



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Best Of Vietnam & Cambodia

## 12-Day, 11-Night Journey

Hanoi, Ha Long Bay, Hoi An, Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap

Experience the vibrant cultures and historic national treasures of Vietnam and Cambodia on this inspiring two-in-one tour. Make the most of your time and enjoy a wide range of experiences while exploring the best that each country has to offer. Each country boasts unique historical sites to see. You'll enjoy delicious live cooking classes, the ancient Angkok monument (major bucket list item) and many other beautiful sites you won't find elsewhere!

In Vietnam there's a new adventure at every turn which includes cruising-in-style on Ha Long Bay (UNESCO World Heritage Site) as well as visits to top cities such as Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. Capture its past and present influences in these cities from colonial France to the Vietnam War. The awe-inspiring Temples of Angkor Wat, Bayon Temple and Angkor Thom in Cambodia are the most iconic ruins in the world and the top reason why many tourists visit Cambodia.



Ha Long Bay Overnight Cruise



Japanese Bridge, Hoi An



Tran Quoc Pagoda, Hanoi



AngKor Wat a UNESCO site



Preah Khan Jungle Temple (Raiders of the Lost Ark film location)



Private Cooking Class

Classic Tour	Premium Tour	Deluxe Tour
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## **Inclusions**

- ► Private Airport Transfers
- ► Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals (See tour plan for details)
- ► English-speaking Local Guide
- ► Entrance Fees to Monuments and Attractions per Itinerary

## Nearby Airport

Hanoi - Noi Bai International Airport (HAN) Seam Reap - Seam Reap International Airport (REP)

## **Exclusions**

- ► International Airfare
- ► Travel Insurance
- ► Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fees
- ► Gratuities
- ► Personal Expenses

## **Itinerary**

#### **DAY 1: HANOI**

Welcome to Vietnam! Your driver will meet you at the airport for a transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free.

Hanoi is one of the most ancient capitals in the world.

Travelers can find well-preserved colonial buildings, ancient pagodas, and unique museums within the city center. This French colonial city is known for its delectable cuisine, vibrant nightlife, silks and handicrafts, as well as a multi-cultural community with Chinese, French and Russian influences.

[3 nights in Hanoi. Meals: None]



#### **DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR**

Today begins with a blast from the past. See Vietnam's traditional ways of life and replicas of old homes. Visit the **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum and Museum** honoring the revolutionary guerrilla leader who pursued independence for Vietnam. We then visit the lotus-shaped **One Pillar Pagoda** which dates back to the first Vietnamese empire that was independent of China.

Dinner at Grandma's Restaurant.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

### DAY 3: HA LONG BAY OVERNIGHT CRUISE

Depart for your overnight cruise on **Ha Long Bay**, often called Vietnam's eighth wonder of the world. Ha Long means Descending Dragon. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the bay with adventure excursions such as kayaking, swimming, and fishing. Settle onto your deck chair and witness a spectacular sunset. Join in a cooking demonstration featuring traditional Vietnamese cuisine, followed by a gourmet dinner onboard. Retire to your cabin to enjoy a restful night's sleep as the waves lap gently against the hull.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner]

#### DAY 4: HA LONG BAY - HOI AN

Greet the day with a sunrise Tai Chi lesson overlooking the bay. Brunch on the boat followed by an excursion to Ao Ech Area and Dark & Bright Cave (the most beautiful and biggest cave in the bay) or to a floating village that was voted as one of the 11 insanely beautiful small towns around the world by Huffingtonpost. After Ha Long Bay, return to Hanoi to fly south to **Danang** then transfer to **Hoi An.** [3 nights in Hoi An. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner]

#### **DAY 5: HOI AN ANCIENT TOWN**

**Hoi An** had been absorbing a rich cultural heritage from Chinese, Japanese and European traders since 16<sup>th</sup> century, no wonder it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a guided tour of Hoi An Ancient Town. Visit My Son Temple Complex. Walk along the charming waterfront to the **Japanese Covered Bridge**. Visit **Central Market, House of Tan Ky** (a unique 18th century shophouse), the ornate **Fukien Chinese temple** and the local shops that offer inexpensive silks, express custom-made outfits as well as handicrafts.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 6: HOI AN COOKING CLASS

Hội An is also a magnet for foodies with lush neighboring farms and fishing villages.

Today we participate in a private cooking class and then enjoy traditional Hoi An cuisine.

[Meals: Breakfast, Lunch]

#### DAY 7: HOI AN - HO CHI MINH CITY

Depart to Danang for your flight to Ho Chi Minh city. After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is free. Ho Chi Minh City has risen since the Vietnam War to become a modern city with sleek skyscrapers while still retaining its elegant French architecture and broad boulevards. It is dotted with ornate temples and pagodas. Admire the old French colonial architecture that contrasts with the modern high rises. [2 nights in HCMC. Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 8: HO CHI MINH CITY - VIETNAM WAR TUNNELS

A full day guided tour. Sneak-peek at the underground life of Vietnamese soldiers back in 1948. A journey to **Cu Chi Tunnels** and Ho Chi Minh City War Sites on a private speed boat. The site has over 120 km (75 miles) of underground tunnels, with trapdoors, living areas, kitchens, storage facilities, armories, hospitals, and a command center.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 9: HO CHI MINH CITY - SIEM REAP

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Siem Reap. **Siem Reap** is a tourist friendly town that still retains its original small-town colonial charm. Upon arrival into **Siem Reap**, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free.

[3 nights in Siem Reap. Meals: Breakfast]

### DAY 10: SIEM REAP | THE TEMPLES OF ANGKOR

Today, we see an astonishing profusion of ancient monuments in both size and number. Not to mention the intricate artistry of an idealized representation of the Hindu cosmos carved in stone.

Witness the amazing sunrise at Angkor Wat and the Grand Circuit.

Explore **Angkor Wat**, this iconic temple complex is considered the heart of Cambodia. It is crowned with five soaring towers and embellished with intricate sculptures and cravings. Continue to "Great City" of **Angkor Thom** with 54 towers, each decorated with 4 huge mysterious smiling faces. Let's wonder through the extensive grounds including grand **Bayon Temple**, **the South Gate**, **Bapoun**, **the Terrace of the Elephant** and the **Leper King**. Hike up **Phnom Bakheng Temple** complex for a spectacular sunset view of Angkor Wat.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 11: SIEM REAP | BANTEASY SRIE TEMPLE & MORE

Discover Banteay Srei Temple, Landmine Museum & Preah Khan jungle temple (Raiders of the Lost Ark film location).

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 12: SIEM REAP - ROLOUS TEMPLE

Venture to the less traveled area of Angkor Park, to the 9th century **Roluos Group of Temples**. They are the oldest temples in Angkor and the remains of Hariharalaya, the first important capital of the Khmer Empire. For a touching local experience attend **a blessing by a Buddhist monk** for your good health and a safe journey home.

Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport (REP) for your flight home.

[Meals: Breakfast]

## Hotels

We carefully handpick our hotels to ensure they provide you with the best comfort and experience. For Private Tours, you may request a specific hotel as one of the customizable options.







