 35 minutes driving to the centre of Hanoi then check-in at hotel. Let's start our city tour from Temple of Literature, the 1st university in Vietnam then continue to Ba Dinh Square - the biggest square in Hanoi where all biggest cultural, political events of the cities for taking photos of Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. Later have an overall view of the capital by a "cyclo" visit, which will start around the Old Quarter of Hanoi, stop at Ngoc Son Temple located on the Hoan Kiem Lake (the "Sword" Lake).

Overnight in Hanoi.

Please note: Standard check in time is 14:00. Early check in is subject to availability of the hotel

Night activities suggestion: enjoy local beer at Ta Hien Streets, experience the ambience of sleepless street with live music, the young people of Hanoi and also foreign tourists. Hundred of bars and pubs in the Old Quarter are also at your disposal. Or just simple spend your time at shopping malls or various boutique Shops.

Day 2: HANOI - HALONG - OVERNIGHT ON BOARD (B/L/D)- SIC TRANSFER

From Hanoi, at 8AM, head East for more than 3 hours to Halong Bay, the pride of the Gulf of Tonkin, a Natural World Heritage as designated by UNESCO in 1994. The road will pass by the Red River delta with green paddyfields and rural villages, where hard-work farmers are busy with their farming jobs, ploughing buffaloes or planting seedling. Upon arrival in Halong, we'll take a big boat to cruise the Bay to discover the magnificent beauty of this "Descending-dragon" bay,

created by thousands odd-shaped limestone rocks and karst grottoes. After a lunch of fresh seafood on board, we can visit the Surprising Grotto, stop for swimming or kayaking, passing floating villages and approach islets to enjoy their beauty in close distance. Back to the boat for dinner late afternoon. Evening attend activities on the boat or relax at your own leisure.

Overnight on the boat near Titov Beach.

Please note the program may be little varied upon the cruise you choose. Only Vietnamese & International food available on the boat.

Day 3: HALONG – HANOI – SAIGON (B/L) – Evening flight

After breakfast, visit by boat to Luon Cave, a ring-shaped pool inside an island in Halong with absolutely tranquil landscape and emerald water. Back to the Wharf of Halong passing the most densely area with many islands that have been named like the Cock-Fighting Rock, Sail Island, Incense burner rock or Sea Dog Rock. Arrive at Halong Wharf around 11.00. Return to Hanoi, then you'll transfer to the airport for a flight to Saigon. Welcome at the airport then transfer to hotel for checking-in.

Overnight in Saigon.

Day 4: SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA – SAIGON (B/L) – (SIC TOUR)

After breakfast at hotel, picked by at hotel and drive heading to My Tho the homeland of coconut and family factories with local products like coconut candy, rice paper,... Upon arrival, embark on the boat cruising on the mighty Mekong River viewing the life to the local people live along the banks. We stop at one of 4 island in the area for sightseeing. Enjoy the fresh tropical fruits served in the heart of the garden accompanied by traditional southern Vietnamese folk music at the plantation. After that you will embark on the small boats rowed the the local people thru the small cannel with water coconut tree to visit the local factories. There you will taste the honey tea and see the local people produce the coconut candy milk and of course you also can try it or stroll in the garden where the locals feed honeybee. After that enjoy the horse-cart trip throught the tranquil road of the village. We continue getting on the big boat to visit the vast area. Enjoy your lunch at a local restaurant nearby Mekong River with the Elephant Ear fish. Afternoon, drive back to Saigon with stop to visit Vinh Trang pagoda, a famous pogoda in the area that its architecture is a mix of Chinese, Cambodian, and French culture.

Overnight at hotel in Saigon.

DAY 5: SAIGON – CU CHI TUNNELS – SAIGON (B) – (SIC TOUR)

Morning visit Cu Chi Tunnels, one of the few remaining monuments to the Vietnam War. Beneath the ground lie 200 km of tunnels, dug by hand and inhabited by the forces of the Vietnamese guerillas during the conflict. At its peak, prior to the Tet Offensive in 1968, the tunnel complex was base to almost 10,000 troops. To this day, it remains one of the most impressive examples of how fierce the war used to be. You even can try to crawl some dozens of m on the tunnel underground to have the real experience. Return to Saigon. Afternoon, we start the city tour at the Reunification Palace, the witness of the fierce Vietnam War ended in 1975. The grand building today is a Museum and Hall of official receptions. Nearby the Palace are the colonial-styled Central Post Office and the Notre Dame Cathedral, built between 1877 and 1883 and one of the city's major landmarks. Have a walking tour on Nguyen Hue street to take the photos of the Opera House and the Ho Chi Minh Committee (outside). From here, walking to Ben Thanh Market one of the most typical symbol of Saigon to experience the daily life of the locals and do shopping the hand-made goods there. Dinner at local restaurants at your own arrangement.

Overnight in Saigon.

