

DELIGHTS OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Siem Reap

17 Days / 16 Nights

Treasures of Asia! Welcome to the serene and sacred lands of Vietnam and Cambodia. Feast your eyes on the lush green rice terraces of Vietnam and visit traditional temples to discover historical Cambodia. Together the two countries offer a sightseeing experience that is a treat to all the senses!

Highlights: Cyclo tour • Halong Bay Cruise • Quang Tri Citadel • My Son • Bah Nah Hills • Angkor Thom • Banteay Srey Temple

Day 1: OVERNIGHT TRAVEL

Departure - Board your flight from London Heathrow to Vietnam.

Day 2: HANOI (B/L/D)

Upon arrival, an English representative will welcome you and assist with immigration and customs procedures before transferring you comfortably to your hotel, where you'll enjoy light refreshments following check-in. Early check-in is assured. Following a relaxing morning, you'll be transferred to a local restaurant for lunch. Afterward, embark on a short orientation drive through town, visiting sites such as the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum (closed on Mondays, Fridays, and from June 14th to August 14th for maintenance) and his former residence, along with the historic One-Pillar Pagoda. Later, indulge in a rickshaw tour of the old quarter, exploring antique shops and local charm. Conclude the day with a water puppet show, a traditional Vietnamese art form depicting rural life and beliefs. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant before retiring to your hotel in Hanoi for the night.

Day 3: HANOI - HAI PHONG - HALONG BAY (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, you check out and leave baggage behind before getting transferred to embark on the Peony Cruise via highway, which takes approximately 2 hours to reach the port. Upon arrival on board, the crew warmly welcomes you at Tuan Chau Marina in Quang Ninh Province with a welcome drink. The cruise sets sail to explore Ha Long Bay, showcasing its breathtaking scenery, including the Da Chong islet featuring a historic French-built lighthouse. Upon boarding the luxurious Peony Cruises, you're greeted with fresh drinks and a special lunch. As the cruise sails through Lan Ha Bay, you'll enjoy a delicious luncheon of fresh seafood while admiring the stunning surroundings. Activities include visiting the Tra Bau area

for kayaking and relaxing in the Jacuzzi pool. In the evening, participate in a cooking demonstration to learn how to make Vietnamese spring rolls or enjoy the sunset over the Gulf of Tonkin from the top deck during Happy Hour. Dinner is served with local delicacies prepared by skilled chefs in a romantic setting. Relaxation options include indulging in spa services or squid fishing. Meals are provided on-board the cruise, and overnight accommodation is included. Note that drinks on the Halong cruise are not included.

Day 4: HALONG BAY - HANOI (BRUNCH/D)

Today's itinerary begins early at 6:00 am with a Tai Chi session to energize you as you watch the sunrise. Breakfast is served from 6:45 am to 7:15 am while cruising back to Gia Luan jetty. After breakfast, from around 7:30 am to 9:00 am, you'll embark on a tour of Cat Ba World Biosphere by transhipment, visiting the impressive Trung Trang Cave known for its thousands of stalactites. Returning to the main boat around 9:30 am, guests will check out of their cabins, with luggage placed outside. Brunch is served, and any bar bills are settled before disembarking the Peony Cruises at 10:30 am to 11:00 am. You'll be transferred back to Block #34, Big Bay Group Terminal, Tuan Chau Marina, where you'll wait for luggage before departing at 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. Upon arrival back in Hanoi, you'll visit the Temple Of Literature, founded in 1070 by Emperor, followed by dinner at a local restaurant and an overnight stay at your hotel in Hanoi.

Day 5: HANOI - DONG HOI (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel, check-out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Dong Hoi. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. In Dong Hoi, you'll visit the Paradise Cave, one of the world's largest cave complexes, with only 900m accessible



to the public. Dinner will also be at a local restaurant, followed by an overnight stay in Dong Hoi. On Day 6, after breakfast, travel from Dong Hoi to Hue, passing through the former DMZ with stops at Vinh Moc tunnel, Ben Hai river, and Hien Luong Bridge, which served as a historic demarcation line. Lunch is provided at a local restaurant. Explore Quang Tri town and its ancient citadel, a site marked by significant battles during the Vietnam War. Journey continues to Hue, where you'll check in to your hotel and enjoy leisure time for the rest of the evening. Dinner and overnight stay will be in Hue.

Day 6: DONG HOI - HIEN LUONG BRIDGE - DRIVE TO HUE (B/L/D)

After breakfast, the day's journey takes you from Dong Hoi to Hue, passing through the former DMZ. Along the way, you'll encounter landmarks such as the Vinh Moc tunnel, the Ben Hai river, and the historic Hien Luong Bridge, which served as a temporary demarcation line following the Geneva Accord in 1954. Continuing to Quang Tri town, you'll explore the ancient citadel, marked by significant battles during the Vietnam War. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before proceeding to Hue, approximately 60 km south of Quang Tri town. Upon arrival in Hue, check in to your hotel and enjoy leisure time for the rest of the evening, with dinner and overnight stay in Hue.

Day 7: HUE CITADEL - THIEN MU PAGODA - MINH MANG TOMB (B/L/D)

After breakfast, begin the day by exploring the Imperial City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its vast array of temples, pavilions, and historical artifacts representing different periods of Vietnamese history. Following this, you'll visit the Celestial Lady pagoda, a revered site in Hué. Additionally, you'll tour the mausoleum of Emperor Minh Mang, characterized by its meticulously designed buildings and gardens influenced by Feng Shui principles. Lunch and dinner will be served at local restaurants, with overnight accommodation at the hotel in Hue.

