

# 14 DAYS \_ VIETNAM & CAMBODIA HIGHLIGHT

**Vietnam & Cambodia (Siem Reap, Phnom Penh, Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, Da Nang, Hoi An, Hanoi, Ha Long)**

## **1. OVERVIEW**

*Soak up the best of highlight of two countries on this 2 week roundtrip through Vietnam & Cambodia!*

*Travel by car through the country where you will encounter the peaceful, welcoming smiles of the Cambodian people that make for a rich, vibrant and deeply touching travel experience that probably change your perspective. Highlights include the sun sets over the vast temple network of Angkor Wat; tasting seasonal fruit at Siem Reap's vibrant outdoor markets; discovering a protected eco park aboard a traditional ox cart; and a humbling experience at the Killing Fields Museum; experience the horror of the Vietnam War in the vast underground labyrinthine known as the Cu Chi Tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City; Hanoi's Ngoc Son Temple by cyclo and vibrant local markets; take an overnight cruise of the stunning Ha Long Bay, hands-on cultural experiences including cooking classes, Tai Chi at dawn; wonder the historic town of Hoi An and its lush green valleys dotted with red brick towers dating back to the 7th century and beaches of Hoi An; Hue Citadel, a well-known UNESCO-recognized World Heritage Site.*

*This is the tour we highly recommend for visitors who visit Cambodia & Vietnam for the first time.*

## **2. ITINERARY IN BRIEF**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>ITINERARY</b>
1	SIEM REAP ARRIVAL
2	FULL DAY ANGKOR WAT
3	SIEM REAP - PHNOM PENH (BY ROAD)
4	FULL DAY PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR
5	PHNOM PENH - HO CHI MINH THROUGH BORDER
6	HO CHI MINH FULL DAY CITY TOUR & CU CHI TUNNELS
7	HO CHI MINH - FULL DAY MEKONG DELTA (VINH LONG)
8	HO CHI MINH - DANANG - HOI AN CITY TOUR
9	HOI AN - HUE CITY TOUR
10	HUE RIVER CRUISE - HA NOI
11	HA NOI FULL DAY CITY TOUR
12	HA NOI - HA LONG OVER NIGHT ON BOAT
13	HA LONG - HA NOI
14	HANOI DEPARTURE

## **3. THE TOUR**

### **DAY 1: SIEM REAP ARRIVAL**

Arrive at Siem Reap International Airport, please go to custom desk as your first point of entry to get visa-on-arrival into the country and pay stamping fees directly by cash to custom office there

Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle and English speaking guide. The driving distance is approximately 30 minutes. Check in hotel for overnight

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 2: SIEM REAP - ANGKOR THOM - ANGKOR WAT**

Today, visit to the antique capital of Angkor Thom, built in the 12th 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.

After a short your rest, you will visit 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. This masterpiece is considered by art historians to be the prime example of classical Khmer art and architecture. Angkor Wat's five towers symbolize Meru's five peaks - the enclosed wall represents the mountains at the edge of the world and the surrounding moat, the ocean beyond. End of day take a relaxing stopover at Prasat Chrung visiting Tadev Hole and temple with the best Sunset. Return to your hotel and end of the tour

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Siem Reap (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 3: SIEM REAP - PHNOM PENH (BY ROAD)**

Morning, we drive to Siem Reap. En route you will cross an ancient bridge called "Spean Kompong Kdei" it was built in the 13th century and it is 87 meters long. The balustrades are carved to look like the bodies of giant snakes. Upon arrive Phnom Penh, check in hotel

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Phnom Penh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 4: FULL DAY PHNOM PENH CITY TOUR**

Morning, visit to Royal Palace, built by King Norodom in 1866 on the site of the old town, and the Silver Pagoda, located within the grounds of the Royal Palace. Then continue to the National Museum, This is one of Phnom Penh's true architectural gems.

