

# **Asia Discovery Tours**

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## 16 Day Vietnam and Cambodia Highlights Tour (Tour Code: VCD)



This special designed itinerary not only includes the highlights of Vietnam, but also the highlights of Cambodia. Travel to Vietnam, a hardly untouched soil, abounding with beautiful scenery, historical cultural heritage and its friendly atmosphere together with its neighbouring country, Cambodia for its legendary and mystical lost city of Angkor is a lifetime experience for you.

## Day 01, AUSTRALIA – HANOI

Depart Australia on Vietnam Airlines in the morning and arrive in Hanoi in the evening. Upon arrival, you are welcome at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Overnight at Skylark Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 02, HANOI – HA LONG BAY (BR. D.)

After breakfast, we depart from Hanoi and travel by airconditioned bus through the Red River Delta to beautiful Ha Long Bay. The scenic drive will pass through some of the rural landscape before arriving in the afternoon to the World Heritage site of Ha Long Bay. Ha Long Bay consists of more than 3000 islands, which time, wind and waves have sculptured into fantastic shapes. Upon arrival, check in the junk at noon. You will experience a fantastic cruise in Ha Long bay to visit Thien Cung cave, Dau Go

cave, and round over Tuan Chau Island, Dinh Huong Island, Ga Choi Island, Dog Island, Sail Island and a swim at Titov beach. Enjoy dinner on board while watching sunset and enjoy fishing and spending a night on a Junk Boat. Stay overnight on Le Journey Cruise\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Dav 03, HA LONG BAY - HANOI (B. L. D.)

In the morning, you will have breakfast and from there, go for a morning cruise to visit Man's head island, Tortoise Island, Luon cave, Bai Tu Long bay, Toad Island, Bai Tho mountain. Afterwards, return to Halong city and have lunch on board. We will drive back to Hanoi for the night. In the evening enjoy a traditional Vietnamese water puppet show. Stay overnight at Skylark Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 04, HANOI – TRANG AN – HANOI (B. L. D.)

Depart for Trang An Landscape Complex There is beautiful roadside scenery on the way. After arriving in Ninh Binh Province, the guide takes you to visit Hoa Lu, the Ancient Royal Capital of Vietnam. Board a small boat to visit Tam Coc, the village of Tam Coc flooded cave karst system, Bich Dong series of mountain pagodas and the famous Bai Dinh Temple. Back to Hanoi. Stay overnight at Skylark Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 05, HANOI – HUE (B. L. D.)

Today city tour includes such sights as Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum, the One Pillar Pagoda, and the Fine Art Museum. Then move on to the Temple of Literature, Lake of Restored Sword and the Old Quarter for

shopping until transferred to the airport for a flight to Hue. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Stay overnight at Mondial Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 06, HUE (B. L. D.)

This morning, take a boat cruise on the Perfume River to Thien Mu Pagoda; one of the most beautiful Pagodas in Vietnam built at the end of 16th century and King Minh Mang's Tomb. In the afternoon, visit Imperial Palace; a citadel surrounded by large moats. Then continue visiting King Tu Duc's Tomb. Stay overnight at Mondial Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.



## Day 07, HUE - HOI AN (B. L. D.)

Drive over the mighty Hai Van Pass. On the way there, we will visit Cham Museum where the remaining evidence of the Champa civilization can be viewed. Then visit the Marble Mountains, which are fascinating maze of cave and temples, hidden with five sacred marble rocks. Visit Hoi An Town with Japanese Bridge, Old House, Chinese Temple and Hoi An Cultural Museum. Stay overnight at Eco Lux Riverside Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 08, HOI AN - MY SON - HOI AN (B. L.)

Visit to My Son, Vietnam's most important Cham ruins site and Bang An, one of Vietnam's best preserved Cham towers. Free afternoon. Stay overnight at Eco Lux Riverside Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 09, HOI AN - DANANG - SAIGON (B. D.)

Free until transfer to the airport for the flight to Saigon. On arrival, you will be picked up and transferred to the hotel. In the afternoon, you will visit the former Presidential Palace, the History Museum, the Notre Dame Cathedral, Old Saigon Post Office and Ben Thanh Market. Stay overnight at Ramana Hotel \*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 10, SAIGON - CAODAIST TEMPLE - CU CHI TUNNELS - SAIGON (B. L. D.)