Day 8: HUE - HOI AN (B/L/D)

After breakfast, depart from Hue and travel through Da Nang via the scenic Hai Van Pass, bordering Hue and Da Nang, renowned for its breathtaking views. Journey continues to Hoi An, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the famous Old Quarter, a remarkably preserved trading port from the 15th to the 19th century, reflecting diverse cultural influences. Discover Hoi An's treasures and visit a lantern making cottage to learn the craft. Return to Hue for overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 9: HOI AN HOIAN - MY SON SANCTUARY - HOIAN (B/L/D)

Today after breakfast at the hotel you will be visiting to My Son Sanctuary, a cluster of abandoned and partially ruined Hindu temples constructed between the 4th and the 14th century AD by the kings of Champa, a once powerful Hindu empire. Spend the morning touring the most significant archaeological ruins of Vietnam, listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO. Later, drive through the Hoi An & enjoy the lunch at the local restaurant. Afternoon is your own leisure time to relax at hotel. Evening enjoy dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Hoi An.

Day 10: HOI AN HOIAN - BA NA HILL - GOLDEN BRIDGE - HOIAN (B/L/D)

After breakfast at the hotel today around 9:00 you will proceed to Ba Na Hills - King Mountain. Upon arrival, you will admire the high by the most modern cable car system in Southeast Asia. You will visit France wine cellar – Golden Bridge – Linh Ung Pagoda – see the panorama of Danang city. Enjoy buffet lunch at a local restaurant on Ba Na Hill. Afternoon, you will continue exploring the surroundings. At around 15:30 you will get the cable car down the hill and transfer back to the hotel in Hoi An. Overnight at the Hotel in Hoi An.

Day 11: HOIAN - DANANG - MORNING FLY TO HO CHI MINH - CU CHI TUNNELS (B/L/D)

Today after breakfast at the hotel check out and you will get transfer to Da Nang airport for your flight to Ho Chi Minh City (or Saigon). On arrival at Ho Chi Minh, you will

be visiting Cu Chi tunnels the underground city, an immense network of connecting underground tunnels, and are part of a much larger network of tunnels that underlie much of the country. The tunnel systems were of great importance to the Viet Cong in their resistance to American forces, and helped to counter the growing American military effort. Lunch & Dinner at the local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel in Ho Chi Minh City.

Day 12: HO CHI MINH - MEKONG DELTA (B/L/D)

Early in the morning, enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing from Ho Chi Minh City to Ben Tre in the Mekong Delta around 8 am. Upon arrival, embark on a boat cruise along the Ham Luong river, passing Long Thành island to visit a coconut shell charcoal workshop. Continue the cruise to Mỏ Cày, stopping to explore a coconut processing workshop. Enjoy a ride on a xe Lam (motor cart) and visit a local workshop for making drums. Cruise along the canal to Mr. Ba Vạn's house for fruit tasting and a short village walk before enjoying a delicious lunch of local specialties at a local house. After lunch, take some leisure time to explore the surrounding area and local life further. Later, drive back to Ho Chi Minh City for an overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 13: HO CHI MINH - SIEM REAP (B/L/D)

Today after breakfast at the hotel, check out around 8:30am and you will get the guided transfer to explore the city - the economic capital of the country. Visit the old colonial residential quarter, including the City Hall, built from 1902-1908 in a French colonial style, including: The War Remnant Museum Reunification Hall Notre Dame Cathedral and The Central Post office nearby. Enjoy lunch at the restaurant, you will be transferred to the airport for flight to Siem Reap. On arrival at Siem Reap airport, you will be picked up and transfer to hotel. Lunch & Dinner at the local restaurant. Overnight stay at the hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 14: SIEM REAP (B/L/D)

After breakfast, embark on a visit to Angkor Wat, an early-mid 12th-century temple dedicated to the Hindu god Vishnu, considered a masterpiece of Khmer architecture. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, explore Angkor Thom, the ancient capital, featuring the iconic Bayon Temple with its enigmatic faces. Discover Baphuon, fully restored by French archaeologists after 16 years of work. Conclude the day with dinner at a local restaurant before overnighting at a hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 15: SIEM REAP (B/L/D)

After breakfast, embark on a tour within the Angkor jungle to the Grand Circuit, exploring main Angkorian temples including Srah Srang, Banteay Kdei, Ta Keo, Preah Khan, Neak Pean, Ta Som, and East Mebon. In the afternoon, continue to the intricately carved Banteay Srei temple, known as the "citadel of the women," renowned for its red-pink sandstone and considered a Jewel of Khmer

art. Visit a palm sugar village and other palm handicrafts before discovering the serenity of Banteay Samre temple. Dinner will be at a local restaurant, with overnight accommodation at the hotel in Siem Reap.

Day 16 SIEM REAP - LONDON (B/L)

Early morning post breakfast at the hotel you will proceed you 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 current. Later, transfer to Siem Reap International airport to take your flight home.

Day 17: END OF ITINERARY

Departure dates		
Departure	Number of days	Price per person
11-Sep-24	17 days / 16 nights	from £2999
06-Nov-24	17 days / 16 nights	from £2999
22-Nov-24	17 days / 16 nights	from £2999
22-Jan-25	17 days / 16 nights	from £2999
05-Mar-25	17 days / 16 nights	from £2999

What's Included In Your Tour?

- International & domestic airfares (Economy Class)
- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary.
- English speaking tour manager throughout the tour.
- All transportation in an air-conditioned private vehicle.

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