Afternoon we continue to visit to Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum (S 21), followed the Killing Fields of Choeung Ek it is approximately 15Km from the city. You'll witness Cambodia's horrible recent past. End tour, stroll around Russian market (Psah Tuol Thom Pong), a lively outdoor market where you will find antiquities, silver and gold jewelry, gems, silk, kramas, stone and wood carvings, as well as T-Shirts, CDs and other souvenirs. Back to the hotel

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Phnom Penh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 5: PHNOM PENH - HO CHI MINH THROUGH MOC BAI BORDER**

Morning, your guide will pick you up at hotel and transfer to Ho Chi Minh via Moc Bai border. This border is between Vietnam & South of Cambodia. The driving distance is approximately 4 hours. Arrival, process Visa for check in at the border to enter Phnom Penh site, meet with your guide and transfer to hotel for check in.

Arrival to Ho Chi Minh, take a city tour to visit the War Remnants Museum which features a comprehensive collection of the machinery, weapons, photos, and documentation of Vietnam War with the both the French and Americans and the Reunification Palace which was the former residence of the President of South Vietnam until end of April 1975. Last, stop for shopping at the French-built Ben Thanh Market which dates back to 1870 and whose main entrance clock tower has become a city's symbol.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 6: HO CHI MINH CITY TOUR & CU CHI TUNNELS**

Morning, meet your guide and transfer about 75 km North-west of downtown Ho Chi Minh City. Discover the famous Cu Chi Tunnels, which were once a major underground hideout and resistance base of Viet Cong forces during the two wars against the French and the Americans. The tunnels, entirely hand-dug, formed a highly intricate network of interlinked multilevel passageways at times stretched as far as the Cambodian border and totaling over 120 km in length. Its complexity was beyond imagination containing meeting rooms, kitchens, wells, clinics, schools, depots, trenches and emergency exits all aimed for guerrilla warfare. The tunnels were deep and strong enough to withstand destructive bombings and self-contained enough to outlast prolonged sieges. Return to the city at noon time for a rest

Afternoon, tour in the city starting with Saigon Notre-Dame Basilica, a neo-Roman cathedral built over 130 years ago by the colonial French with materials entirely imported from Marseilles and stained-glass windows from Chartres. Next, visit Sai Gon Post Office, a fine colonial building which was designed and built in the early 20th Century by the famous French architect Gustave Eiffel. Move on to Cho Lon or the city's China Town where you will visit the Jade Emperor Temple (Phuoc Hai), a rare Taoist structure in Vietnam built in 1909 in dedication to the Lord of Heaven. It's filled with smoky incense and fantastic carved figurines and still buzzing with worshipers, many lounging in the front gardens.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 7: HO CHI MINH - FULL DAY MEKONG DELTA (VINH LONG)**

Today, meet with your hotel to transfer about 136 km to Vinh Long, a riverside town in the vast Mekong Delta, the world's largest delta. Embark a boat cruise to lively Cai Be floating market where sellers and buyers bargain and exchange goods from their boats. Proceed through a fascinating maze of shady canals to Hoa Binh Phuoc Island. Beautiful landscape of zigzag canals, lush vegetation, peaceful villages and activities of rural life will make you a delightful sight. There on the island, visit some local farmers' homes, interact with warm-hearted hosts and learn about their trades of bonsai gardening, tile and ceramic production and rice paper and coconut candy making. After tour, we transfer back to Ho Chi Minh

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ho Chi Minh (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

#### **DAY 8: HO CHI MINH - DANANG - HOI AN CITY TOUR**

Morning, meet your guide & driver at the hotel then transfer to airport for flight to Da Nang. Flight time is approximately 1.5 hours.

Meet your driver for an airport transfer with a private vehicle and guide. The transfer distance from Da Nang to Hoi An is approximately 40 minutes. Check in for refresh before a tour.