Drive to Tay Ninh Province, the headquarter of a typical Vietnamese religion called Caodaiism. Visit the Holy See with the noon ceremony of Caodaiism. Then drive to amazing Cu Chi Tunnels to visit and experience a huge system of underground tunnels dug by Vietnamese guerrilas during the French and American Wars in Vietnam. Drive back to Saigon. Stay overnight at Ramana Hotel \*\*\*\*or similar.

## Day 11, SAIGON – MEKONG DELTA – SAIGON (B. L. D.)

Enjoy the scenic journey along the National Highway bordered by green rice fields. On arrival at My Tho



oldest city of Mekong River Delta, take a leisurely boat ride along the river, view the stilt houses, fruit plantations and fishing villages along the river bank. Proceed to Tortoise Islet. Then take a boat ride to An Khanh, a less touristy attraction in Ben Tre Province. Check in cruising on a hand-rowed sampan under the shadow of the water coconut trees along natural canals, then enjoy seasonal fruit & honey tea while listening to Southern Amateur Music, the only world cultural heritage in the region, performed by locals. Visit a family business which epitomizes the idyllic rural lifestyle, taste the delicious coconut candy and observe the pastoral life as you roam through the fruit plantation and village. Then drive back to Saigon. Stay overnight at Ramana Hotel \*\*\*\* or similar.

## Day 12, SAIGON – PHNOM PENH (B. D.)

Breakfast at the hotel. You are free at own leisure until transfer to airport. In the afternoon, you will take a flight to Phnom Penh. Upon arrival, visit National Museum, Toul Sleng Museum and the Independent Monument. Stay overnight at Sim Boutique Hotel\*\*\*\* or similar in Phnom Penh.



## Day 13: PHNOM PENH – SIEM REAP (BY FLIGHT) (B. D.)

After breakfast, you will continue to visit Royal Palace, Silver Pagoda and Wat Phnom. In the afternoon, you are transferred to airport for a short flight to Siem Reap. Upon arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel to check in. You are free at leisure or you might want to spend your evening visiting local market of Psachas and Pubstreet at your own exploration after dinner. Stay overnight at Monoreach Angkor Hotel\*\*\*\* in Siem Reap.

## Day 14: ANGKOR WAT (B. L. D.)

Visit Banteay Srey Temple and South Gate Angkor Thom, Bayon. Lunch at local restaurant. Continue your tour to Ta Promh Temple and Angkor Wat Temple. Stay overnight at Monoreach Angkor Hotel\*\*\*\* in Siem Reap.

## Day 15: SIEM REAP – TONLE SAP LAKE – AUSTRALIA (B. L.)

After breakfast - Drive 18km toward Tonle sap where you will enjoy a boat ride (private boat and guide) on the Tonle Sap Lake. 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 current. Afterward, you are transferred to Siem Reap airport for the flight to Australia via Vietnam. Fly overnight.

## Day 16: AUSTRALIA

You arrive in Australia in the morning. Your unforgettable Vietnam and Cambodia tour ends.

Departure Date: 06 Mar. 2024 Return Date: 21 Mar. 2024 Departure Date: 03 Apr. 2024 Return Date: 18 Apr. 2024 Departure Date: 08 May 2024 Return Date: 23 May 2024 Departure Date: 06 July 2024 Return Date: 21 July 2024 Departure Date: 02 Sep. 2024 Return Date: 17 Sep. 2024 Departure Date: 07 Oct. 2024 Return Date: 22 Oct. 2024 Departure Date: 04 Nov. 2024 Return Date: 19 Nov. 2024



Tour price: \$4,480 per person, twin or double share. (For 06 Mar., 08 May, 02 Sep. & 07 Oct. 2024, \$4,380 per person)

#### Single supplement: \$1,150

#### **Inclusions:**

1. Vietnam Airlines international and domestic economy class airfare with airport tax and fuel surcharge;

2. One way ticket from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap with taxes by Cambodia Angkor Air;

3. Thirteen-night accommodation at four-star hotels as indicated or similar on twin-shared basis in Vietnam and in Cambodia;

- 4. One-night accommodation on a four-star Junk Boat in Ha Long Bay, Vietnam;
- 5. Transfers and transport by air-conditioned vehicle all through;
- 6. Cruises as stated in the itinerary;
- 7. Meals and sightseeing with entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary;
- 8. Tip for drivers and guides;
- 9. English-speaking guide.

## **Exclusions:**

- 1. Travel insurance;
- 2. Vietnam visa fee (currently \$120, subject to change);
- 3. Cambodia visa fee (currently US\$30 upon arrival, subject to change);
- 4. Personal expenses;
- 5. Any meals and any other services not mentioned in the itinerary.