DAY 6: SAIGON – SIEM REAP (B) BY NOON FLIGHT

Breakfast at the hotel, you'll transfer to Tan Son Nhat Airport for a midday flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, welcome by tour guide in Siem Reap, transfer to hotel for checking-in, then you pay a visit to West Baray Big Pond, a "baray" is a water reservoir built by the ancient Khmer people. It is time to visit Pre Rup temple for a romantic sunset view.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 7: SIEM REAP – FULL DAY ANGKOR TOUR (B)

Breakfast at hotel, explore South Gate of Angkor Thom known as Big Angkor, 3km² walled and moated royal city and was the last capital of the Angkorian Empire, The famous Bayon Temple was an architectural muddle, in part because it was constructed in a somewhat piecemeal fashion for over a century. Terrace of the Elephants is an impressive, two and a half meter tall, 300 meter long terrace wall adorned with carved elephants and gradual that spans the heart of Angkor Thom in front of Baphuon - huge temple mountain in the heart of Angkor Thom, Royal Palace Area and Phimeanakas - impressive rite and sandstone pyramid. Terrace of the Leper King is at the north end of the Terrace of the Elephants, a double terrace wall with deeply carved nagas, demons and other mythological beings. Last you will visit Ta Prohm temple which is a wonderful combination of human genius and natural beauty. Giant trees have grown here for centuries. Lunch at your own cost.

Afternoon visit Angkor Wat temple, the founder of the temple was Suryavarman II who reined Cambodia from 1113 to 1152 and built the five towers in the 12th century to dedicate to the Hindu God Vishnu. The plan of the pyramidal conception of the temple combined with spaces, alleys, ditches is an ancient masterpiece of architectural design and construction. Have funny time at bars and pubs at Angkor night market.

Overnight in Siem Reap.

DAY 8: SIEM REAP – FULL DAY ANGKOR TOUR (B)

After breakfast, we visit Small Circuit including: visit Ta Prohm temple which is a wonderful combination of human genius and natural beauty! Giant trees have grown here for centuries and Prasat Kravan was originally constructed by noblemen rather than a king. Banteay Kdei was built in sandstone, which has deteriorated quite badly. However, there remain some very beautiful lintels and pediments. Srah Srang is a royal pool was the King's bathing pond, where he washed with his many concubines each day. Takeo - King Suryavarman I commissioned this temple in the 10th Century, but it was never completed so has no elaborate decoration like its contemporaries. It is a pyramid on 5 levels and is dedicated to Shiva. Thommanon - small attractive temple in very good condition, built at the same time as Angkor Wat. Chau Say Tevoda built during the second quarter of the 12th century opposite of Thommanon, it was dedicated to Shiva and Vishnu.

Afternoon overland trip to visit the highlights of the Grand Circuit including: Preah Khan - meaning The Sacred Sword, this temple was also built by Jayavarman VII and is famous for its immensely long cruciform corridors and delicate carvings. Neak Pean - This temple is a delicate highlight of Khmer art. Built by Jayavarman VII, this temple is the perfect representation of the heavens on earth. Ta Som was a small classic Bayon style monastic complex consisting of a relatively flat enclosure. East Mebon was built in the 10th Century by Rajendravarman; this temple was situated on a small island in the middle of the Oriental, or Eastern, Baray. Last visit Pre Rup was built in the 10th Century by Rajendravarman and view lovely sunset there.

Overnight in Siem Reap!

DAY 9: SIEM REAP – DEPARTURE (B)

Breakfast at hotel, free leisure on own arrangement until time transfer to airport for flight onwards. On the way if there is time we will visit Puok, the real and original place of the Artisans d'Angkor silk, where you will see the full process of silk producing, from the silk worms munch on the Mulberry leaves to spin their cocoons which used to make silk warp. You of course will see the weaving work and purchase the high quality silk products as a beautiful Cambodia souvenir. Straight to Siemreap airport for your departure.

Please note: Hotel Check-out time is around 12.00.

COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMEORIES OF THE TRIP!

Hotels Used

4 star hotel
Flower Garden Hotel
Gray Line
Aristo Hotel
Sokha Roth Hotel

INCLUSION

- Accommodations are class quoted (or similar)
- Transportation by air-conditional vehicle
- SIC tour to Mekong Delta, Cu Chi Tunnles
- Transfer Hanoi – Halong – Hanoi by shuttle bus
- Local English speaking guides
- Meals are mentioned in the itinerary
- Waters during tour day
- All entrance fees and sightseeing as mentioned in the program.

EXCLUSION

- International Air ticket & Taxes
- Visa on arrival
- Flight Hanoi – Saigon / Saigon – Siem Reap
- Travel insurance
- Early check-in and late check-out
- Hotel/Room upgrade
- Festivity surcharge & festivity compulsory service by hotel(s) if any
- Detour(s)
- Tip, drinks, personal expenses and others
- Any service not clearly mentioned in the program