In the afternoon, discover the charm of Hoi An recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, is now a peaceful town of exceptionally well-preserved architecture, lifestyles and traditions. The town exemplifies a fascinating fusion of cultures between Vietnam and the outside world including China, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines. Your sightseeing will include the iconic 400-year-old Covered Bridge with a small temple attached to one side as a prominent example of Japanese architecture, the Museum of Trade Ceramics which is an elegant Vietnamese style wooden house built in 1858 showcasing antique ceramic artifacts, the 200-year-old Tan Ky House typifying an ancient Chinese merchant residence, the Ong Temple built in 1653 by Chinese settlers to worship Guan Yu, an ancient Chinese general whose character stands for loyalty, bravery and justice and the local market vibrant with colors and activities. Return to your hotel.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hoi An (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 9: HOI AN - HUE CITY TOUR**

Morning, transfer to Hoi An via the Hai Van Pass (Ocean Cloud Pass). Enjoy a stunning headland-and-bay panoramic view from the pass, which for miles hugs the mountainside along the shoreline and overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Stop on the way to visit Marble mountain and Lang Co beach.

Arrival Hue, visit the former Imperial Capital of Vietnam for the 1802-1945 period and the last refuge of Vietnamese feudalism. The city's beauty is characterized by a natural scenic landscape and an extensive variety of historical relics. Begin with Hue Citadel, a well-known UNESCO-recognized World Heritage Site which is a 520 ha fortress-like grand complex built in the early 1800s and featuring three enclosures separated by heavy ramparts namely Kinh Thanh Hue (Civic City) as the outer, Hoang Thanh (Royal City) as the middle and Tu Cam Thanh (Forbidden City) as the inner. Continue to Khai Dinh Tomb, the burial site of Vietnam's second-to-last king, and the most elaborate compared to other kings' tombs. The tomb shows a vivid European influence in architecture despite its Asian style. Next, visit Tu Duc Tomb, one of the Nguyen Dynasty's finest architectural works nested in a pine forest where the 4th emperor of the Nguyen family was laid to rest.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Hue (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 10: HUE RIVER CRUISE - HA NOI**

Morning, we continue to take a boat cruise along the Perfume River to enjoy the open view of the river and its surroundings. Stop along the way and land on shore to visit two prominent historical landmarks namely the Minh Mang Tomb, where the 2nd Emperor of the Nguyen dynasty was buried, and Thien Mu Pagoda, an active Buddhist monastery overlooking the river from a vantage point with its origin dating back to 1601.

Afterwards, transfer to airport for flight to Hanoi. Flight time is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. Arrival Hanoi airport, you are warmly welcomed by our guide & driver then transfer to the city for hotel-check in.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ha Noi (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 11: HA NOI FULL DAY CITY TOUR**

The city tour begins with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Complex which features the life of Ho Chi Minh, the nation's founder. At the complex, visit the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, where the nation's founder's body is preserved (closed on Monday, Friday and through October - November), the colonial Presidential Palace, originally the French Governor Office and a fine example of French architecture in Hanoi, and the rural style Ho Chi Minh's house on stilts where Ho Chi Minh lived and worked. Stop by one of Hanoi's icons, the One Pillar Pagoda, built in the 11th Century in dedication to Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara or Buddha of Compassion and reminiscent of a lotus blossom rising from a pond. Continue to the Temple of Literature, known as the first university of Vietnam built in 1070 by the Ly Dynasty to honor Confucius, sages and outstanding Vietnamese scholars.

Afternoon, continue the tour to one of the following museums of choice namely the Museum of Fine Arts, the National Museum of Vietnamese History, the Museum of Revolution, the Museum of Military History or the Museum of Ethnology. Next, head for Hoan Kiem Lake, the center point of Hanoi whose name "The Return Sword Lake" originated from a legend of a sacred sword and home to a rare endangered giant turtle species and visit Ngoc Son Temple on the lake. Take a one-hour cycle tour of the Old Quarter of Hanoi with its ancient streets representing traditional trades from the past. Finish the tour at the Thang Long Opera Theatre with a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show.

**Meal: Breakfast**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ha Noi (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

### **DAY 12: HA NOI - HA LONG OVER NIGHT ON BOAT**

Morning pickup at 8:00 AM from your hotel for transfer to Ha Long Bay, which is about 160 km or 3.5-hour drive away. The transfer is approximately 3 hours. You will see some rural areas of the Red River Delta with plenty of chances to take photos of Vietnamese farmers working in paddy fields and you may stop on the way to admire the local scenery.

