

Welcome to the Indochina Highlights with Vietnam and Cambodia 11 days

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Tour length: 11

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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 Hanoi

DAY 2: HANOI FULL DAY CITY 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.

Next will 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. At the same time, it has linked local people with painting, photograph, and sculpture collections of international artists. The Museum has created chances for local art lovers to enjoy and learn about different fine arts school and tendencies of the world.

Your lunch will be served at finest local restaurants with special of Hanoi cuisine.

Pm will continue our visit to Hoa Lo or Hanoi Hilton prison (During Vietnam war years)

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 for one hour, the oldest record mentioning water puppetry is the inscription on a stone stele dating from 1121. The stele called Sùng Thi?n Diên Linh is located in ??i S?n Pagoda in Hà Nam Province (This is a must to see show when you are in Hanoi, recommended), transfer back hotel and Overnight Hanoi. (B/L)

DAY 3: HANOI - HALONG CRUISES/ SHUTTLE BUS

Pick up at your hotel around from 08.30 Am by our shuttle bus and depart for Halong Bay, some 170 km away from Hanoi and drive down to the biggest delta (the Red River delta), great opportunity for stopping along the way for taking pictures of local daily activities.

On Arrival, board the traditional sailing junk. 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 4: HALONG BAY - HANOI/ SHUTTLE BUS-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!

After another wonderful fresh seafood lunch on board disembark at the dock at Halong City. Transfer back to Hanoi by shuttle bus and transfer to Noi Bai airport for flying to Hue (some 1hour fly),

Pick up at Phu Bai airport to transfer to Hue Hotel for check in before sightseeing the city, Hue was once the capital of the Nguyen Dynasty of Emperors from 1802-1945. There are many mausoleums to visit as well as the fascinating Dong Ba market, famous for selling the best conical hats in Vietnam, transfer back your hotel.
Overnight in hotel in Hue (B/L)

DAY 5: HUE-HOIAN ANCIENT TOWN

Have breakfast in hotel before checking out, start our sightseeing Hue included the Imperial Citadel and the King tombs of Minh Mang and Khai Dinh, tour ends, we will 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 before 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 and free time for shopping. Overnight in Hoi An(B/L)

DAY 6: HOIAN WALKING TOUR - HALF DAY

Have breakfast in the hotel before start our walking tour (at 08.00 am) to visit 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 merchants'homes, the 400 year-old Japanese Covered Bridge and the colorful market.

Transfer back the hotel at 12.00 am (noon) and free time your own at Pm. Overnight Hoian(B/L)

DAY 7: HOIAN- DANANG- SAIGON / FLIGHT

After breakfast, Free at leisure and next will be transferred to the airport for flying to Saigon, Meet our local guide and car at Tan Son Nhat airport and transfer to hotel in downtown, free time on your own of exploration the Saigon city. Overnight in Saigon (B)

DAY 8: SAIGON CUCHI TUNNELS- CITY

At 07.30 am this morning, we will depart for Cu Chi tunnels. By 1965, 250 km of tunnels criss-crossed Cu Chi and surrounding areas -just across the Saigon River was the notorious guerrilla power base known as the IRON TRIANGLE.

The Cu Chi tunnels played a vital part in the American war in that they allowed the Viet Cong to control a large rural area only 30 to 40 km from Saigon. At its height, the tunnel system stretched from Saigon to the Cambodian border. The network, parts of which were several levels deep, included innumerable trap doors, specially constructed living areas, storage facilities, weapons factories, field hospitals, command centres and kitchens. Today the remaining tunnels have become a major tourist attraction giving the visitor a unique experience and feel of what underground life in the American War must have been like. The tunnels have been widened for our benefit (otherwise we would not be able to enter them!) For those interested there's even the opportunity to fire off rounds from an AK47 or MK16 at the nearby rifle range.

Return back to Saigon for lunch, next will be visiting the Reunification Palace, war Museum, China Town and Notre Dame Cathedral. At early this afternoon, tour will be finished at your hotel at 5.00 PM, overnight Saigon. (B/L)

DAY 9: SAIGON DEPARTURE-SIEMREAP/FLIGHT

Free time at leisure until our car and driver come to pick up and transfer back Tan Son Nhat International airport for flight to Siemreap city of Cambodia.

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

(if there is time permits), we will 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 10: ANGKOR 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 not included).

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).

DAY 11: SIEMREAP 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 currents. Lunch not included.

Transfer to Siem Reap airport for flight to next destination, tour end(B).

TOUR PRICES IN LOW SEASON/(PER/PERSON) (LOW SEASON FROM 1 MAY- 1 SEPT)

Hotel rates/group	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
2 Paxs	----	----	1,812 \$	----	----
4 Paxs	----	----	1,150 \$	----	----
6 Paxs	----	----	1,027 \$	----	----
8 Paxs	----	----	916 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0 \$	0 \$	634 \$	0 \$	0 \$

TOUR PRICES IN HIGH SEASON/(PER/PERSON) (HIGH SEASON FROM 2 SEPT- 31 APRIL)

Hotel rates/group	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star
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2 Paxs	----	----	1,837 \$	----	----
4 Paxs	----	----	1,175 \$	----	----
6 Paxs	----	----	1,052 \$	----	----
8 Paxs	----	----	941 \$	----	----
Single Supplement	0.0 \$	0.0 \$	643.0 \$	0.0 \$	0.0 \$

HOTELS OR SIMILAR STANDARD				
Hotel names	Category	Room type	Link website	Location
Alagon Western Hotel (Hoang Hai Long 2)	3	Junior Room	www.alagonhotels.com	SAI GON
Acacia Heritage Hoian (Formed Van Loi Hotel)	4	Deluxe Room	www.acaciaheritagehotel.com	HOIAN
Adamas Hanoi Hotel (Former name Demantoid)	3	Lake view	www.adamashanoi.com	HANOI
City River Hotel	3	Superior Room	http://www.cityriverhotel.com	Siemreap (Cambodia)
ALBA HOTEL HU?	3	Deluxe City View	vietnam.com.vn	HUE

INCLUSION

- All private transportation and transfers
- Shuttle bus 2ways: Hanoi-Halong bay-Hanoi
- A stationed English speaking guides in Vietnam and Cambodia
- All accommodation based on twin share basis with daily breakfast
- Meals as mentioned in itinerary details (no drinks)- **(B- Breakfast /L= Lunch /D= Dinner)**
- **Private rooms on boat in Halong bay cruises of 2days (Private room, twin share cabin)**
- Cycle Tour in Old Quarter (One Hour)
- Water Puppet Show
- Relevant permits and fees.

EXCLUSION

Domestic Flights:

+Danang- Saigon = 120\$/one way (included airport tax)

+ **Hanoi Hue= 120 USD/ one way (included airport tax)**

International Flights :

+ **Saigon- Siemreap : 190- 220 USD/ 1way/ Eco class (included airport tax)**

(Airport tax will be updated by day)

- Travel insurance,
- Tips to drivers, guides, Restaurants, and other service providers
- Expenses of personal nature
- Early check in and late check out at Hotel at all places (upon request only)

NOTE

+ Check in Hotel at 02.00 Pm and Check out at 12.00 Noon