Arrive in Ha Long City at 11:30 AM and check in aboard the booked junk right after the welcome drink is served. Start cruising while having lunch on board and enjoy the mighty bay view.

Arrive in Ha Long City at 11:30 AM and check in aboard the booked junk when your journey across Ha Long Bay starts. Ha Long Bay meaning Descending Dragon Bay in Vietnamese as legend has it that it was where a holly dragon landed down from sky. The bay, famous as one of the world's wonders and heritage sites whose formation dates back 500 million years, consists of around 2,000 karst islands and islets scattered over an area of 1,553 km<sup>2</sup>.

After lunch, take a short trek to a nearby summit for a panoramic view of the bay dotted with golden sails, go swimming on a quiet beach or sunbath on the sundeck. Later in the afternoon, you will visit an interesting fishing village with an opportunity to interact with local people who have been living in the bay for almost three generations. An optional kayaking trip is available weather permitting. Back onboard enjoy a lavish dinner and enjoy the bay view at sunset. Spend a night on board.

**Meal: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Accommodation: Overnight on cruises in Ha Long Bay (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## DAY 13: HA LONG - HA NOI

In the morning, refresh your body and mind with a Tai Chi exercise on the sundeck at the break of dawn. Have tea and coffee onboard and continue exploring Ha Long Bay sailing across its 2000 islets and visiting some of its major highlights. Normally, check out at 09:30, have a buffet brunch while cruising back to shore. Disembark at 11:00 AM to transfer to Hanoi capital. Rest of day is at leisure

**Meal: Brunch**

**Accommodation: Overnight at hotel in Ha Noi (3\*, 4\* or 5\*)**

## DAY 14: HANOI DEPARTURE

Free at leisure until meet our guide then transfer to airport for flight departure

**Meal: Breakfast**

### **4. EXTENSION TOURS:**

Add-on beach relaxation or tours to neighbor countries; Laos, Cambodia and Thailand or Myanmar

**5. PRICE:** All rates are per person sharing DBL or TWN/FB Basis, in US dollar, net and non-commissionable.

**Date valid: 01 May 2016 - 30 Sep 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1,386	1,152	990	889	+361
Superior packages	1,737	1,503	1,341	1,239	+632
Deluxe packages	2,321	2,087	1,924	1,823	+1138

**Date valid: 01 May 2016 - 30 Sep 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1,440	1,199	1,029	922	+376
Superior packages	1,746	1,504	1,334	1,228	+573
Deluxe packages	2,160	1,918	1,748	1,642	+760

**Date valid: 01 Oct 2016 - 31 Dec 2016**

Description	2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-9 pax	Single Supp
First Class	1,461	1,219	1,049	943	+396
Superior packages	1,833	1,592	1,422	1,316	+661
Deluxe packages	2,401	2,159	1,990	1,883	+1169

### **SURCHARGE FOR FLIGHT TICKET**

**Note:** Subject to be changed without prior noticed

- From Ho Chi Minh (SGN) to Da Nang (DAN): US\$ 115 per person
- From Hue (HUI) to Hanoi (HAN): US\$ 115 per person

### **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- Accommodation in a twin or double room with daily breakfast
- Lunch or dinner as specified in the itinerary
- Services of a driver and private air-conditioned vehicle during all tours and transfers.
- Experienced English-speaking guide during all tours and transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival as complementary
- Private board for sightseeing as mentioned in the program, Entrance fees for all visits as mentioned in the itinerary
- Mineral water is available as complementary

### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- International & Domestic flight tickets
- Meals, if not specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Visa stamping fee at the airport (45US\$ in Vietnam & US\$ 30 in Cambodia, paid by cash at the airport)
- Travel insurance (we highly recommend that you purchase adequate insurance)
- Personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone, drinks, etc. All other services not specified in the itinerary
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### **LIST OF HOTELS USED:**

<b>Destination</b>	<b>First Class</b>	<b>Superior packages</b>	<b>Deluxe packages</b>
<b>Siem Reap</b>	<b>STEUNG SIEM REAP HOTEL</b> Superior <a href="http://www.steungsiemreaphotel.com">www.steungsiemreaphotel.com</a>	<b>SOMADEVI ANGKOR</b> Superior <a href="http://www.somadeviangkor.com">www.somadeviangkor.com</a>	<b>BOREI ANGKOR RESORT</b> Deluxe <a href="http://www.boreiangkor.com">www.boreiangkor.com</a>
<b>Phnom Penh</b>	<b>ASIA TUNE</b> Superior <a href="http://www.asiatunehotel.com/">www.asiatunehotel.com/</a>	<b>SUNWAY</b> Deluxe Room <a href="http://www.sunwayhotels.com">www.sunwayhotels.com</a>	<b>INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL</b> Deluxe Room <a href="http://www.intercontinental.com">www.intercontinental.com</a>
<b>Ho Chi Minh</b>	<b>SONNET SAIGON HOTEL</b> Deluxe <a href="http://www.sonnetsaigonhotel.com">www.sonnetsaigonhotel.com</a>	<b>EDEN SAIGON HOTEL</b> Deluxe Room <a href="http://www.edensaigonhotel.com">www.edensaigonhotel.com</a>	<b>MAJESTIC SAIGON HOTEL</b> Colonial Superior <a href="http://www.majesticsaigon.com.vn">www.majesticsaigon.com.vn</a>
<b>Hoi An</b>	<b>LOTUS HOI AN</b> Superior ( European Market) <a href="http://www.hoianlotushotel.com">www.hoianlotushotel.com</a>	<b>HOI AN TRAILS</b> Superior <a href="http://www.hoiantrailsresort.com.vn">www.hoiantrailsresort.com.vn</a>	<b>PALM GARDEN RESORT</b> Superior Garden View <a href="http://www.palmgardenresort.com.vn">www.palmgardenresort.com.vn</a>
<b>Hue</b>	<b>ASIA HUE HOTEL</b> Deluxe <a href="http://www.asiahotel.com.vn">www.asiahotel.com.vn</a>	<b>MUONG THANH HUE HOTEL</b> Deluxe City View <a href="http://www.hue.muongthanh.vn">www.hue.muongthanh.vn</a>	<b>PILGRIMAGE VILLAGE</b> Deluxe
<b>Ha Noi</b>	<b>LAROSA HOTEL</b> Superior <a href="http://www.hanoilarosahotel.com">www.hanoilarosahotel.com</a>	<b>THE ANN HOTEL</b> Deluxe <a href="http://theann.com.vn">http://theann.com.vn</a>	<b>INTERCONTINENTAL HANOI WESTLAKE</b> Superior <a href="http://www.intercontinental.com/hanoi">www.intercontinental.com/hanoi</a>
<b>Ha Long</b>	<b>ORIENTAL SAILS</b> Superior <a href="http://www.orientalsails.com">www.orientalsails.com</a>	<b>PELICAN CRUISE</b> Deluxe Ocean View <a href="http://pelicancruise.com">http://pelicancruise.com</a>	<b>PARADISE CRUISE</b> Deluxe (ROH) <a href="http://www.paradisecruises.vn">www.paradisecruises.vn</a>

### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- All prices are quoted in USD/ per person, based on Double/Twin occupancy
- Supplement for standard Vietnamese & Myanmar menu meals: US\$ 14 for lunch & US\$ 18 for dinner

- Private services & daily departure
- Quotation is quoted based on English speaking guide: Surcharge for other guide
  - Supplement for German Speaking guide: USD 15/day per group
  - Supplement for Spanish Speaking guide: USD 20/day per group
  - Supplement for Italian Speaking guide: USD 35/day per group
- Surcharge for Compulsory dinner for Xmas and New Year Eve
- Surcharge for Peak Season at above mentioned hotels (if have)
- Surcharge for Vietnamese Lunar (TET) New Year from 6 – 14 Feb 2016 - 25% of adult prices

**FREE OFFER**

- Mineral water is available during transfers
- Vietnam visa approval letter on arrival (this fees isn't refundable even clients don't need)